



Thomas Nelson, Jr.

Federal Highway Administration Virginia Division Administrator

Thomas Nelson, Jr. has served as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Virginia Division Administrator since June 2019. In this capacity, he provides leadership and direction to a diverse professional staff in implementing the \$1.2 billion Federal-aid highway program. Most recently, Thomas served for 4 years as the Division Administrator for FHWA in Kentucky.

Prior to his position as Division Administrator, Thomas was the Special Assistant to the Administrator. In this capacity, he provided direct support to the Administrator and served as a key adviser on program and policy issues having national, regulatory, and legislative implications. He also coordinated critical Agency initiatives and interacted regularly with senior officials inside and outside of FHWA. He assisted the Administrator in the delivery and implementation of MAP-21 and the implementation of the Agency signature initiative for accelerating project delivery, Every Day Counts.

Thomas also served as a Major Projects Engineer in the Office of Innovative Program Delivery where he was responsible for providing technical and policy assistance to FHWA field offices, partners, and stakeholders in implementing risk-based project management. Before joining FHWA, Thomas served for over eight years as a Vice President and Area Manager for CH2M Hill (now Jacobs). Thomas also gained 10 years of valuable design and project management experience with the Michigan Department of Transportation where he served as the Unit Leader for Highway Design.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

