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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 22, 2023  
**TO:** All TDOT Employees  
**FROM:** Lori Lange, P.E.  
Assistant Bureau Chief of Engineering  
**SUBJECT:** Selection of TDOT Managers – Materials & Tests Division

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Chandler to TDOT Manager of Materials and Pavements in the Materials & Tests Division effective June 18, 2023.

The Materials and Pavements Manager must use a risk-based, data-driven process to manage the acceptance construction materials as part of maximizing the service life of transportation infrastructure and implementing statewide technology advancements. This position will effectively manage resources, coordinate the acceptance of materials, and ensure the exchange of information between Project Team members and stakeholders both internal and external. This Materials and Pavements Manager will develop and implement policies, provide technical guidance, and manage the implementation of acceptance and testing of materials into TDOT's Work Program as part of the Division's strategic plan. This position will foster the implementation of national best practices that drive innovation, improve performance, and ensure project alignment with the asset management lifecycle. This position will lead, mentor, and train supervisors, technical experts, and Region staff through empowerment, communication, and delegated authority. New to this section is the addition of pavement selection and design activities. Additionally, the materials and test offices located in each region will now be housed in this Division and will be in this leg of the org chart.

Matt holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Tennessee Technological University, as well as a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee. He is a licensed professional engineer in Tennessee. Matt's career began as a summer intern at TDOT in the Harriman Construction Office before joining the us full time as a GTA in 2006 in R2 Operations. From there, Matt has served in several roles in Roadway Design, Design Standards, and Maintenance/Asset Management as well as a Design Consultant with CDM Smith. In 2016, he became the State Bituminous Engineer in Materials & Tests Division, where he managed the Asphalt Quality Assurance Program. Since 2021, Matt has served as the Field Operations Manager leading both the Asphalt and Concrete & Aggregate programs. Matt is an active member of the TDOT-TRBA CMM Liaison Group as well as serving in leadership roles in several regional public-private partnering associations, notably as chair of the Southeast Pavement Preservation Partnership in 2019 and chairman of the Southeastern Asphalt User/Producer Group (SEAUPG) in 2020 and 2021. Matt is a graduate of LEAD Tennessee-Alliance 9, and a 2023 graduate of TDOT EPIC Academy.

With Matt's background in various areas of the department, involvement in industry and national partnerships, and technical expertise, he will bring a high level of innovation and vision to Materials and Pavements. Please join me in congratulating Matthew Chandler on this well-deserved appointment.

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