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HNTB expert:

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“Understanding the immense challenges facing transportation agencies today is critical to delivering complex programs and overall success.”

With more than 25 years of experience in the transportation industry, Ananth Prasad leads HNTB’s transportation practice by developing and directing strategies that enhance the firm’s service to state departments of transportation across the country.

Prior to joining HNTB, Prasad spent 22 years with the Florida Department of Transportation, where he most recently served as secretary. During his tenure, Prasad led the agency with a budget of \$10 billion and 6,500 employees, responsible for providing a safe and efficient transportation system to the fastest growing state in the country. His forward-looking leadership resulted in financial close of the state’s largest public-private partnership, the \$2.4 billion I-4 Ultimate Improvement Project in Orlando; delivering SunRail commuter rail service in Central Florida; creating a network of priced managed lanes in South Florida; securing funding for the new intermodal center at Orlando International Airport and completion of Tampa International Airport’s master plan.

Combined with his extensive leadership experience, Prasad’s comprehensive understanding of the U.S. transportation industry’s current state and future direction allows him to provide leading-edge recommendations to U.S. departments of transportation and the media.

He can speak about a wide variety of topics, including:

- **Infrastructure policy**  
Streamlining the National Environmental Protection Agency process, moving mega projects to completion faster and alternative financing options will be important components of advancing the U.S. transportation network. Following the November 2016 election, infrastructure is a hot topic in the U.S. Voters nationwide passed about 70 percent of local funding measures and the incoming administration has floated a \$1 trillion investment package. Making sure these dollars are correctly allocated is crucial going forward.
- **Reinventing DOTs**  
In this era of belt-tightening, the workplace culture at state departments of transportation must evolve. And DOT leaders must innovate to re-channel the energy of employees into a work culture that helps them be part of something big; and offers the chance to make a difference, do meaningful work and belong to an engaging workplace. By unleashing the power of innovation from within, these agencies can transform themselves.
- **The benefits of Intelligent Transportation Systems for U.S. transportation**  
In our age of rapid technological advancement, exciting prototypes and initiatives are being developed in the intelligent transportation systems industry. As technology evolves, we may see a time where automated vehicles operate in groups and electric vehicles are charged wirelessly as they drive. Corridor management may occur through an inter-connected network of vehicles, infrastructure, personal mobile devices and active traffic management functions.

- **Priced managed/express toll lanes, corridors and networks**

Because the effectiveness and efficiency of priced managed lanes have been tested and proven by several state departments of transportation to reduce congestion in some of the country's busiest corridors, the next logical step is to begin implementing them on a broader scale. PMLs are now being widely considered and implemented across the country.

- Various media appearances (print and radio) December, 2015 - expert commentary on passage of the federal FAST Act

## Education

- Master of Science in civil engineering, University of Florida
- Bachelor of Science in civil engineering, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, India

## Professional affiliations

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- Transportation Research Board
- Intelligent Transportation Society of America
- Florida Engineering Society
- Design-Build Institute of America

## Awards and Recognition

- ARTBA, P3 Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, 2015
- Intelligent Transportation Society of America board of directors, 2015
- TRIP board of directors, 2015
- Florida Chamber Foundation's Champion for Florida's Future award, 2015
- Florida Engineering Society Government Engineer of the Year, 2014
- *Engineering News-Record* Top 25 Newsmaker of the Year, 2013
- Design-Build Institute of America Transportation Leadership Award, 2013

## Select media appearances

- HNTB Viewpoint, December 2016 - "America is ready to invest seriously in transportation. Let's make sure we do it efficiently."
- *Orlando Sentinel*, November 2016 - Editorial: "Road-bridge Trump binge: Florida's ripe"
- *TM&E*, March 10, 2016 - "It's time to shift to mobility-centric thinking"
- *Roads & Bridges*, February 2016 - Co-author, "A brave new world"
- Comcast Newsmakers, January 2016 - interviewed about ITS in Florida
- *The Bond Buyer*, Dec. 23, 2015 - Quoted, "OUTLOOK: Federal Highway Bill Sends Mixed P3 Signals"

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