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Lyndsay Botts is the Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff for the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). Lyndsay joined TDOT in 2011 as the Director of the Communications Division and then was selected by Commissioner John Schroer as his Chief of Staff, where she serves as the Commissioner's senior advisor and strategist, working to coordinate and execute his strategic vision for the Department. Lyndsay directs the TDOT legislative team and works with the General Assembly and other stakeholders to promote the Department's policy positions and to meet the Administration's legislative goals. She also leads the strategic development of internal and external communications and overall messaging for the Department. Lyndsay's has a strong national network through her involvement with AASHTO (Commissioner Schroer is the current AASHTO president), and has built an effective network of professional relationships throughout Tennessee, developed in part by regularly travelling to all 95 counties with the TDOT senior leadership team in an effort to strengthen the department's partnerships with communities. She is a 2018 graduate of *Leadership Tennessee*, a program comprised of proven leaders from across the state that focus on collaborating to effectively address complex issues facing Tennessee. Before joining TDOT, Lyndsay worked for U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander for eight years, serving as his Field Director for southeast Tennessee and Statewide Press Assistant. Lyndsay graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she earned a B.S. in Communications.