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**Smooth Confirmation for New Leadership at Navajo DOT**



New Navajo DOT Director Garret Silversmith poses in front of the Navajo Nation Council Chambers after his confirmation.

**December 31 – Window Rock, AZ**

Yesterday, in a 14-1 vote without debate, the Navajo Nation Council confirmed Garret Silversmith as the new Director of the Navajo Division of Transportation. Mr. Silversmith will replace Darryl Bradley, the Division’s Principal Engineer who has been serving as the acting division director since May. Mr. Silversmith comes to Navajo DOT from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Chinle Agency Transportation/Roads Program, where he has worked since 2012.

Over the course of his

career Mr. Silversmith has worked as a project engineer for the Navajo Housing Authority; a staff engineer with Nations Gas Technologies; a civil engineer for Bighorse Engineers; and a supervisory highway engineer for the Chinle Agency BIA.

Mr. Silversmith has cultivated an intimate knowledge of the Navajo Nation’s infrastructure and has extensive experience with many of the Nation’s existing transportation partners, including state and federal agencies.

A resident of Keams

Canyon, AZ, Mr. Silversmith understands the importance of working with local communities to understand and address their infrastructure needs. He has represented the Chinle Agency Transportation Program at chapter meetings, as well county, state, tribal, and federal engagements. When he reports to work on January 11<sup>th</sup>, he will emphasize community engagement on day one.

In addition to his community outreach, Mr. Silversmith has a broad range of engineering

experience across projects ranging from highway and housing subdivision design to airport runway and site design.

Mr. Silversmith earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1993 from New Mexico State University. He enjoys spending time with his wife and three daughters as well as reading history topics, watching NFL games, and horseback riding.

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