

| State | General Role | DOT Brd. (Yes/No) | Allocation Author. (Yes/ No) | Planning Author. (Yes/ No) | Tolling Author. (Yes/ No) | Research (Yes/ No) | Account-ability Yes/ No) | Outreach (Yes/ No) | Comments |
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| Alabama | | No - Director of Transportation | | | | | | | Appointed by Governor and serves at the pleasure of the Governor |
| Alaska | | No - Commissioner of Transportation and Public Facilities | | | | | | | Essentially the same as WSDOT Secretary. Appointed by the Governor |
| Arizona | The Arizona State Transportation Board, which is responsible for establishing a complete system of state highway routes in Arizona, is granted policy powers by the Governor and serves in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation. The Board awards construction contracts, monitors the status of construction projects and has the exclusive authority to issue revenue bonds for transportation financing | Yes - State Transportation Board The members of the Transportation Board are appointed to six-year terms by the governor, with the consent of the Senate, within statutory requirements for residency and taxpayer status. Each member of the board represents one of the state's transportation districts (Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §28-302 and §38-211). | Yes - Issue revenue bonds | yes | N/A | No | No | Yes | Arizona law is clear in placing all administrative responsibilities for the department with the Transportation Director. |
| Arkansas | The five members were vested with powers and duties for administering the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) and fully and effectively carrying out relative regulations and laws. Appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Arkansas Senate, members serve ten-year terms. | Yes - State Highway Commission | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Appoints the Secretary of Transportation |
| California | The Commission is responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California. The Commission, also advises and assists the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs. The Commission is also an active participant in the initiation and development of State and Federal legislation that seeks to secure financial stability for the State's transportation needs. | Yes - California Transportation Commission Nine of the 13 members of the California Transportation Commission are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. | Yes | No | No - Bay Area Toll Authority and Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District | Yes | No | Yes | |
| Colorado | The 11 members of the Transportation Commission are appointed to four-year terms by the governor with the consent of the Senate, subject to statutory requirements relating to geographic representation and residency (Colo. Rev. Stat. §43-1-106). | Yes - Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee. | Yes | No | No - High Performance Transportation Enterprise | Yes | Yes | Yes | Formulating general policy with respect to the management, construction, and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the state; Advising and making recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly relative to transportation policy; and promulgating and adopting CDOT's budgets and programs, including construction priorities and approval of extensions of abandonments of the state highway system. (The General Assembly appropriates the administrative budget for the Department.) |

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| Connecticut | | No - Commissioner of Transportation | | Yes | N/A | | | Yes | Similar to WSDOT Secretary |
| Delaware | | No - Secretary of Transportation | | | | | | | |
| Florida | The nine members of the Transportation Commission are appointed to four-year terms by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate and within statutory requirements for geographic representation, state citizenship and voter registration. Each appointee also must possess business managerial experience in the private sector. The secretary of transportation is nominated by the Transportation Commission and appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate and within statutory requirements for qualifications, and serves at the pleasure of the governor (Fla. Stat. Ann. §20.23). | Yes - Transportation Commission | No | No | No - Florida Turnpike Enterprise | Yes | No | Yes the Commission is required to meet at least four times per year. | Advisory and recommendations only to serve as a citizen's oversight board for the Florida Department of Transportation. The Commission is assigned to the Department for administrative and fiscal purposes; otherwise, it functions independently of the control and direction of the Department. |
| Georgia | The 13 members of the State Transportation Board represent congressional districts; they are elected by—and can be recalled by—a majority vote of state legislators in their respective districts. The board appoints and can remove the commissioner of transportation (Ga. Const. art. IV,§4; Ga. Code Ann. §32-2-20). | Yes - State Transportation Board | | | No - State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) | | | | Georgia DOT is governed by a 14-member State Transportation Board which exercises general control and supervision of the Department. The Board is entrusted with powers which include, but are not limited to: naming the Commissioner; designating which public roads are encompassed within the state highway system; approving long-range transportation plans; overseeing the administration of construction contracts; and authorizing lease agreements. |
| Hawaii | The Transportation Commission is responsible for regulating passenger carrying motor vehicles such as sampan buses, taxis and other vehicles exempted by the Public Utilities Commission, and to serve as an advisory commission on mass transit and other transportation-related matters. | Yes - Commissioner on Transportation | No | No | N/A | No | No | No | The Commission on Transportation (COT) advises the DOT Director on matters within the jurisdiction of the DOT |

