



Edmond native to head ODOT planning, research efforts

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John Bowman, of Edmond, has been named to head the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Planning and Research Division, overseeing duties as varied as predicting traffic trends over the next 20 years, creating maps and cataloging cracks in highway pavement.

Bowman's 23-year career with ODOT started at the Edmond Residency in 1989, where he worked as a project engineer before moving to the Local Government Division's urban programs area.

In 2000, he was named project engineer for the relocation of I-40 in downtown Oklahoma City, becoming what he calls "Crosstown guru" and overseeing much of the \$670 million project. Most recently, he has served as the assistant division engineer in the Planning & Research Division.

In his new position, Bowman will oversee the planning and research functions of the department, which include monitoring the activities in each field division and working with several state universities on transportation research programs.

Bowman was raised in Nebraska and Missouri. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri.

Bowman and his wife, Kim, have three children.

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