

New staff and new responsibilities at CTRE



Jim Grove

Jim Grove has joined the CTRE staff after nearly 17 years at the Iowa DOT. He is leading the 16-state, pool-funded project to research methods and tests for optimizing and coordinating mixture design, materials, and construction practices in concrete pavements. At the Iowa DOT, Grove held various positions, including bridge design engineer, portland cement concrete engineer, and portland cement concrete paving field engineer. He received his master's degree in transportation engineering from ISU.



Neal Hawkins

Neal Hawkins, former senior project manager at Howard R. Green Company, is now the associate director for traffic operations at CTRE. He plans to develop the program by assisting industry and public agencies with planning, designing, and managing surface transportation systems. He will focus on developing new tools, techniques, and partnerships to improve rural and urban transportation, freeway management and operations, emergency management, public safety, and work zones. Hawkins received his master's degree in transportation engineering from ISU.



Tom Maze

Former CTRE director Tom Maze has returned to CTRE after three years with Howard R. Green Company (HRG). At HRG, Maze was director and vice president of transportation services and implemented companywide strategic plans and actions for services, marketing, and geographic expansion. At CTRE, Maze will continue to assist agencies with transportation asset management and related issues, incorporating insights from his professional experience at HRG. He received his Ph.D. in civil engineering from Michigan State University and is also a professor of civil engineering at ISU.



Lori Wildeman

Lori Wildeman is CTRE's new program coordinator. She coordinates logistical arrangements for LTAP workshops like the recent signing conference and the Iowa Maintenance Training Expo. She replaces Sharon Prochnow, who is CTRE's new coordinator of project contracts. Wildeman also manages workshop committee activities, oversees office operations, and supervises clerical support staff. Previously, she worked as the program coordinator for ISU's Center for Portland Cement Concrete Pavement Technology. She received her master's degree in human development and family studies at ISU.