

## Conference Bios

# AMPO 2020

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### **Erin Aleman, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning**

After progressing steadily in a variety of leadership roles at the local, regional, and state levels, Erin Aleman was appointed unanimously by the Board of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) in June 2019 as the agency's third executive director. Aleman brings more than a decade of accomplishments in developing transportation and land use policies to the agency as it embarks on implementation of ON TO 2050, the region's new long-term comprehensive plan.

### **Candice Andre, VHB**

Candice Andre, AICP, LEED GA is a senior project planner with VHB in its Raleigh office and has over 17 years of experience in major capital project planning, NEPA compliance, and associated public engagement. Candice has served a critical role in Wake County, North Carolina's transit implementation planning process since 2017. Ms. Andre holds a master's degree in urban and regional planning from Michigan State University and is an AICP-certified planner.

### **Ashley Asmus, Metropolitan Council**

Data Scientist at the Metropolitan Council

### **Dave Biggs, MetroQuest**

Dave Biggs, Chief Engagement Officer at MetroQuest, is an internationally-recognized speaker, author and public engagement strategist focusing on tools to enhance community participation for planning projects. With over 20 years of experience on a wide range award-winning projects, he has built a reputation for leading edge community outreach. Dave is also honored to serve as an advisor on best practices for public involvement to many industry associations such as APA, FHWA, TRB, IAP2 and NCDD.

### **Lauren Blackburn, VHB**

Lauren Blackburn, AICP, is a Senior Project Manager with VHB. Ms. Blackburn has over 17 years of experience in multimodal and long-range planning. Ms. Blackburn's key areas of interest are in bicycle and pedestrian transportation, comprehensive planning, roadway safety, and community health. Prior to joining VHB, she worked for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the director of the Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation.

**Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas**

Whit is an experienced transportation and city planner, with a career emphasis on multimodal transportation planning, land use planning and urban design, strategic communications, storytelling and public involvement for better decision-making. He has many years of experience in a wide range of transit planning, operations, funding and governance projects, and has played a lead role in corridor and downtown area master plans, bicycling and walking projects, complete streets and community visioning efforts.

**Philip Breaux, Acadiana Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Phillip Breaux is a GIS Planner with the Acadiana Planning Commission. He received his GISP certification in 2019.

**Sarah Caper, Forward Pinellas**

Sarah Caper, AICP, is a Principal Planner at Forward Pinellas, the planning council and metropolitan planning organization for Pinellas County, Florida. Sarah manages special projects including Safe Streets Pinellas, the agency's Vision Zero effort. She has been with Forward Pinellas for six years and was previously with Manatee County Area Transit. Sarah holds a Master's Degree from the University of Florida in Urban and Regional Planning.

**Kristin Carlson, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota**

Kristin Carlson is a researcher with the Accessibility Observatory at the Center for Transportation Studies. Her research focuses on the extension of accessibility metrics to unique transportation infrastructure contexts. Kristin has explored accessibility measurement using alternative destination types, units of time and money, and for diverse populations. Kristin has a master's degree in civil engineering and she is currently pursuing higher education in the field of data science at the University of Minnesota.

**Kimberly Cella, Citizens for Modern Transit**

Kimberly Cella leads the non-profit advocacy organization, Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT), whose mission is to establish and expand an integrated, affordable and convenient public transportation system throughout the St. Louis area. Cella has been at CMT for 26 years, during which time she has successfully secured millions in federal and private funding for transit advocacy and education. She has been nationally recognized for her efforts by the FTA and EPA.

**Paul Chinowsky, Resilient Analytics**

Dr. Paul S. Chinowsky is President of Resilient Analytics and the Director of the Program in Environmental Design at the University of Colorado. He developed the adaptation models that the climate impact tool, IPSS, is based on to address infrastructure adaptation from an engineering perspective. He is currently working for groups including the Environmental Protection Agency, United Nations, and the World Bank to refine these models and provide a global baseline for infrastructure adaptation costs.

**Robert Cook, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO)**

Bob was born and raised in Norristown, PA. He got his Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Pittsburgh. He serves as the Assistant Planning Director at CRTPO. Prior to becoming the Assistant Planning Director, Bob was the Transportation Program Manager/CRTPO Secretary. Prior to joining CRTPO, Bob worked for the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) and the Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**Michael Corbett, Minnesota Department of Transportation**

Michael Corbett is an Engineer and planner with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. His main roles include managing planning studies, coordinating mobility investments, and serving as the liaison between the Metro District and the Metropolitan Council. Before MnDOT, Michael worked for several years in the private sector as a traffic engineer, transit planner, chemist, and pulp & paper engineer. Michael received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Minnesota.

**Daniel Crotty, Whitehouse Group**

Daniel Crotty is a certified, senior planner, and consultant specializing in public transportation systems on a national level. He has experience delivering technical support and policy guidance to a host of governments and transportation-related agencies. Mr. Crotty has led a variety of freight-related planning efforts on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Freight Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC), and Florida's Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council's (MPOAC) Freight Committee.

