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Ralph Comer is the Assistant Director of the Long-Range Planning Division of the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The Long-Range Planning Division is responsible for developing multi-modal transportation plans and initial project planning studies. The Division has extensive public and local government involvement in project development.

Comer graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1972 and began his career with the department in 1973. He attended the University of Tennessee – Nashville from 1975 – 1977 where he was enrolled in the graduate program in Public Administration. He served for seventeen years as the Statewide Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordinator and served five years as Planning Director for the former Planning Division before becoming Assistant Director of Long-Range Planning in October 2004.

In March 2009, he was appointed by TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely to serve on TDOT's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Oversight Committee and serves as TDOT's Liaison to the Governor's Office of Tennessee Recovery Act Management.

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