



2020-2021 Graduate Transportation Associate Biographies



Headquarters GTA Biographies



GRADUATE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

CLASS OF 2020 – 2021



Name: Jatin Bajaj

Work Division	Structures
Region	HQ
Hometown (City, State)	Faridkot, Punjab, India
Alma Mater	Punjab Technical University, India
Interesting Fact About Myself	I like to collect different currencies.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Pursue Master's in which I will learn a lot.
Email Address	Jatin.Bajaj@tn.gov



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Name: Justin Bonifacio

Work Division	Traffic Operations
Region	Headquarters
Hometown (City, State)	Slidell, LA
Alma Mater	Louisiana State University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I switched majors from computer science to civil engineering.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How the design elements I choose effects the public.
Email Address	Justin.bonifacio@tn.gov



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Name: Aurora Davenport

Work Division	Pavement Design
Region	HQ
Hometown (City, State)	Hermitage, TN
Alma Mater	TN Tech
Interesting Fact About Myself	I took German in high school
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The new software OpenRoads Conceptstation
Email Address	aurora.davenport@tn.gov



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CLASS OF 2020 – 2021



Name: Niyonzima Etienne

Work Division	FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS
Region	Headquarter
Hometown (City, State)	Columbia, Missouri
Alma Mater	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Interesting Fact About Myself	I love walking in the trails
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	TDOT's Resilience to overcome challenges
Email Address	Niyonzima.Etienne@tn.gov



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Name: Jacob Ferguson

Work Division	Geotechnical (Materials and Tests)
Region	HQ
Hometown (City, State)	Lexington, KY
Alma Mater	Vanderbilt University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I enjoy backpacking and rock climbing
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The diverse landscapes of Tennessee and their unique engineering challenges
Email Address	Jacob.Ferguson@tn.gov



GRADUATE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

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Name: Travis Jenkins

Work Division	Structures Division \ Hydraulics
Region	HQ
Hometown (City, State)	Nashville, TN (20+ years, its home)
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee at Martin
Interesting Fact About Myself	I'm a professional handy man, and I love National parks
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How a state Entity transitions in this "new normal of working from home"
Email Address	Travis.Jenkins@tn.gov



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Name: Sean Montgomery

Work Division	Structures/Bridge Repair
Region	Headquarters
Hometown (City, State)	Clinton, Tennessee
Alma Mater	Tennessee Technological University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I played drums
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How I could use my time and knowledge to help my department
Email Address	Sean.Montgomery@tn.gov



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Name: Emily Morgan

Work Division	Structures, Asset Management
Region	Headquarters
Hometown (City, State)	Brentwood, TN
Alma Mater	Lipscomb University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I have sung at Carnegie Hall.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How to become a better engineer and mentor for the years to come.
Email Address	Emily.K.Morgan@tn.gov



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Name: Urva Patel

Work Division	Geotechnical Engineering
Region	HQ
Hometown (City, State)	Lexington, TN
Alma Mater	The University of Tennessee - Martin
Interesting Fact About Myself	Love traveling abroad, and trying different foods
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Develop myself professionally
Email Address	Urva.Patel@tn.gov



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Name: Christopher Schneider

Work Division	Design
Region	Headquarters
Hometown (City, State)	Stone Mountain, GA
Alma Mater	Lipscomb University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I enjoy Scuba diving
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How many different people are involved in roadway projects.
Email Address	Christopher.schneider@tn.gov



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Name: Ty Tucker

Work Division	Strategic Transportation Investments Division
Region	Headquarters
Hometown (City, State)	Nashville, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
Interesting Fact About Myself	I won the 2016 National Club Baseball Association Division II World Series while at UTC and was MVP of the tournament. It was amazing!
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	I'm excited to learn more about traffic counts and turning movement counts for my job.
Email Address	Ty.tucker@tn.gov



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Name: Marques Turner

Work Division	Materials and Tests
Region	Headquarters (Works in Region 3 offices)
Hometown (City, State)	Gallatin, TN
Alma Mater	Tennessee Technological University
Interesting Fact About Myself	Used to be a dancer
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How the department utilizes each civil engineering disciplines in a project.
Email Address	marques.turner@tn.gov