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| Idaho | <p>The seven members of the Idaho Transportation Board are appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate and statutory requirements regarding state citizenship, residency, party affiliation and geographic representation. None can hold any other elective, appointive or political office, and each must be “well informed and interested in the construction and maintenance of public highways and highway systems.” At least one must have special training, experience or expertise in aeronautics. Six members are appointed to alternating six-year terms and represent designated districts; the seventh is appointed from the state at-large to act as chairman of the board; the chairman serves at the pleasure of the governor for an indefinite period (Idaho Code §§40-302 et seq.). The director of the ITD is appointed by the Idaho Transportation Board within broad statutory guidelines for knowledge and experience, and serves at its pleasure (Idaho Code §40-503).</p> | Yes - Transportation Board | Yes | Yes | N/A | No | Yes | Yes | <p>The seven-member Idaho Transportation Board meets once a month to oversee the operations of the Idaho Transportation Department. The Idaho Transportation Board establishes state transportation policy and guides the planning, development and management of a transportation network that is safe, efficient and enhances Idaho's economy and quality of life.</p> |
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| Illinois | | No - Secretary of Transportation | | | | | | | |
| Indiana | | No - Commissioner of Transportation | | | | | | | Same as WSDOT Secretary of Transportation |
| Iowa | The seven members of the Transportation Commission are appointed to four-year terms by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate and within statutory requirements for party affiliation and restrictions pertaining to conflicts of interest (Iowa Code Ann. §§307.2 et seq.). | Yes - Commission | Yes | Yes | N/A | Yes | | Yes | The seven-member Iowa Transportation Commission develops a comprehensive transportation policy and plan for the state of Iowa, identifies transportation needs, and develops programs to meet those needs |
| Kansas | | No - Secretary of Transportation | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | | No - Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet | | | | | | | |
| Louisiana | | No - Secretary of Transportation and Development | | | | | | | |
| Maine | | No - Commissioner of Transportation | | | | | | | Same as WSDOT Secretary of Transportation |
| Maryland | | No - Secretary of Transportation | | | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | The five members of the MassDOT Board of Directors are appointed by the governor to staggered, four-year terms, within statutory requirements for experience, expertise and party affiliation. Two must be experts in public or private transportation finance; two must have practical experience in transportation planning; one must be a registered civil engineer with at least 10 years experience. The governor can remove any director for cause. The governor also appoints a secretary to a term that coincides with that of the governor, to serve as MassDOT's chief executive, administrative and operational officer. The governor has sole discretion to remove the secretary (Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 6C, §2). | Yes - MassDot Board of Directors | No | No | No - Massachusetts Department of Transportation | Yes | No | Yes | The Board of Directors appointed by the Governor with expertise in transportation, finance and engineering will oversee the organization, while serving as the governing body of both MassDOT and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), which will be part of MassDOT but will retain a separate legal existence. MassDOT will be administered by a Secretary of Transportation, appointed by the Governor to serve as Chief Executive Officer. |
| Michigan | The State Transportation Commission is the policy-making body for all state transportation programs. It is comprised of six members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The Commission establishes policy for the Michigan Department of Transportation in relation to transportation programs and facilities and other such works as related to transportation development, as provided by law. Responsibilities of the Commission include the development and implementation of comprehensive transportation plans for the entire state, including aeronautics, bus and rail transit, providing professional and technical assistance, and overseeing the administration of state and federal funds allocated for these programs | Yes - State Transportation Commission | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is responsible for Michigan's 9,655-mile state highway system, comprised of all M, I, and US routes. MDOT also administers other state and federal transportation programs for aviation, intercity passenger services, rail freight, local public transit services, the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF), and others. |
| Minnesota | | No - Commissioner of Transportation | | | | | | | The same as WSDOT Secretary |

