

Secretary Daniel Johnson
North Carolina Department of Transportation

Daniel Johnson was appointed Secretary of Transportation at the N.C. Department of Transportation by Governor Josh Stein on Oct. 1, 2025. In his role as Secretary, Johnson builds on his eight years of experience serving in senior executive roles at the NCDOT, including most recently as deputy secretary and general counsel.



Johnson's service with the NCDOT continues a career that has largely been devoted to public service. Following his graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he accepted a commission in the U.S. Navy and served as a surface warfare officer on the USS Blue Ridge.

Upon completion of his military service, Johnson worked for U.S. Sen. Max Cleland, of Georgia, where he focused on issues related to military affairs and veterans. After returning to UNC-Chapel Hill to attend law school, Johnson served as an assistant district attorney in Wake County before going into private practice.