Region 1 GTA Biographies



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Name: Nick Barnard

Work Division	Traffic Engineering
Region	1
Hometown (City, State)	Corryton, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I know a good place to eat in almost every county of region 1.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How to communicate with the public about transportation issues.
Email Address	Nicholas.Barnard@tn.gov



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Name: Connor Campbell

Work Division	District 18 Operations - Construction
Region	Region 1
Hometown (City, State)	Johnson City, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I did a study abroad in China
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Seeing new sections of road being built.
Email Address	Connor.Campbell@tn.gov



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Name: Ryan Cottage

Work Division	Project Development- Design
Region	1
Hometown (City, State)	Charlotte, NC
Alma Mater	University of Alabama
Interesting Fact About Myself	I used to play in Call of Duty tournaments
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How an entire design and construction of a project happens
Email Address	Ryan.Cottage@tn.gov



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Name: Ashley German

Work Division	Project Development – Right of Way
Region	Region 1
Hometown (City, State)	Jackson, Mississippi
Alma Mater	University of Mississippi
Interesting Fact About Myself	I have played the trumpet since I was 7 years old.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	I am interested to learn about how the Right of Way and Utilities teams work together during the project development phase of a project.
Email Address	Ashley.German@tn.gov



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Name: Riley Greiff

Work Division	State Aid
Region	1
Hometown (City, State)	Clarksville, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I have made a hole in one in golf.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How we use our engineering skills to help the public
Email Address	Riley.greiff@tn.gov



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Name: Jessie Joyner

Work Division	Construction (Cocke County)
Region	1
Hometown (City, State)	Ruston, Louisiana
Alma Mater	Auburn University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I was an Army Ranger from 2013-2017.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Construction!
Email Address	Jessie.Joyner@tn.gov



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Name: Matthew Keisling

Work Division	Operations
Region	1
Hometown (City, State)	Norris, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee
Interesting Fact About Myself	I was in the Pride of the Southland Band
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How to communicate with contractors
Email Address	Matthew.keisling@tn.gov



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Name: Ryan Keller

Work Division	Project Development (Utility)
Region	1
Hometown (City, State)	White House, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	Played baseball for 12 years
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Design/Construction Process
Email Address	Ryan.Keller@tn.gov



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Name: Amber Luttrell

Work Division	District 19 Construction
Region	Region 1
Hometown (City, State)	Kingston, TN
Alma Mater	Tennessee Tech University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I love crafts and DIY projects!
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How to apply my school knowledge to the real world.
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Name: Tony McCartney

Work Division	Bridge Inspection
Region	Region 1
Hometown (City, State)	Greenville, Pennsylvania
Alma Mater	Penn State
Interesting Fact About Myself	I love golfing
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The process of maintaining our infrastructure.
Email Address	Anthony.mccartney@tn.gov



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Name: Jeremy Melton

Work Division	Business Development
Region	1
Hometown (City, State)	Knoxville, TN
Alma Mater	MTSU, UTK
Interesting Fact About Myself	Currently in four (not very active because of Covid-19) bands
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How to better serve Tennesseans!
Email Address	Jeremy.Melton@tn.gov



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Name: Megan Reed

Work Division	District 17 Operations – Morristown Construction
Region	1
Hometown (City, State)	Pineville, KY
Alma Mater	University of Kentucky
Interesting Fact About Myself	I love to bass fish
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	All the different things that contribute to road construction
Email Address	megan.reed@tn.gov



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Name: J. Michael Wilson

Work Division	Materials & Tests
Region	1
Hometown (City, State)	Knoxville, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee
Interesting Fact About Myself	Hobbies: Chef, Singer, Home Improvement
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Grad Program and Self-Improvement Opportunities.
Email Address	J.Michael.Wilson@TN.GOV



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Name: Cindy Zhang

Work Division	Project Development
Region	Region 1
Hometown (City, State)	Zhoushan, China
Alma Mater	Arizona State University
Interesting Fact About Myself	Love to travel
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Great team atmosphere
Email Address	Xinchen.Zhang@gov.tn



