

First & last	Organization Name	Job Title	Speaker Bio
James Ballinger	KYTC	State Highway Engineer	James Ballinger graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1987 with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He was a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Scholarship student and immediately started working on the Cabinet's training program at the District 7 Office in Lexington, KY. During his career he served in various roles including, Construction Resident Engineer, Branch Manager for Construction, and Branch Manager for Pre-Construction. He retired in December 2014 as the Chief District Engineer from Highway District 7. After a short break, James began working at the Kentucky Transportation Center at UK, serving as a Research and Training Engineer. In September 2015, he started working for Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers and served as the Lexington, Kentucky Office Leader. He re-joined the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in August 2020 when he was appointed as the State Highway Engineer. James and his wife Carrie live on their family farm where they enjoy raising Hereford Beef Cattle.
Michael Black	KYTC Division of Materials	Transportation Engineering Branch Manager	Mr. Michael Black has over 30 years of experience with KYTC working with materials which are incorporated into roads and bridges in Kentucky. He currently serves as the Structural Materials Branch Manager for the Division of Materials, which oversees material functions regarding aggregate, concrete and cement, physical properties, chemistry, as well as the oversight and facilitation of new product evaluation. Prior to this position, he served as the asphalt mixtures testing section supervisor. Mr. Black holds a Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics from Kentucky State University and a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky and is a proud recipient of the KYTC Scholarship. He is a licensed professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Outside of work Mr. Black is a proud husband and father of two daughters, an avid outdoorsman, and a routine volunteer for non-profit mission organizations such as Kentucky Changers and Touched Twice United.
Eric Bowman, PE	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Division of Maintenance, Central Office	Roadway Weather Program Manager	Eric received his engineering degree from the University of Kentucky in 2000 and became licensed as a Professional Engineer in 2006. While spending the early part of his career in utility regulation and project management, in 2024 Eric joined KYTC as Roadway Weather Program Manager providing an opportunity to bridge his engineering background with his lifelong fascination with weather and its impacts in Kentucky. While striving to ensure KYTC continues its strong history of effective snow and ice removal, he efforts to keep an eye to the future by focusing on innovative developments in winter weather operations that could enhance the ability of our crews to keep Kentucky's roadways safe and protected in all seasons.
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Matt Bullock	District 5	Chief District Engineer	Matt's public service career began in 2006 when he was appointed the Chief District Engineer for District 5 in Louisville. Prior to working at KYTC, he spent 12 years with consulting firms designing roads and bridges at the local, state, and federal levels. In his free time he enjoys cycling, hiking, and working on his log cabin.
John Carmichael	KYTC Highways District Seven Safty	Work Zone/Safety Coordinator	John Carmichael began his career with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District Seven in 1991 in the Traffic Section. During his career, he has worked in both Traffic and Construction, including working on the Clay's Ferry Bridge Project and in the District Office performing construction finals, work zone reviews, and safety reviews. After retiring in 2018 he returned to KYTC in 2019 and continued working in Traffic. In 2023, he moved into his current role as the Work Zone/Safety Coordinator for District Seven, focusing on improving work zone safety and operations across the district.
Talya Caudill	KYTC Division of Construction	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Talya is a Transportation Engineer Specialist with the KY Transportation Cabinet's Division of Construction. She currently works on the Brent Spence Corridor Project as the KYTC Construction Lead
Pam Clay-Young	KTC	Research Associate	Pam was a staff attorney at KYTC's District 7 office for 16 years. She has been with UK's Transportation Research Centr since 2018 where her areas of research have included condemnation, right to take issues, the legalities of digital workflow process, and liability issues for transportation agencies and employees among other topics. Pam currently serves on the National Academy of Sciences, Transportation Research Board's Standing Committee on Select Topics in Transportation Law.
Jared Clemons	KYTC Central Office, Highway Design, Developmental Branch	Transportation Engineer Specialist - Survey Coordination	Graduated UK in 2002 w/ BS in Civil Engineering. 17 years w/ KYTC in various positions, mainly in a Surveying role. Enjoy spending time with family/friends and being outdoors.
Aaron Collins	KYTC	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Aaron has worked for the cabinet for 24 years, all of which in the Operations and Pavement Management Branch.
