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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



# Looking back and looking up

As I enter the fourth quarter of my year as chair, I feel very optimistic about our industry's future. The federal government finally passed a desperately needed transportation bill, which will accelerate repairs and improvements to our nation's infrastructure. The commercial side is booming with the demand of e-commerce and the need for distribution and warehousing. PCI's regional affiliates are meeting again in person to conduct business, educational activities, and marketing for their territories.

The PCI staff is as strong and committed as ever and now are established in their new office located close to O'Hare International Airport. I encourage you to stop in and visit them when you are in Chicago, Ill. Leadership PCI is restarting, with its next incoming class at the 2022 PCI Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in March. Ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC) is gaining steam with designers and departments of transportation showing potentially great opportunities in the future.

Despite the optimism, challenges remain. Labor, trucking, interstate trucking restrictions and laws, supply chain limitations, and a lingering pandemic are a few of them. How we handle these issues may determine the level of success we experience in the coming years.

I hope my year as chair and time served on the PCI Board of Directors and Executive Committee has met the institute's expectations. This experience has exceeded my expectations in spite of having to lead in one of the biggest crises in our nation's history. No one said it would be easy.

This institute has stood the test of time through great staff and great volunteers dedicated to success. I am confident in our great staff and fantastic board. Together, they will continue to champion the institute's business, body of knowledge, and programs, ensuring that the optimism I mentioned before becomes a reality. [J](#)



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