Region 2 GTA Biographies



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Name: Austin Dunagan

Work Division	Project Development
Region	2
Hometown (City, State)	Somerset, KY
Alma Mater	University of Kentucky
Interesting Fact About Myself	I used to show sheep.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The Design Process
Email Address	Austin.Dunagan@tn.gov



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Name: Blake Easterly

Work Division	District 28 Dunlap Maintenance
Region	2
Hometown (City, State)	Chattanooga TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Interesting Fact About Myself	I like to Travel
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Learn more about interstates and highways and what it takes to keep the roads drivable.
Email Address	Blake.Easterly@tn.gov



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Name: Beth Hosey

Work Division	Bridge Inspection – Crossville
Region	Region 2
Hometown (City, State)	Livingston, TN
Alma Mater	Tennessee Tech
Interesting Fact About Myself	I have been to Amsterdam and Belgium for a school trip.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The different structural deficiencies to check for on bridges.
Email Address	Mary.hosey@tn.gov



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Name: Christian Howell

Work Division	District 28 Operations
Region	2
Hometown (City, State)	Columbia, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I love watching and keeping up with sports
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Project Estimates
Email Address	Joseph.Howell@tn.gov



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Name: Logan Inman

Work Division	Design
Region	2
Hometown (City, State)	Brighton, TN
Alma Mater	Tennessee Tech University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I sang in a Barbershop Group in College
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Intersection Design/Signal Timing Process
Email Address	Thomas.Inman@tn.gov



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Name: Caleb Jeavons

Work Division	Project Development - Design
Region	Region 2
Hometown (City, State)	Cartago, Costa Rica
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee – Chattanooga
Interesting Fact About Myself	My wife and I live in a 200 sq-ft tiny house (on wheels) that I designed and built myself over the past few years.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The ins and outs of roadway design
Email Address	Caleb.jeavons@tn.gov



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Name: Abigail Kasper

Work Division	Construction
Region	Region 2
Hometown (City, State)	Chickamauga, Georgia
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Interesting Fact About Myself	I live on a beef cattle farm.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The construction process of roadways.
Email Address	abigail.kasper@tn.gov



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Name: Nolan King

Work Division	Cleveland Construction
Region	2
Hometown (City, State)	Englewood, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Interesting Fact About Myself	I've skateboarded since 5 th grade
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	What goes into a project from start to finish
Email Address	nolan.king@tn.gov



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Name: Logan Madden

Work Division	Design
Region	2
Hometown (City, State)	Oak Ridge, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I coached youth soccer for 5 years
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The design process
Email Address	Logan.madden@tn.gov



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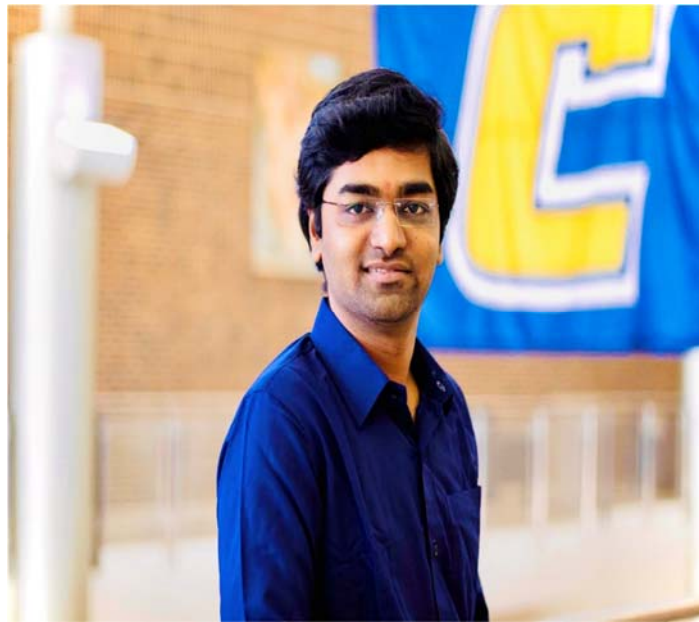
Name: Caroline Meacham

