

Christopher Conklin was confirmed as MCDOT director on Oct. 29, 2019, by the Montgomery County Council. Conklin, who served as deputy director for Transportation Policy since joining the County in August 2016, was nominated as Director by County Executive Marc Elrich.

Over recent years, Conklin has guided the implementation of new transit services including the [US 29 Flash](#), [Ride on Flex](#), and the [Executive Connector](#) project. He has overseen the creation of a regional transportation app, Ride On Trip Planner, and worked to advance major [pedestrian safety](#) and [bicycle infrastructure](#) projects. He represented the County in regional efforts to secure long-term capital funding for the [Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority](#); improved [development-review](#) processes; and led [sustainability](#) initiatives including the department's zero-emissions transition plan and securing federal funding for zero-emissions buses and the east coast's first green hydrogen fueling facility at the David F. Bone Equipment Maintenance and Transit Operations Center in Gaithersburg. Other sustainability projects include the [streetlight replacement](#) program and public parking garage EV charging initiatives, among others.

Prior to joining MCDOT, Conklin spent 23 years at the planning, engineering and environmental firm VHB, where he was managing director for the National Capital Region. He is recognized for his experience in multi-modal transportation strategy; planning engineering; stakeholder and public participation; project management; and team leadership. During his career, he has worked with transportation organizations throughout the nation, including cities and towns, counties, states, regional transit agencies and federal agencies.

Conklin holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and two master's degrees in Transportation and Technology Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a licensed professional engineer in Maryland.