



Joseph Galbato III

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Joseph Galbato III is the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer of the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Joe joined TDOT in October of 2011 as the first CFO in the department's history. His primary focus is to ensure TDOT is managed efficiently and with financial integrity.

Joe is also the Chief of the Administrative Bureau which oversees Central Services, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Civil Rights, Strategic Planning, Internal Audit, and the Governor's Highway Safety Office. Joe works with fellow Bureau Chiefs to manage an annual budget of 2 billion dollars of transportation projects as well as internal department spending. He plays a vital role in maintaining TDOT's status as one of five debt free transportation departments in the US. In an effort to make TDOT stronger financially to deal with federal uncertainty, Joe has strengthened financial control regarding cost overruns to put the department in a very favorable cash position. He has also spearheaded a cash forecasting discipline to safeguard TDOT's assets.

On a national level, Joe is an active member of AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials). He serves on the following 3 committees: Funding/Finance, Administration, and Transportation Policy. Prior to joining TDOT, Joe was the Chief Financial Officer for several Nashville area companies including Alive Hospice, HCCA International and Envoy/WebMD.

In his spare time, Joe is a singer songwriter in Nashville TN. He released his second CD, *One Night* (2017) as a follow up to the very well received first effort, *Dreams* (2015). His songs came to life in 2015 through Producer Peter Young at Studio 19 in Nashville. Peter assembled a brilliant cast of players including guitarist Bob Hatter (Randy Houser) bassist David Santos (Billy Joel), keyboardist Dwain Rowe (Brooks & Dunn), vocalist Michael Lusk (Loretta Lynn) and several others.