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| Mississippi | The state of Mississippi vests oversight of its transportation resources and operations in a three-member elected commission representing three geographic areas in the state—Northern, Central and Southern districts. In accordance with state law, the commissioners have the authority and responsibility for the supervision of all modes of transportation in the state dealing with aeronautics, highways, public transit, ports, and rail safety. The membership of the Mississippi Transportation Commission appoints its chairman. The administrative headquarters of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is located at 401 N. West Street in downtown Jackson. The Northern and Southern District Commissioners are located in Tupelo and Hattiesburg, respectively. The Central District Commissioner’s office is located in the administrative headquarters. | Yes - Transportation Commission | No | No | N/A | No | Yes | Yes | The Transportation Commission appoints an executive director of MDOT to carry out day-to-day policies and procedures set by the commission. The Transportation Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at its offices in Jackson, Mississippi; and at such sessions, the Commission may hear, continue and determine any and all matters coming before it. |
| Missouri | The six members of the bipartisan Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission are appointed to staggered six-year terms by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, subject to statutory requirements for party affiliation, taxpayer status and residency. Any commissioner may be removed by the governor if fully satisfied of his inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office (Mo. Rev. Stat. §226.030). The MoDOT director is appointed by the commission—subject to statutory requirements for state citizenship, residency and experience—and serves at the pleasure of the commission (Mo. Rev. Stat. §226.040). | Yes - Highways and Transportation Commission | No | Yes | N/A | No | Yes | Yes | BE IT RESOLVED, that it shall be and is the policy of this Commission to give opinions and express preferences of types, locations and methods of constructing roads only when approved by at least a majority of this Commission in session and that no person shall be promised position or employment by this Commission or in said road work, except upon condition that he qualify to the satisfaction of the Commission. |
| Montana | The Transportation Commission is a quasi-judicial board consisting of five members, each of whom is appointed by the Governor for a four-year term | Yes - Transportation Commission | Yes | Yes | N/A | No | No | Yes | |
| Nebraska | The Nebraska Highway Commission is composed of eight members, one from each of the eight field districts. They are appointed by the Governor for six-year terms, with approval of the Legislature. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Director, but is not involved in the daily business of NDOR | Yes - Highway Commission | N | N | No - Plattsmouth Bridge Commission | Yes | No | Yes | The group advises the Director in establishing policies and programs for NDOR. They assist in conducting public hearings, investigations and studies related to providing an adequate and safe highway system for the state. Commissioners also provide assistance in advising the public regarding policies, programs and activities of |

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| Nevada | Three of the seven members of NDOT's Board of Directors are appointed to four-year terms by the governor, within statutory requirements for geographic representation, state residency and qualifications as well as restrictions pertaining to conflicts of interest. The governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and state controller serve ex officio. The three appointed members must be informed on and interested in the construction and maintenance of highways and other transportation matters, and must possess either knowledge of engineering; demonstrated expertise in financial matters and business administration; or demonstrated expertise in the business of construction (Nev. Rev. Stat. §408.106). The NDOT Director is appointed by the Board of Directors, within statutory requirements for qualifications and experience as well as prohibitions on other employment, and serves at its pleasure (Nev. Rev. Stat. §§408.160 et seq.). | Yes - Board of Directors | No | No | N/A | No | No | Yes | Gov., Lt. Gov, State Controller, VDOT Staff. VDOT Director is responsible for the daily operations of the department that has an annual operating budget of over \$800 million and close to 1,750 employees. |
| New Hampshire | | No - Commissioner of Transportation | | | | | | | Essentially the same as WSDOT Secretary |
| New Jersey | | No - Commissioner of Transportation | | | | | | | Essentially the same as WSDOT Secretary |
| New Mexico | The six members of the State Transportation Commission are appointed to staggered six-year terms by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate and subject to statutory requirements for geographic representation and residency. Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the governor. If the governor fails to follow the procedure for Senate confirmation, however, the Senate appoints and confirms the commissioners and must approve their removal (N.M. Stat. Ann. §67-3-2 to §67-3-5). The secretary of transportation is appointed by the governor, with the approval of the transportation commission and the advice and consent of the Senate (N.M. Stat. Ann. §67-3-23). | Yes - Transportation Commission | | | | | | | Commissioners are similar to WSDOT Region Administrators who oversee the District Engineers. |
| New York | | No - Commissioner of Transportation | | | | | | | Same as WSDOT Secretary of Transportation |

