

Melinda L. McGrath, P.E.
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Transportation

The Mississippi Transportation Commission appointed Melinda as Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) in January 2012. McGrath manages a \$1 billion dollar budget, 3,400 employees, and the state's transportation system, which includes highways, railroads, transits, ports, waterways, and airports. During her 25-year career at MDOT, McGrath has held various jobs ranging from Project Engineer to Chief Engineer to Interim Executive Director.

McGrath serves on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Mississippi State University (MSU) Bagley College of Engineering and the Mississippi Multi-Modal Council, and holds professional memberships with the Mississippi Asphalt Pavement Association, Mississippi Road Builders Association, and the Mississippi Engineering Society.

On the national level, McGrath is a member of the AASHTO Board of Directors, the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee, and NCHRP Project Panel 20-24.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from MSU. She is married and has three children and two granddaughters.