Work Division	Design
Region	2
Hometown (City, State)	Memphis, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Interesting Fact About Myself	I can wiggle my ears
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	About the "magic" of roadway design
Email Address	Caroline.meacham@tn.gov



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Sourabh Sunil Patil

Work Division	Construction
Region	Region 2 Chattanooga
Hometown (City, State)	Chattanooga, TN (Kolhapur, MH, India)
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Interesting Fact About Myself	I am from India and I like to cook (decent) Indian street food.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Work Culture
Email Address	Sourabh.Patil@tn.gov



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Name: Phillip “Alex” Seeley

Work Division	Operations (Construction)
Region	2
Hometown (City, State)	Soddy Daisy, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Interesting Fact About Myself	I am an Eagle Scout
1 Thing I’m Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Project Development/ Project Management
Email Address	Phillip.seeley@tn.gov



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Name: Ciera Wampler

Work Division	Right-of-Way
Region	Region 2
Hometown (City, State)	Soddy Daisy, Tennessee
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Interesting Fact About Myself	I've gone skydiving three times
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Seeing projects through from start to finish
Email Address	Ciera.Wampler@tn.gov



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Name: Jesse Wooden

Work Division	Environmental Tech Office – Permits
Region	2
Hometown (City, State)	New Hope, Tn.
Alma Mater	UTC
Interesting Fact About Myself	I am married, we have two dogs and a cat.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	To fully understand how each division works as a whole.
Email Address	Jesse.Wooden@tn.gov

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Region 3 GTA Biographies



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Name: Nancy Abdo

Work Division	Project Development
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Nashville, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I am the oldest of 4
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Roadway Design and Project Management
Email Address	Nancy.Abdo@tn.gov



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Name: Eric Birkeness

Work Division	Clarksville - Construction
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Kansas City, Missouri
Alma Mater	University of Missouri
Interesting Fact About Myself	Played collegiate basketball
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How construction sites operate
Email Address	Eric.birkeness@tn.gov



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Name: Jameion Blakely

Work Division	Maintenance
Region	Region 3
Hometown (City, State)	Memphis, TN
Alma Mater	The University of Tennessee Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I can play multiple instruments
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Professional Development
Email Address	Jameion.blakely@tn.gov



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Name: Daryl Brown

Work Division	Utilities
Region	Region 3
Hometown (City, State)	Long Island, New York
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I have more baby teeth than adult teeth
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How to make public transit more accessible.
Email Address	Daryl.brown@tn.gov



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Name: Jesse Head

Work Division	Roadway Design
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Adams, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I was the handler for Tennessee's live mascot "Smokey" during my time in college.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	I'm excited to learn about how I can better my community with the projects I'll be working on
Email Address	jesse.head@tn.gov



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Name: Shelby Humes

Work Division	Clarksville Maintenance
Region	3 District 38
Hometown (City, State)	Born - Dekalb, IL Raised – Hermitage, TN
Alma Mater	Univ. of Iowa
Interesting Fact About Myself	I collect rocks, fossils, crystals, and shells
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	EPSC
Email Address	Shelby.Humes@tn.gov



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Name: Matt Johnson

Work Division	Materials and Tests
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Frankfort, KY
Alma Mater	University of Kentucky
Interesting Fact About Myself	I can play the piano.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How teaching a Technician Certification Course will feel.
Email Address	Matthew.Johnson@tn.gov



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Name: Clarence E. Langley IV

Work Division	Freight and Logistics
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Maryville, TN
Alma Mater	University of Hawai'i at Manoa
Interesting Fact About Myself	Appeared briefly in a couple of movies as an extra
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Excited to learn the details of the freight industry
Email Address	Clarence.Langley@tn.gov



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Name: Lindsay Miller

Work Division	Project Development- Survey
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Nashville, TN
Alma Mater	Tennessee Tech University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I'm a scratch golfer!
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Anything and everything I can!
Email Address	Lindsay.miller@tn.gov



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Name: Holland Padgham

Work Division	Right-of-Way
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Port Huron, Michigan
Alma Mater	Louisiana State University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I adopted a cat that likes to play fetch.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The Roadway Design Process
Email Address	Holland.Padgham@tn.gov