Anthony Damron	KYTC - Central Office Highway Design	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Anthony Damron, PE, is the Post Construction Review Coordinator for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, with 10 years of KYTC and consulting experience in project development. In his current role, he manages and coordinates the post-construction review program, assists with value engineering studies, and plays a key role in the development of the Safety Performance Program, providing cross-functional coordination between design, construction, and safety teams. His prior experience includes roadway modeling and pavement design, and he was among the first engineers in Kentucky to utilize the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide for pavement optimization.
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Steve De Witte	KYTC Central Office Planning	Strategic Planning Branch Manager	Steve is the Branch Manager of Strategic Planning in KYTC's Central Office. In this role he oversees a variety of activities, including Corridor Planning/Scoping Studies, MPO Coordination, and other Statewide Planning initiatives – including the “Get There Together” Statewide Long Range Plan update and the “Linking Kentucky” Corridor, Interstate, and Parkway Plans. He serves on a variety of NCHRP and KYTC Research and implementation Committees and is a representative for Kentucky to the AASHTO Committee on Planning as well as a member of the TRB Standing Committee on Public Engagement and Communications. Steve also represents AASHTO on the PIARC (World Road Association) Committee on Rural Roads. Steve is a proud graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer. He lives in Lexington with his wife Katie, where he can always be found cheering for Racing Louisville FC as well as his beloved Purdue Boilermakers and Chicago Cubs.
Emily Deason	KYTC	Transportation Engineer	Emily Deason is a Transportation Engineer for KYTC. She was a recipient of the KYTC Civil Engineering Scholarship. Emily graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering. She has spent the majority of her career in the Section Office and is currently the Project Manager over the Ohio River Crossing Project in Henderson County.
Derrick Dennison	KYTC - Division of Construction	TE Specialist	Derrick is a licensed Professional Engineer with the state of Kentucky and has been a full-time employee with the Cabinet for 14+ years now. Derrick works in the Division of Construction as a TE Specialist serving as a liaison between Central Office and Districts 3 and 7. He also serves as Chairman over the Work Zone Safety Committee for KYTC and has been tasked with researching and implementing various safety methods/technologies to improve work zone safety across the Commonwealth.
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Erika Drury	KYTC	Alternative Delivery Program Manager	Erika is the Alternative Delivery Program Manager for KYTC in the Division of Construction Procurement. She has been with the Cabinet for 16 years.
James Edmunds	KYTC Bridge Preservation	Chief Bridge Inspector	James Edmunds is married to his wonderful wife Katherine and is the father of three lovely girls, Elly, Eve and Sarah. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and an avid climber of all things, bridges in particular. He is thankful to be working on a 17-year career engineering structures and is passionate about serving the people of Kentucky.
David Fuson	KYTC	PD&P Branch Manager	David is a 25 year KYTC employee. He has 3 children and 3 grand children, he has been married to his wife Shiela for 34 years, and Pastor at Providence Missionary Baptist Church for 22 years. He enjoys spending time with family and grandchildren, fishing, and hunting.

TJ Gilpin	KYTC Central Office Division of Maintenance	Transportation Engineer Specialist II	TJ Gilpin began his career with KYTC as a scholarship student working primarily in Maintenance both at the district and central office levels. After retiring in 2021, he spent 3 years working for Lochner managing their Kentucky and Tennessee operations before re-joining KYTC in December 2024. He once completed a to-do list just by writing it down. His calendar clears itself out of respect. Problems often solve themselves once they learn he's been notified. He doesn't always write his own bio, but when he does, it's unnecessarily impressive.
Jessica Goodwin	KYTC Division of Traffic Operations	Transportation Engineer Branch Manager	Jessica serves as the Branch Manager of the Design Services Branch in the Division of Traffic Operations. She has worked in this Branch since 2015 and has been the Branch Manager since 2023.
