



Chris Cole was appointed Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Transportation in September of 2015 by Governor Peter Shumlin. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Deputy Secretary since January 2015, and as the Director of the Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development Division at the Agency since 2011. Previous to his work at the Agency of Transportation, from 2001 to 2011 he was the General Manager at the Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA), a public transportation organization serving approximately 50% of the population of Vermont. Chris expanded CCTA's services and increased ridership over 60% during his tenure. From 1998 to 2001 Chris was employed by the Vermont Legislature as a Fiscal Analyst at the Joint Fiscal Office and prior to that at the New York State Legislature, Office of Program and Counsel, as a Policy Analyst for the Transportation, Education, and Environmental Conservation Committees. Chris attended high school at Vermont Academy in Saxton's River, VT and college at Ithaca College and SUNY Albany; he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History. Chris has served on the South Hero, VT School Board and the Planning Commission in South Burlington, VT. He has also served on the Board of Directors of various transportation associations, advisory boards and non-profits. Chris lives in Richmond, VT with his wife Leigh Cole; he is the father of two sons both of whom played soccer collegiately for Middlebury College and the University of Vermont.