

Robert H. Cary

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In April 2017, Robert H. Cary was selected as the Chief of Innovation and Technology for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Cary focus is on finding and using new technology, innovative practices and other opportunities to advance transportation infrastructure in Virginia.

He started his career with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in 1992 as a transportation engineer in VDOT's Staunton District and later, location and design engineer in VDOT's Salem District before being promoted to assistant district administrator for preliminary engineering. Most recently, he served as the Richmond District Engineer and Salem District administrator. He also served for five years as the Lynchburg District administrator. Following graduation from college, Cary joined William H. Gordon Associates of Woodbridge as a staff engineer and surveyor.

Cary holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech, where he is currently working toward a master's degree in transportation infrastructure and systems analysis. He is also a graduate of VDOT's Executive Leadership Program and is a registered professional engineer and licensed surveyor. Cary is a member of the American Association of State Highway Officials' (AASHTO) technical committee of preconstruction engineering (chairman), member of AASHTO's subcommittee on design, and is active with the Transportation Research Board and the National Cooperative Highway Research Program.