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Jim Gray	KYTC	Transportation Secretary	<p>Jim Gray is the former mayor of Lexington, Kentucky, and currently secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.</p> <p>Gray earned a B.A. from Vanderbilt University, then came back home to Kentucky to help grow his family's construction business, serving as the company's CEO and chairman. Today, Gray Construction is routinely ranked among the top 5 builders in the U.S. within major industry sectors including manufacturing, automotive, food and beverage, and distribution. In 1996, Gray was appointed a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University.</p> <p>As Lexington's mayor, Gray drew upon his CEO experience to bring a management approach to government. He righted Lexington's financial ship through a series of major reforms, including the police and fire pension plan. He revitalized the city's downtown and guided Lexington's to become the largest gigabit city in the nation. Under his leadership, Lexington was named the 4th best run city in the country. In December 2019, Governor Andy Beshear appointed Gray Transportation Secretary, managing more than 4400 employees across Kentucky, and an annual operating and construction budget of \$3.2 billion.</p> <p>In addition, Governor Beshear assigned Gray to provide leadership in Kentucky's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Project in 2020. In 2021, he was tasked with helping lead the Western Kentucky Tornado Relief and Recovery efforts. And recently he was named Kentucky's Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Coordinator.</p>
Brian Gregory	KYTC Central Office Maintenance-Roadway Preservation Branch	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Brian Gregory has proudly served with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for 19 years, dedicating the majority of his career to Maintenance and Construction. Outside of work, Brian enjoys spending time with his family. He and his wife, Shaina, are the proud parents of three active boys—Keegan, Wyatt, and Holden—who keep them busy with a full schedule of sports and activities.
Ryan Griffith	KTC	Research Engineer	Ryan Griffith is a research engineer at the Kentucky Transportation Center in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Kentucky. His primary research area is in Construction Engineering and Program Management. He primarily focuses on advancements in construction administration through process improvement and leveraging electronic tools.
Brad Hall	Central Office Construction	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Brad Hall is a Professional Engineer and graduate of Western Kentucky University with 17 years of experience at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), specializing in roadway and structure construction. He currently serves within Central Office Construction, providing technical guidance and project support to districts across Kentucky to ensure quality, compliance, and successful project delivery.
Len Harper	Stantec	Transportation Engineer	Len Harper is a transportation engineer out of Stantec's Lexington, Kentucky office. He is a principal engineer and project manager for the KYTC Dam Assessment Study.
Robert Hatton	Stantec	Dam Safety Engineer	Robert Hatton is a dam safety engineer in Stantec's Lexington, KY office. He is a principal engineer and project manager focusing on the design and rehabilitation of dams, levees, and navigation locks. He is the technical lead for the KYTC Dam Assessment Study.
Kevin Hodge	KYTC	Engineer Tech. III	Hardinsburg Section Office Crew. 340 20.5 years field experience. Married to wife Marybeth for 30yrs and Love playing Golf and playing with out door smoker when time allows.
Jason Hyatt	KYTC - Division of Traffic Operations	TEBM - Traffic Engineering	Jason is the branch manager for Traffic Engineering in the Division of Traffic Operations.
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Jeff Jasper	Kentucky Transportation Center	Program Manager	Jeff Jasper holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky and an M.P.A. from Kentucky State University. A licensed Professional Engineer since 1997, he spent 24 years with KYTC, retiring in 2013 as Director of Highway Design. He now works as a Program Manager, Research Engineer, and Trainer at the University of Kentucky Transportation Center
Dylan Jones	Geostabilization International	Project Development Engineer	Dylan Jones is a project development engineer for Geostabilization International, specializing in geotechnical engineering and geohazard mitigation, with extensive experience helping clients identify and address complex slope stability, landslide, and rockfall challenges. He began his career at Geostabilization International over 10 years ago and has managed the investigation, design, and construction of hundreds of geohazard mitigation projects across the eastern United States. Today, Dylan focuses on delivering practical solutions for geohazard mitigation projects all across Kentucky.
Jon Lam	KYTC Secretary's Office of Safety	Manager, Safety Training & Program Management Branch	Jon joined KYTC in 2009 and served as District 3 Safety Coordinator until joining the newly created Secretary's Office of Safety in 2020. He is currently Manager of the Safety Training and Program Management Branch. Jon lives in Bowling Green.
Jay Lee	KYTC	TETIII	Have been the cabinet now for 17 years, with a total of close to 20 years experience in land surveying. In D4 we have always tried to implement the current tech and methods to try and continue our advancement in the field of surveying.
