

## **LEAVITT PICKS NEW DIRECTOR OF UTAH TRANSPORTATION**

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Gov. Mike Leavitt has appointed Thomas R. Warne as the new executive director of the Utah Department of Transportation.

Warne replaces Craig Zwick, who assumed a leadership position in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"Tom will be an outstanding director for the Department of Transportation," the governor said. "He has extensive experience managing large transportation projects and dealing with rapid growth, which is one of our state's biggest challenges. I am very pleased he is willing to lead the department of transportation in our efforts to improve and expand our transportation system at this critical time."

Warne has been the deputy director and chief operating officer of the Arizona Department of Transportation since 1992. He has held numerous positions within the highways division since 1983, including state construction engineer with oversight of the state's \$400 million highway construction program. The department is responsible for more than 6,000 miles of roadway and has a staff of 4,300 employees. Prior to his work in Arizona transportation, Warne worked for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Warne is known nationally for his expertise in Partnering and Total Quality Management. He recently authored a book, "Partnering for Success."

The new director earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Brigham Young University and a master's degree in civil engineering from Arizona State University. Warne is a registered professional engineer in Arizona.

Warne's appointment has been approved by the Transportation Commission and will be submitted to the Utah Senate for confirmation on June 21. He is scheduled to take the UDOT post June 26.