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Name: Zhiwar Rashid

Work Division	Maintenance
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Kurdistan, Iraq
Alma Mater	Tennessee State University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I've lived 11 years in Kurdistan and 11 years in Nashville.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	I am excited to learn about how different divisions collaborate to fulfill a common goal.
Email Address	Zhiwar.Rashid@tn.gov



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Name: Jake Scott

Work Division	Construction District 38
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Camden Tn
Alma Mater	University of Tn at Martin
Interesting Fact About Myself	I like to play disc golf
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The building process of bridges
Email Address	Jacob.scott@tn.gov



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Name: Terry D. Smith Jr.

Work Division	Project Development
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Memphis, TN
Alma Mater	Tennessee State University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I love music. I learned how to play the lead and bass guitars growing up in church. I also know how to play the drums.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The 1 thing I'm excited to learn about is the culture of TDOT. I believe the culture of a company is very important.
Email Address	Terry.d.smith@tn.gov



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Name: Aaron Varga

Work Division	District 38 Construction
Region	Region 3
Hometown (City, State)	Jackson, TN
Alma Mater	Tennessee Tech University
Interesting Fact About Myself	Went skydiving in 2019
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Construction of big projects
Email Address	Aaron.varga@tn.gov



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Name: Nathan Wiggins

Work Division	Bridge Inspection
Region	3
Hometown (City, State)	Birmingham, Alabama
Alma Mater	Ramsay High School, University of Alabama in Huntsville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I owned a business before working at TDOT
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	The differences between private sector and public sector jobs
Email Address	nathan.wiggins@tn.gov

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Region 4 GTA Biographies



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Name: Nathaniel Bedford

Work Division	Bridge Inspection
Region	Region 4
Hometown (City, State)	Oxford, AL
Alma Mater	The University of Alabama
Interesting Fact About Myself	I was on the steel bridge and concrete canoe teams in school.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How to inspect in service bridges.
Email Address	nathaniel.bedford@tn.gov



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Name: Gray Cordes

Work Division	Bridge Inspection
Region	Region 4
Hometown (City, State)	Starkville, MS
Alma Mater	Mississippi State University
Email Address	Gray.Cordes@tn.gov



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Name: Pierre Dunigan

Work Division	Survey / Project Development
Region	Region 4
Hometown (City, State)	Meridian, MS
Alma Mater	Jackson State University
Interesting Fact About Myself	Born of the 4 th of July
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	TDOT's impact on the public
Email Address	Pierre.Dunigan@tn.gov



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Name: Rachel Holt

Work Division	Project Development
Region	4
Hometown (City, State)	Adamsville, TN
Alma Mater	UT Martin
Interesting Fact About Myself	I like to travel
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	MicroStation
Email Address	Rachel.Holt@tn.gov



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Name: Jeffrey Lancaster

Work Division	Construction
Region	4
Hometown (City, State)	Jackson, TN
Alma Mater	William Jewell College
Interesting Fact About Myself	I was a swimmer in college
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	To meet all the new people
Email Address	Jeffrey.Lancaster@tn.gov



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Name: Ryan Lindsay

Work Division	Project Development - Design
Region	4 – Jackson
Hometown (City, State)	Glassboro, New Jersey
Alma Mater	Rowan University
Interesting Fact About Myself	I don't have a New York accent
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	Safe roadway design
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Name: Logan Naifeh

Work Division	District 42 (Newbern)
Region	Region 4
Hometown (City, State)	Tiptonville, TN
Alma Mater	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Interesting Fact About Myself	I enjoy the outdoors.
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	I am excited to see how ideas on paper turn into reality.
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Work Division	Materials and Test
Region	4
Hometown (City, State)	Hurley, Mississippi
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Interesting Fact About Myself	I am left handed
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	How to work all the lab equipment
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Name: Trey Standridge

Work Division	Construction
Region	Region 4
Hometown (City, State)	Atoka, TN
Alma Mater	UT Martin
Interesting Fact About Myself	I'm a HUGE Tennessee Vols fan
1 Thing I'm Excited to Learn about at TDOT	All the new techniques/technology used during construction
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