Ying Li	KTC	Research Engineer	Ying Li is a research engineer with KTC's Construction Engineering Program. Ying holds a PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky. She is a Registered Professional Engineer in Kentucky.
Andrew Logsdon	Division of Environmental Analysis	Branch Manager for Ecology and Permitting	A 16 year employee of KYTC, all within the Division's Ecology and Permitting Branch. Wife and 3 sons and we live in Frankfort.
Matt Looney	KYTC	TEBM	Matt is the Branch Manager for Technical Support in the Division of Construction. His Branch oversees specifications, the cabinet's construction management software, eConstruction initiatives, and change orders. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and lives in Frankfort with his wife and 3 children.
Dave McCourtney	Webber Infrastructure Management	Regional Manager	Dave is currently a Regional Manager, overseeing operations and maintenance projects in Louisville, San Francisco, Denver, Nashville, and Alaska. Three of these projects include eight tunnels, and two of these projects are large Public-Private Partnerships with contract durations spanning multiple decades.
Tony Miller	Lochner	Environmental Scientist	Tony's 20+year professional consulting career has focused on all aspects of ecology. With a current emphasis on roadway ecology, Tony has a wealth of experience with ecology-based scientific studies with various terrestrial and aquatic species. Tony's work also has focused on Clean Water Act (401/402/404) permitting and threatened/endangered species surveys. Additionally, Tony has managed large mitigation banking projects and assists with various environmental consulting projects related to all things NEPA.
John Moore	KYTC	Deputy State Highway Engineer	John Moore began as an engineering scholarship fresh out of high school in Paducah. John received Civil Engineering degrees from the University of Kentucky. In 2003, John began working full-time with KYTC in District 4, Elizabethtown. John worked for 10 years in Project Development in District 4. In 2013, John began working in Frankfort and worked an additional nine years in Project Development as Planning Director and Assistant State Highway Engineer. John currently serves as Deputy State Highway Engineer of Project Delivery and Preservation.
Matthew Moore	KYTC D-12	Transportation Engineering Branch Manager	Matthew graduated in 2003 from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He began his career working summers on a resident engineering crew. He currently serves as Branch Manager for the northern counties of District 12. Matthew lives in Langley with his wife, Misty, and their son, Maddox.
Alex Mucci	HMB Professional Engineers LLC	Project Manager	John lives in Lawrenceburg with his wife Sarah and two children. In his spare time, John enjoys volunteering with Scout troop and serves as an archery coach.
Allen Myers	KYTC - Division of Materials	Director	Allen Myers is the Director of the Division of Materials, having served in that position since 2011. Prior to this responsibility, Allen has served the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in various asphalt-related capacities since 1988. Allen is a University of Kentucky graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in Kentucky, residing in Lexington with his wife, daughter, and son.
Blake Nelson	KYTC District 5	Branch Manager PD&P Branch 1	Blake is a road construction and maintenance professional with nearly two decades of experience. Beginning as a scholarship student in 2007, he specializes in road building and field operations, bringing practical insight, safety leadership, and a strong commitment to building resilient infrastructure and stronger communities. In his spare time, if there is any, he enjoys farming and resides in Trimble County with his wife, Kari and son, Ledger.

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Josh Rogers	KYTC Division of Maintenance	Director	Josh graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2003 on the KYTC Civil Engineering Scholarship. He started in the Division of Structural Design and in 2008, Josh transitioned to the Division of Maintenance, where he held various bridge preservation positions with the Bridge Preservation Branch. In 2021, Josh became the Director of Maintenance where he is focusing his efforts on pavement, roadway and bridge operations, as well as various other programs within the division.
Dustin Rowland	KYTC Central Office Maintenance	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Dustin has 11 years of experience with the Cabinet. He began his career in District 10 before coming to Frankfort in 2022.
Tate Sallee	KYTC - Division of Materials	TE Supervisor - Asphalt Mixtures Section	Mr. Sallee received his Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky. He started with KYTC in August of 2015 and has been at the Division of Materials in Frankfort since 2016. As the section supervisor, Tate has worked diligently to develop a reputable laboratory performance program, creating the framework to evaluate better performing asphalt pavements in Kentucky.
