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## Legislation Text

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### **Build NC Program**

Secretary of Transportation James Trogon, NCDOT

North Carolina Secretary of Transportation Jim Trogon will provide an update on transportation in North Carolina and discuss the new proposed Build NC program, a new financing tool that the NCGA will consider this year.

Secretary James H. Trogon, III was appointed to his position by Governor Cooper in January 2017. Secretary Trogon is a registered professional engineer with more than 30 years of experience in transportation. He began his career with NCDOT in 1985 as a highway engineer, and in 2000 was named NCDOT's Division 4 Engineer. Trogon later worked with the N.C. General Assembly as director of Strategic Transportation Planning. In this role, he made recommendations and provided analysis on transportation issues, as well as drafting transportation legislation for General Assembly members and reviewing transportation programs and projects for effectiveness.

In 2009, Trogon was named NCDOT's chief operating officer, a position he held until his retirement in 2013. As COO, he was a key leader in the department's effort to professionalize its decision-making process and become a performance-based organization with an emphasis on accountability and transparency. Trogon also held several private sector positions after retiring from NCDOT, including national transportation director for SAS Institute.

In addition to his work as an engineer with NCDOT, Trogon has more than three decades of military service. His duties included serving as the plans officer for road and school construction in Honduras and Ecuador, as well as infrastructure improvements in Italy. After being selected to command the 105th Engineer Group, his unit was mobilized to provide command and control for security forces at U.S. Army installations throughout North Carolina and Virginia. His unit was again mobilized in 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Multi-National Division North Engineer Brigade to command and control two engineer battalions, and provide assured mobility and general engineering support within northern Iraq. Major General Trogon retired from the military in 2016 as the Deputy Adjutant General for the North Carolina National Guard.

Trogon earned a master's of strategic studies at the U.S. Army War College as well as a master's in civil engineering with a minor in statistics and computer science and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State University.

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.