



Michael Franchini, Member, Albany Water Board

Mike was born and raised in the City of Albany. He attended Catholic elementary and high school in Albany. After high school he received an appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography and a commission as an ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard.

In 12 years of active duty, Mike was the Operations Officer on an ocean-going Coast Guard cutter, a marine safety officer and marine inspector, regulations project officer, and an instructor. While in the Coast Guard he was also selected for graduate school and attended and graduated from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government with a master's degree in public administration. He was also selected for a port industry training program in the ports of Hampton Roads, Virginia.

After leaving the Coast Guard, Mike (and his wife who is also from Albany) returned to Albany to raise a family and work in the private sector as an environmental contractor/consultant. After 3 years in the private sector, Mike returned to the public sector as the City of Albany Commissioner of Water, the Albany County Commissioner of Public Works, the Albany County Director of Operations, and the Capital District Transportation Committee's Executive Director.

As the CDTC Executive Director, Mike managed the 4-County regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, whose members included the NYSDOT, Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties, the City of Albany, the other cities in those counties, and the other regional transportation agencies; and whose members are responsible for the programming of approximately \$90 million each year in federal transportation funding. Mike also managed several large studies including the Saratoga County Regional Traffic Study, the South Pearl Street Heavy Vehicle Travel Pattern Study, and the I-787/Hudson Waterfront Corridor Study.

Mike currently serves on several local management boards. He and his wife live in Albany, and have 3 adult children, and 6 grandchildren.