



Anthony Johnson (AJ) | Winter Operations Statewide Manager | Caltrans

Anthony Johnson (AJ) serves as the Caltrans Winter Operations Statewide Manager, where he oversees the winter operations statewide program coordination, continuity, and networking within and beyond the department.

AJ began his career with Caltrans in 2006 as a Maintenance Worker on the District 3 Sacramento Bridge Crew, applying his expertise in concrete masonry, carpentry, and various other trades. In 2012, he advanced to Caltrans Operator II, further expanding his skill set. Over the course of 12 winter seasons, he provided critical support for Highway 50 snow removal operations, assisting the South Lake Tahoe, Kyburz, and Placerville maintenance stations. His tenure on the Sacramento Bridge Crew allowed him to gain extensive experience in structural and electromechanical repair, maintenance, and emergency response.

AJ's dedication and expertise earned him a D1.5 Structural Steel Welding Certification, leading to his promotion to Structural Steel Welder with the District 10 Stockton Bridge Crew. In 2018, he was promoted to Bridge Maintenance Supervisor with the District 4, Rio Vista Bridge Crew, where he became responsible for the operations and maintenance of all state-owned movable bridges in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta.

One of AJ's most remarkable achievements during that time occurred when the Rio Vista Bridge's vertical lift span experienced a catastrophic mechanical failure, leaving it stuck in the open position, him and his crew played a crucial role in both the initial emergency response and the subsequent maintenance efforts, ensuring the bridge was restored to safe and reliable operation.

AJ promoted from there to HQ as the State Bridge Crew Liaison, serving as a vital connection between multiple departments, bridge crews, and external agencies. In this role, he was instrumental in breaking down silos and fostering stronger collaboration, ultimately helping to build a more unified and effective bridge maintenance program

Beyond Work

Outside of his professional life, AJ is a dedicated husband, father, and passionate musician and enjoys mountain bike riding. He plays and teaches drums, keyboard, and bass guitar, using his musical talents to inspire others. In past years, he has performed on the keyboard during the Annual Caltrans Statewide Workers Memorial, held on the west steps of the State Capitol.
