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Collin Castle ('06) receives MDOT’s highest service honor for intelligent transportation systems leadership

Collin Castle, a 2006 civil engineering graduate of Michigan State University, has received the 2018 Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Director's Award - the department's highest honor for outstanding service. MDOT established the annual award nearly 30 years ago to recognize employees who exhibit leadership and exemplary public service.

Castle is the statewide manager for Michigan’s Intelligent Transportation Systems.

"At MDOT, we recognize the importance emerging technology has in improving the transportation system for the public," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Collin plays an integral role in the promotion of connected and automated vehicle technology in Michigan and has been instrumental in establishing industry standards nationwide. While I am proud of our entire workforce, Director's Award recipients like Collin stand out because they are nominated by their peers for this special recognition."

Castle was honored in the professional, supervisor category. His expertise was critical in the creation and promotion of PlanetM, a partnership of mobility organizations, communities, educational institutions, research and development, and government agencies working together to develop and deploy the mobility technology driving the future. From the beginning, Castle has contributed to the success of this initiative, including representing PlanetM on a number of occasions, most recently at the North American International Auto Show.

The Director's Award program represents the various work categories within the department. While MDOT employees nominate their peers, committees comprised of workers from each category make the final recommendations to the department.