Brian Schroeder	KYTC CO Maintenance	TEBM Roadway Preservation	Brian graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Brian has been with KYTC for 13 years, all of it in the Division of Maintenance.
Corinne Schurman	KYTC Central Office Division of Highway Design	Transportation Engineer II	Corinne currently works in Central Office's Division of Highway Design, Developmental Branch, where she's spent her 6½ year career so far. Her role keeps her busy editing, managing, and creating Standard Drawings, collaborating with a great core team on Digital Project Delivery, and supporting CADD users across the state. She is also a proud graduate of Valparaiso University (northwest Indiana, just outside of Chicago), where she earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering with a minor in Spanish. When she's not working, you'll usually find her staying active, hiking, running, and snapping photos along the way.
Brandon Shelley	KYTC Division of Traffic Operations	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Brandon Shelley has served as a Transportation Engineer Specialist for the Division of Traffic Operations (Systems Operations Branch) for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) since May 2025. He previously served as the Traffic Operations Section Supervisor for KYTC District 5. Prior to joining KYTC in 2024, Brandon served as the Senior Traffic Signal Operations Engineer for Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government, where he worked for nine and a half years. Brandon is a registered Professional Engineer (PE) in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has experience working on numerous infrastructure projects across Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Tennessee. In addition to working in the private and public engineering sectors, Brandon serves as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Louisville's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, teaching various graduate-level transportation engineering courses.
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Chad Shive	KYTC	TEBM	Chad Shive graduated from University of Kentucky in 2000 with a BS in Civil Engineering and shortly thereafter began work for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. After a short rotation through Planning, Construction and Highway Design, Chad landed in the Pavement Management Branch of the Division of Maintenance in Fall 2002. Since that time, Chad has worked to improve pavement management decisions and more efficiently use Kentucky's highway funds.
Matt Simpson	KYTC Division of Construction	Director	Matthew Simpson currently serves as the Director of the KYTC Division of Construction. During his 24-year career, Mr. Simpson has held the positions of Resident Engineer, Section Supervisor, and Branch Manager within the KYTC District 7 office. In December of 2019, Mr. Simpson accepted the Central Office position of Director of Construction. In 1999 he graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky
Matt Sipes	KYTC	TEBM Developmental Branch	Matt graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2010 and has more than 15 years of experience in highway design and project delivery. His career includes roles at HMB, where he served as both a project manager and division manager, and at Dennis Corporation in South Carolina as a project manager. Matt currently serves as Branch Manager for the Developmental Branch at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. In this role, he helps guide the agency's transition to OpenRoads, explores new and improved methods for delivering digital design data, and supports the evaluation and upgrade of roadside safety barriers.
Jason Siwula	KYTC	Deputy State Highway Engineer	Jason Siwula, PE, serves as Deputy State Highway Engineer for Project Development at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). Jason oversees delivery of KY's capital project program to improve safety, mobility and quality of life for all transportation system users throughout Kentucky. During his time at KYTC, Jason has served in various capacities related to highway safety including, heading the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety, implementing the Highway Safety Improvement Program at both a district and statewide level, and serving as Assistant State Highway Engineer where he led the Cabinet's Research, Innovation and Performance Management programs. In addition, Jason has championed adoption of the Safe System Approach in KY. On the national level Jason has served on several safety focused committees including the AASHTO Committee on Safety, the AASHTO Highway Safety Manual 2nd Edition Steering Committee, the SHRP2 Safety Task Force, the Technical Committee on Roadside Safety and the GHSA Research Committee. Jason is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and is a licensed Professional Engineer.
Ricky Sizemore	KYTC - Division of Program Management	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Ricky has been with KYTC for over 16 years. He started at the District 7 office where he worked for about 4 years in Planning and 1 year in Permits before moving to Central Office Permits for 9 years. He moved to the Division of Program Management a little over 2 years ago where he helps manage the FEMA program.
Christopher T. Smith	Office of Support Services	Constriction Branch Manager	Glad to be here.