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| North Carolina | <p>The 19 members of the Board of Transportation are appointed to staggered four-year terms by the governor. Fourteen members represent the state's highway divisions. Five at-large members must meet statutory requirements for knowledge and expertise. One must have knowledge of environmental issues; one of ports and aviation; one of government-related finance and accounting; one must reside in a rural area and have knowledge of rural transportation issues; and one must reside in an urban area and have knowledge of transit issues. The governor may remove a member for any cause the governor finds sufficient, and must remove a member for certain convictions or violations (N.C. Gen. Stat. §143B-350). The secretary of transportation is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the governor (N.C. Gen. Stat. §143B-9).</p> | <p>Yes - Board of Transportation works with employees of the N.C. Department of Transportation to make decisions about transportation priorities</p> | | | North Carolina Turnpike Authority | | | Monthly meetings | Board members represent a specific division or at-large area of interests. |
| North Dakota | | No - Director of Transportation | | | | | | | |

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| Ohio | | No - Director of Transportation | | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | | No - Secretary of Transportation | No | No | No - Oklahoma Turnpike Authority | No | No | No | Advisory only |
| Oregon | The Oregon Transportation Commission establishes state transportation policy. The commission also guides the planning, development and management of a statewide integrated transportation network that provides efficient access, is safe, and enhances Oregon's economy and livability. The commission meets monthly to oversee Department of Transportation activities relating to highways, public transportation, rail, transportation safety, motor carrier transportation, and drivers and motor vehicles. | Yes - Transportation Commission | No | Yes | No - Port of Cascade Locks and Port of Hood River | Yes | Yes | Yes | The five members of the Oregon Transportation Commission are appointed to four-year terms by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate and within statutory requirements for residency, geographic representation and party affiliation (Or. Rev. Stat. §184.612; Or. Const. art. III, §4). The director of transportation is appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and holds office at the pleasure of the governor (Or. Rev. Stat. §184.620). |
| Pennsylvania | The Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission (STC) is a 15 member body, chaired by the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot). The STC serves as the Board of Directors to PennDot. The STC is charged with the high-level evaluation of Pennsylvania's transportation system and provides policy driven direction with respect to the development of the Twelve Year Program. | Yes - State Transportation Commission | No | No | No - Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission | Yes | No | Yes | The secretary of transportation serves as chair of the commission. The remaining 10 members are appointed to six-year terms by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and within statutory requirements for residency, party affiliation and general characteristics, as well as restrictions on holding other state employment. At least one appointee must hold at least a private pilot's license. |
| Rhode Island | | No - Director of Transportation | | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | Six of the seven members of the Commission of the Department of Transportation are elected to four-year terms by the legislators residing in each of the state's six congressional districts, and can be removed by the governor for cause (S.C. Code Ann. §1-3-240). The seventh is an at-large member appointed by the governor who serves at the pleasure of the governor. | Yes - Commission of the Department of Transportation | No | No | No - Dept. of Transportation | | Yes | Yes | The Commission works closely with the Secretary of Transportation, who is appointed by the Governor as the chief administrative officer of the Department. SCDOT's Secretary of Transportation carries out the policies of the Commission and represents the Department in dealings with other state agencies, local governments, special districts, other states and the federal government |
| South Dakota | The nine members of the Transportation Commission are appointed by the governor to four-year terms, within statutory requirements for party affiliation, residency and geographic representation (S.D. Codified Laws Ann. §§1-44-4 et seq.). The secretary of transportation is appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and serves at the pleasure of the governor (S.D. Const. art. IV, §9; S.D. Codified Laws Ann. §1-32-3). | Yes - Transportation Commission | Yes | Yes | N/A | No | No | Yes | The nine members of the Transportation Commission meet monthly to discuss issues relating to the DOT, review & approve the 5-year Transportation Improvement Plan, award projects let to bid, and numerous other activities that govern the DOT. The nine members are appointed to four-year terms by the governor and each represents one of the four Regions of the state |
| Tennessee | | No - Senate Standing Committee on Transportation | | | | | | | |

