



TDOT Director

AGENCY OVERVIEW AND PROGRAM FOCUS

Transportation is so basic that many of us overlook its overwhelming importance in our daily lives. Practically everything used in our homes, offices, or schools across Tennessee – from furniture to food items to clothing – requires a large and complex transportation network. The Tennessee Department of Transportation provides citizens of Tennessee and travelers with one of the best transportation systems in the country. TDOT is a multimodal agency with responsibilities in building and maintaining roads, aviation, public transit, waterways, railroads, cycling and walking. Our involvement ranges from airport improvements to funding transit buses to planning for river ports.

This classification is located within the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). TDOT leadership is responsible for developing the vision, strategic direction, policy, and tactical application of department objectives. Responsibilities include planning, developing, operating, staffing, and budgeting the department's transportation program for all modes. This classification is charged with the recruitment, retention, supervision, development, and mentoring of staff across the department to ensure that each individual understands their role in the implementation and execution of the department objectives. Responsibilities include developing and growing relationships with industry partners to enhance economic opportunity and innovation.

SUMMARY

The TDOT Director is responsible for applying the strategy and developing an implementation plan for each section under their direction at a statewide or regional level. This role will lead, mentor, and train each section through empowerment, communication, and delegated authority. This position will use the department policies, technical guidance, and financial plans to achieve expected outcomes. The TDOT Director will empower staff to research national best practices to drive innovation and efficiency within each section. This position will develop the procedures and manuals necessary to execute the technical specialties of each section. The TDOT Director will ensure that the plans, programs, technical direction, organizational structure, and section budgets are developed in alignment with and support the direction of the division strategic plan and Bureau Chief. This role will develop section workplans, schedules, and budgets to deliver the expected outcomes. This position will develop performance plans and ensure accountability across the section and individually.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Manage resources to allow employees to perform their roles effectively and efficiently, optimizing the team's ability to successfully address unanticipated challenges
2. Collaborate with the Bureau Chief, Assistant Chiefs, and Directors to provide strategic leadership for the Bureau as part of a matrix structure, focusing on statewide technical policies, procedures,



and performance metrics that seek to improve safety and mobility for TDOT employees, contractors, and the traveling public

3. Mentor staff in the areas of leadership, professional conduct, emotional intelligence, and teamwork
4. Build a culture of continuous learning, enacting a succession planning process that recruits staff, develops leaders both functionally and culturally, and ensures continuity of critical roles and employee retention
5. Lead in the exploration and implementation of emerging technologies that improve efficiency, effectiveness, reliability, and safety of TDOT's transportation network
6. Coordinate with Department leadership and external partners to deliver programs and projects as part of TDOT's Five-Year Work Program
7. Lead change in developing practices and behaviors that assist individuals in navigating uncertainties related to both the organization and policy
8. Foster and maintain professional relationships with external partners
9. Oversee financial performance to ensure transparency and accountability
10. Implement TDOT's procedure related to disciplinary actions, including prompt acknowledgement of a concern, coordination with executive staff, and maintenance of required documentation
11. Create a culture of accomplishment by communicating expectations, assisting employees in establishing measurable goals, providing timely feedback, and training, ensuring the necessary tools required for the employee to achieve their goals are available and celebrating the achievement of goals with the employee

QUALIFICATIONS (Education must be from an accredited institution.)

Education and Experience: Bachelor's Degree in required field

10 Years total of demonstrated competency in the required field that includes at least:

2 years of demonstrated competency in supervision

2 years of demonstrated competency in management

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Competencies (KSACs):

- Knowledge of interviewing practices and techniques
- Knowledge of the principles in leading groups to achieve the desired objectives, including conflict resolution
- Knowledge of the principles and practices of supervision including planning, prioritizing, directing, motivating, and making decisions
- Knowledge for the rules, processes, and technical skill sets for the area supervised
- Skilled in team building, communication, change management, and emotional intelligence
- Skilled in leading meetings, including agenda writing and time management
- Skilled in innovative and creative problem solving



- Ability to develop and maintain working relationships and communicate with a wide variety of individuals
- Ability to use critical thinking and judgement to problem solve and make well-informed decisions independently
- Ability to perform multiple tasks accurately and concurrently in a fast-paced environment