Wendy Southworth	Division of Highway Design	Transportation Engineer Branch Manager	Wendy Southworth graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1997 with a BS in Civil Engineering. She began her engineering career in 1998 working for an engineering firm in Kentucky. In 2009, Wendy began her career with KYTC within Highway Design. Wendy has been with KYTC for just over 16 years where she is currently the Transportation Engineer Branch Manager for the Quality Assurance Branch within Highway Design.
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Amanda Taylor	KYTC/ Department of Highways/ District 7/ Safety	Safety Coordinator	Amanda Taylor began her career with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in 2010 working on a construction crew before moving to the district 7 Office in 2014 as the liaison between the district and Central Office Human Resources. After nine years managing duties that included Workers' Compensation, she became District 7's Safety Coordinator in 2023. The Safety team in District 7 has helped implement several statewide safety initiatives and earned the Secretary's Office of Safety Excellence in Safety Award in both 2024 and 2025.
Tim Tharpe	Division of Traffic Operations	Director	Tim is a 1996 graduate of both Kentucky State University and the University of Kentucky. He started in the Division of Traffic Operations (then known just as the Division of Traffic) in 1998 as an EIT. He served as the Branch Manager of the Traffic Engineering Branch for 12 years before becoming Director in 2020. In his spare time, he is an avid runner, car detailer, and beer connoisseur.

Staci Timol	KYTC Division of Program Management	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Staci is a Transportation Engineer Specialist in the Division of Program Management. She has worked for the Cabinet for nearly 20 years and has extensive experience in Traffic and Permits. She has been in her current role perform Disaster-Aid Coordination for the past year and a half.
Luke Turner	KYTC	UAS Coordinator	Luke has been with the cabinet for 20 years? Working in maintenance, traffic incident management design.
Mike Vaughn	KYTC - Traffic & Safety Branch	Branch Manager	Mike Vaughn is the Traffic Safety Branch Manager for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) within the Division of Traffic Operations at the Central Office in Frankfort, KY. In his current role, Mike leads a team of engineers who administer Kentucky's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Mike is KYTC's representative on the Pavement Surface Properties Pool Fund Study. He is also one of KYTC's representatives on the AASHTO Committee on Safety. Mike is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and he is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Kentucky. Mike lives in Kentucky's capitol city of Frankfort with wife Emily and their two boys, Mason and Aaron.
Steve Waddle	KTC	Program Manager	Career employee at KYTC for 27 years. Served in several positions including Bridge Designer, Resident Engineer, Central Office Construction Liaison, Director of Construction Procurement, Executive Director of Project Delivery, Executive Director of Project Development, and State Highway Engineer. Apparently could not hold a job! Last 10 years at Kentucky Transportation Center as Research Engineer and Program Manager.
Mark Walls	KYTC	TEBM	Mark Walls began working for the Department in the late 1900's as a scholarship student. Graduated from UK in '95. Entire career spent in Construction. Worked in RE offices (Lexington and Danville) in various capacities from inspector to RE. Have been in current position as TEBM for Contract Support in Central Office since Feb 2014.
Mark Westenhofer	Webber	Project Manager	Mark Westenhofer is the Project Manager leading the East End Crossing Tunnel project, bringing clarity, drive, and strong leadership to one of the region's most complex undertakings. He holds an Industrial Engineering degree and an MBA from Auburn University. With over 25 years of experience guiding large commercial operations and improving how major facilities perform, Mark has built a career on turning challenging projects into reliable results. He joined the Webber team in 2023, bringing his deep expertise and passion for efficient, high quality project delivery.
Justin Wilson	KYTC	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Mr. Wilson is a Transportation Engineer Specialist with KYTC, he has 16 years of construction and design engineering experience and 10 years of commercial drone experience.
Josh Withrow	KYTC Division of Construction	Transportation Engineer Specialist	Josh Withrow graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 2017, a master's degree in 2018, and a doctoral degree in 2024. He began working with KYTC in 2018, serving as a staff engineer and section engineer in the Lexington section office for five years. He now works for the Division of Construction focusing on e-Construction initiatives.
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Shantana Woodward	KYTC District 12	Public Information Officer	Shantana has been with KYTC for 18 years. She began her career in Right of Way then became the district's PIO in 2022. She's the self proclaimed “Face of the District” and tries to lead everyday with a true Public Servants Heart.