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## Top Skills

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# Shailen Bhatt

Federal Highway Administrator

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Summary

Senior executive appointed by three Governors and Presidents Biden and Obama to be a leader in transportation. Delivered billions of dollars of infrastructure projects across the country on time and budget. A pioneer in transportation technology, innovative finance (P3), and reducing the carbon footprint of the transportation sector.

Known for visionary leadership and an ability to solve problems, find consensus and communicate effectively. Proven track record of dealing with crisis situations including response to hurricanes, flooding/wildfires, and major infrastructure challenges.

Extensive multi modal experience including:

Transit - lead the Delaware Transit Corporation as Secretary of Transportation, the 99th largest transit operation in the U.S. Also served as the Chair of the Standing Committee for Public Transportation (AASHTO).

Rail - served as a Commissioner on the Northeast Corridor Commission which is responsible for providing regional leadership for the rail corridor from Washington D.C. to Boston used by Amtrak, eight commuter railroads, and four freight railroads, serving 750,000 passengers and 2,000 trains a day. In addition, DTC contracted with SEPTA to provide commuter rail service in Delaware.

Electrification - installed electric charging stations in Delaware. Worked to deploy electric infrastructure in Colorado with the VW Settlement. Chairs an external advisory board for the Department of Energy SMART Labs on reducing emissions from the transportation sector.

Aviation - responsible for the Colorado Division of Aeronautics which serves and supports 74 airports in Colorado. Also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Bowling Green/Warren County Regional Airport.

Marine - served as a member of the Diamond State Port Corporation Board of Directors.

Bike/Ped - oversaw the rise by Delaware from #31 to #4 in the bicycle friendly state rankings over a four year period. Seeking to make Colorado the most bicycle friendly state in the country.

Leading the transition to a safer, greener, smarter transportation future. Chair of the Department of Energy, SMART Lab External Advisory Board. Keystone Policy Center Decarbonization Dialogue Steering Committee member. Also a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Transportation.

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## Experience

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Highway Administrator

January 2023 - Present (10 months)

AECOM

Senior Vice President - Global Transportation Innovation and Alternative Delivery

August 2021 - December 2022 (1 year 5 months)

Intelligent Transportation Society of America

President and CEO

October 2017 - September 2021 (4 years)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Leads an association whose vision is for a better world transformed by intelligent mobility. One that is safer, greener, and smarter. Turned around an organization on the verge of insolvency by creating new business opportunities and greatly increasing revenues. Viewed as a global leader in the sustainable transportation technology industry.

Colorado Department of Transportation

Executive Director

December 2014 - November 2017 (3 years)

Denver

Responsible for an agency with over 3,000 employees and a \$1.5 billion budget. Accomplishments include:

- on time and budget delivery of billions of dollars worth of infrastructure including award winning projects such as the US 6 Bridges Design Build

and I 70 Mountain Express Lane (<https://www.codot.gov/news/2016-news-releases/07-2016/cdot-wins-two-national-awards-for-outstanding-transportation-projects>).

US 36 Express Lane and SH 9 Colorado River South Wildlife and Safety project (<http://www.fox21news.com/news/cdot-earns-top-honors-in-2017-americas-transportation-awards/837486242>).

- Launched the Road X program, the first state DOT based public-private cooperation to deploy technology solutions to solve transportation challenges. Highlights include the world's first successful autonomous commercial delivery (<http://www.cpr.org/news/story/thanks-to-beer-robot-trucks-are-now-a-reality-is-colorado-ready-for-that>), the first deployment of an autonomous crash attenuator truck (<http://money.cnn.com/2017/08/18/technology/future/colorado-self-driving-truck/index.html>), and the only state DOT as a finalist for the Virgin Hyperloop One Global Challenge (<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/hyperloop-one-announces-10-winners-for-hyperloop-one-global-challenge-300519681.html>).

- began and successfully completed the 3 year procurement of the I70 Viaduct Replacement in Denver, a \$1.2 billion P3 project that will be the largest highway project in Colorado history.

- successfully launched Bustang inter regional bus service in Colorado and worked with Amtrak and Union Pacific to relaunch train service to the mountains (<http://www.cobizmag.com/Trends/How-the-ski-train-got-back-on-track/>).

## State of Delaware

### Secretary of Transportation

July 2011 - December 2014 (3 years 6 months)

Responsible for an agency with 2,800 employees and nearly a \$1 billion dollar budget including the Department of Motor Vehicles and Delaware Transit Corporation. Accomplishments include:

-reduced agency debt by 38% from \$1.235 billion (FY 12) to \$793 million (FY 16).

-reduced annual debt service by nearly 20% from \$134 million (FY 12) to \$104 million (FY 16). This has freed up \$30 million annually for capital projects.

-implemented a Performance Management system which has created external and internal measures by which the agency measures our progress toward agency goals.

-advanced or completed several important transportation projects including multiple improvements along I 95, the Indian River Inlet Bridge, as well as

a multimodal focus that saw the state rise from #31 to #4 in the rankings for Bicycle Friendly States.

-served in leadership positions at the national level as well including Chair of the I 95 Corridor Coalition, Vice President of NASTO (Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials), Chair of the Standing Committee for Public Transportation (American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials).

-became a father. :)

### Federal Highway Administration

Associate Administrator for Policy and Government Affairs

February 2009 - July 2011 (2 years 6 months)

One of the first Obama/Biden appointees to arrive at the US Department of Transportation. Played a key role in leading the roll out of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (Stimulus) efforts at USDOT. A leader in the partnership between USDOT, EPA, and HUD Partnership for Livable Communities.

### TRANSPORTATION CABINET, KENTUCKY

Deputy Executive Director

August 2005 - January 2008 (2 years 6 months)

Kentucky

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## Education

Harvard Kennedy School

Senior Executives in State and Local Government Leadership

Program · (2017 - 2017)

Western Kentucky University

Bachelor of Arts, Economics · (1998 - 2001)