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Thomas Nelson, Jr. has served as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Kentucky Division Administrator since May 2015. In this position, he leads a staff that works closely with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and other partners, in implementing the Federal-aid Highway Program.

Prior to this position, Thomas served as the Special Assistant to the FHWA Administrator. In this capacity he provided direct support to the Administrator and served as a key advisor on program and policy issues having national, regulatory, and legislative implications.

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 in 2009, Thomas served for 8 years as a Vice President and Area Manager for an international engineering firm in Michigan and Wisconsin. Thomas also gained 10 years of valuable leadership experience with the Michigan Department of Transportation where he served as the Unit Leader for Highway Design.

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