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Shailen Bhatt

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Western Kentucky University alumnus Shailen Bhatt has been confirmed as the 21st administrator of the Federal Highway Administration. Nominated by President Joe Biden, Bhatt was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Dec. 8.

Bhatt will lead the FHWA in administering more than \$350 billion as part of Biden's Infrastructure Law, including formula and competitive grant programs that are available to a range of grant recipients – state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, tribes, territories and federal land management agencies.

Prior to his confirmation, Bhatt was a senior executive with the AECOM infrastructure consulting firm.

He has also served as executive director of the Colorado Department of Transportation and as a cabinet secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation.

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