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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 Michael Doran to TDOT Manager of Laboratory Operations in the Materials & Tests Division effective June 18, 2023.

The Laboratory Operations Manager must use a risk-based, data-driven process to manage the Central Testing Laboratory, including transportation improvement projects, alternative delivery projects, maintenance projects, and in-house research projects designed to preserve transportation assets, maximize the service life of infrastructure and implement technology advancements. The Laboratory Operations Manager is responsible for maintaining accreditation according to 23 CFR 637 while effectively managing resources, coordinating testing activities, and ensuring the exchange of information between Project Team members and stakeholders both internal and external. This position will implement Department policies, provide technical guidance, and manage the implementation of laboratory testing into TDOT's Work Program as part of the Division's strategic plan while fostering the implementation of national best practices that drive innovation, and improve performance. This position will lead, mentor, and train Central Lab and Region Labs through empowerment, communication, and delegated authority.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Tennessee Technological University and is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Tennessee. Michael has 25 years of service with TDOT, holding 6 different positions, beginning his TDOT career in 1998 serving as a Graduate Transportation Associate working in the Materials and Test Division's Field Operations-Bituminous section. He served as the supervisor over the Asphalt Design Laboratory. In 2006, he transferred to the Maintenance Division working to set up the Maintenance Policy Office and managed the Contract Administration section. In 2014, Michael was promoted to CE Manager 2 over the Materials and Tests Division's Laboratory Operations. He ensures that all materials received are tested to the highest possible and laboratories meet all requirements required by Federal Code to maintain accreditation. Michael is a voting member of several AASHTO Technical Subcommittees, is a Co-Chair for a national committee tasked with the harmonization of all asphalt ASTM and AASHTO standards, a graduate of the Executive Leadership Academy, served on the Board Directors for the Southeastern Asphalt User/Producers Group, and has been a committee member for the Southeastern Pavement Preservation Partnership, and has served on numerous other committees throughout TDOT in his 25 years of service.

With Michael's department background and technical expertise, he will bring a high level of service, innovation, and consistency to Laboratory Operations. Please join me in congratulating Michael on this well-deserved appointment.

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