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| Texas | The five members of the Texas Transportation Commission are appointed to staggered six-year terms by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate and within statutory requirements for geographic representation and reflection of the diversity of the state as well as restrictions pertaining to conflicts of interest. One member must reside in a rural area (Tex. Transportation Code Ann. §§201.051 et seq.). | Yes - Transportation Commission | Yes | Yes | No - there are several toll authorities in Texas. Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Harris County Toll Road Authority and North Texas Toll Authority | No | Yes | Yes | Planning and making policies for the location, construction and maintenance of state highways, Overseeing the design, construction, maintenance and operation of the state highway system, Developing a statewide transportation plan that contains all modes of transportation, including highways and turnpikes, aviation, mass transportation, railroads, high-speed railroads and water traffic, Awarding contracts for the improvement of the state highway system, Encouraging, fostering and assisting in the development of public and mass transportation in the state, and Adopting rules for the operation of the department. |
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| Utah | The seven members of the Transportation Commission are appointed by the governor, with the consent of the Senate and within statutory requirements for residency and geographic representation (Utah Code Ann. §72-1-301). Prior to July 1, 2009, six commissioners represented counties and one was at-large. Now, four commissioners represent each of the four UDOT regions and three are at-large; no more than two can be from any one region. At least one must be selected from a rural county. The executive director of UDOT is appointed by the governor, with recommendations from the Transportation Commission and the consent of the Senate, and within broad statutory guidelines for experience and training (Utah Code Ann. §72-1-202). | Yes - Transportation Commission | Yes | Yes | Yes- the Commission is required to establish minimum and maximum access fees for the I-15 Express Lanes | No | No | Yes | Utah's transportation commissioners are appointed by the governor and serve as part of an independent advisory committee. The group prioritizes projects and decides how funds are spent. |
| Vermont | The seven members of the Transportation Board are appointed to three-year terms by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate and within statutory requirements for party affiliation and restrictions pertaining to conflicts of interest. The governor must, so far as is possible, appoint members "whose interests and expertise lie in various areas of the transportation field" (Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, §3). The board provides appellate review of various VTrans decisions and rulings, has original jurisdiction over certain claims and conducts public hearings. The secretary of transportation is appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and serves at the pleasure of the governor (Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, §7). | Yes - Transportation Board | No | No | N/A | Yes | No | Yes | Board is attached to VDOT. The Transportation Board's inception as successor to the Highway Board occurred in 1975. The Board's duties and responsibilities include response to appeals, petitions and specific activities pursuant to statutory authority; i.e. Highways (Title 19) and Aeronautics, Railroads and Surface Transportation (Title 5). |
| Virginia | The 14 voting, citizen members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board are appointed to four-year terms by the governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly and within statutory requirements for residency, and are removable from office by the governor at his pleasure. The secretary of transportation, Commonwealth transportation commissioner and director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation also serve on the board as nonvoting members (Va. Code §§33-1.1 et seq.). | Yes - Commonwealth Transportation Board | Yes | No | Yes - State Facilities | No | No | Yes | Virginia also has private toll facilities Richmond Metropolitan Authority - Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Authority, Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike, Elizabeth River Tunnel Commission, Powhite Parkway Extension Toll Road, Norfolk-Virginia Beach Expressway, |
| West Virginia | | No - Secretary of Transportation | | | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | | No - Secretary of Transportation | | | | | | | |

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| Wyoming | The seven members of the Transportation Commission are appointed to six-year terms by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and within statutory requirements for party affiliation and geographic representation (Wyo. Stat. §24-2-101). The director of WYDOT is nominated by the Transportation Commission—which must submit a minimum of three names of qualified candidates—and appointed by the governor (Wyo. Stat. §24-2-105). A commissioner or the director may be removed at the governor’s pleasure (Wyo. Stat. §9-1-202). | Yes - Transportation Commission | yes | Yes | N/A | No | Yes | No meaningful public outreach. Meetings are open to the public | Members of the Transportation Commission effectively serve as the “board of directors” for the Wyoming Department of Transportation. Their responsibilities include the planning, construction, and maintenance budgets. Commissioners are responsible for formulating, planning, and adopting official policy as well as being the final authority on the Department of Transportation’s rules and regulations. Another important function is approving the short- and long term-construction program |
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