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Priced managed lanes have been pioneered, tested and proven by bold state departments of transportation and regional authorities. Now is the time to expand implementation in congested corridors across the country.

With more than 16 years of extensive experience in tolling, all-electronic tolling, transportation finance, congestion pricing and priced managed lanes, Matthew Click is one of the industry's most recognized specialists in priced managed lanes, corridors and networks. He travels across the nation advising state DOTs and other transportation agencies about planning, financing and implementing priced managed programs in congested urban areas.

He has worked on priced managed lanes projects in Florida, Texas, Georgia, Minnesota, Washington and across the country. Click has experience working with both the public- and private-sectors, including public tolling authorities, private concessionaires, state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, regional transportation authorities and the federal government.

Click brings a unique perspective and understanding of what must be accomplished to implement successful priced managed lanes strategies. Related trends he can discuss include:

• Facing today's challenges of modern urban congestion – States across the country must tackle the daunting challenge of providing reliable transportation alternatives in their busy metropolitan areas. Urban congestion results in wasted fuel and time for people and puts American

businesses at a disadvantage when compared to their global competitors.

- Understanding the proven mobility power of priced managed lanes There is a solution to the congestion facing many of America's biggest cities, a proven option being adopted across the country: congestion pricing through delivery mechanisms such as priced managed lanes. Priced managed lanes work by tolling some lanes in an urban corridor. The toll rate varies to ensure a reliable travel speed is maintained and the traffic flows more freely.
- Identifying alternative financing options —
  Transportation officials are actively exploring ways to effectively charge road users without raising the gas tax, such as priced managed lanes and other forms of tolling. Many factors go into determining if tolls are an option, how much can be charged and if such a revenue stream would be attractive to potential public-private partnerships. Click's indepth experience with such projects can provide insights into when and where such proposals can work.

## **Education:**

 Master of Science in urban and regional planning, Florida State University, 1996

- Bachelor of Science in political science and sociology, Florida State University, 1994
- Florida Department of Transportation, Graduate Leadership Academy, 2007
- Florida Department of Transportation, Leadership Academy, 2005

## Professional affiliations:

- Certified Planner American Institute of Certified Planners
- Sustaining Member International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association

## Select media and appearances:

- Tolltrans, January 2013 guest column, "The last word: priced managed lanes in America"
- Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations 2010 Annual Meeting in St. Louis - presentation, "Transportation financing tools for various types of capacity projects"
- National American Planning Association webinar, 2010 - "The future of transportation: providing sustainable choices for the public"
- International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike
   Association meeting, Tampa, Fla., June 16, 2009 presentation, "Evolving ITS and tolling technologies and their impact on tolling policy"
- International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike
   Association meeting, San Francisco, April 20, 2009
   - moderator for panel discussion, "The right toll
   message in politics"
- Traffic Technology International, April 2009 guest column, "Back to the Future"

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