**Eliud De Jesus, Greenville Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Eliud De Jesus is Greenville MPO's Transportation Planner providing Eastern Carolina with many years of experience in technical planning services. He was the former Mid-East RPO Director and has overseen and participated in various planning efforts in North Carolina. Eliud specializes in multi-modal and highway transportation planning, growth management and GIS. He has conducted academic research projects in North Carolina, Maryland, Puerto Rico, Washington D.C., and the Caribbean.

**Lisa Destro, Cambridge Systematics**

Lisa Destro, is a Senior Associate of CS with ten years of experience in freight and rail projects, primarily in freight transportation planning and operations. Ms. Destro has extensive experience developing State and Regional Freight and Rail Transportation Plans, Market Feasibility Assessments, Truck Parking Studies, and grant applications that quantify the benefits of transportation improvements for discretionary Federal grant programs.

**Beth Ann Doliboa, Denver Regional Council of Governments**

Beth is Transportation Planner at the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). At DRCOG she is currently managing Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero and other safety-related planning activities and analysis. She also manages DRCOG's Active Transportation planning work. Prior to DRCOG she worked in North Carolina for the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization, where she focused on bicycle and pedestrian planning and managed their regional Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

**Paula Dowell, Cambridge Systematics**

Paula Dowell, Ph.D., a Principal of Cambridge Systematics with more than 20 years of experience in transportation planning and policy focusing on economic analysis, freight transportation planning and economic development, leads CS' National Freight and Economics Practice. She has supported TxDOT and its partners in the development and implementation of statewide and regional freight programs, including truck parking, freight design, freight technology, freight planning tools, and Permian Basin and Rio Grande Valley regional freight plans.

**Jonathan Ehrlich, Metropolitan Council**

Jonathan leads the travel modeling and research team at the Metropolitan Council in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

**Amy Elmore, Forward Pinellas**

Amy Elmore serves as the Communications and Outreach Program Manager for Forward Pinellas, developing communications strategies and guiding community engagement activities for planning and transportation development projects. Amy has over 10 years of communication experience, and has spoken at the local, state, and national level about social media strategies and community outreach. She holds a Master of Science in Digital Forensics from the University of Central Florida.

**Shichen Fan, Atlanta Regional Commission**

Shichen Fan is a Planner at Performance Analysis and Monitoring Group of the Atlanta Regional Commission. He is responsible for implementing VisionEval strategic tools for performance-based transportation planning, supporting project evaluation, and developing ARC's transportation data visualization tool 'DASH'. He enjoys data analysis and has special interest in traffic related health impacts study. He obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Emory University and a Bachelor of Medicine degree from Fudan University.

**Tony Fischer, Metropolitan Council**

Tony Fischer is a Highway Planner at the Metropolitan Council. He has worked in transportation for 20 years in the Twin Cities including at the Minnesota Department of Transportation with the freeway management system and as a freeway analyst supporting project development, and has supported numerous corridor and regional planning efforts throughout his career. Tony holds a MS in Applied Economics and BS in Economics from the University of Minnesota.

**Rickey Fitzgerald, Florida Department of Transportation**

Rickey Fitzgerald, Freight & Multimodal Operations Manager of the Florida DOT, is a leader in planning, system improvement, performance and safety for Florida's 2,136 miles of freight highways and 2,786 miles of rail network. His leadership and transportation planning expertise in logistics offers vision, structure and direction for integrating public resources and initiatives with private demand priorities to produce results through Florida's freight initiatives. He has received a Bronze Star for combat leadership in Logistics.

**Jackson Fox, Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation Planning (FAST Planning)**

Jackson Fox is the Director of the MPO in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mr. Fox is a graduate of the University of Alaska and has 19 years of transportation planning experience from work in private consulting, local government, and FAST Planning, a new Non-profit Organization he established for the MPO. He has a loving wife and 7-year-old daughter and spends most of his free time with his family enjoying the outdoors hunting, fishing, and rafting throughout Alaska.

**Brian Gibson, St. Cloud Area Planning Organization**

Since 2016, Brian has been the Executive Director of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization, the MPO for the St. Cloud, MN urban area. Between 2010 and 2016 he was the Executive Director of the OahuMPO in Honolulu. Between 2001 and 2010 he consecutively served as the Transportation Analyst and Transportation Planner for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments.

**James Gittemeier, Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council**

James Gittemeier is an urban transportation planner with the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council. He works on bicycle and pedestrian planning initiatives, manages the transportation improvement program and works on a wide variety of topics related to land use and transportation. He regularly travels to cities around the world to experience and learn about each community's solutions to common urban issues.

**Eric Hove, Metropolitan Area Planning Council**

Eric is the Director of Strategic Initiatives at the regional planning agency for the Boston region. His portfolio includes leading the update of the regional plan (MetroCommon 2050), policy development and advocacy, program and grants management, and community engagement. Eric provides leadership and technical expertise on MAPC's smart growth campaigns and projects, including outreach to the region's municipalities, legislative drafting and advocacy, and developing our agency's long-term policy priorities.

**Yingfei Huang, Cambridge Systematics**

Yingfei Huang is an Associate of Cambridge Systematics with five years' experience in local and regional planning, geographic information systems, transportation modeling, and statistical analyses. She has supported statewide transportation plans, transportation resiliency evaluations, transit planning and operations analyses, traffic studies, and transportation system management and operation plans. Yingfei holds a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from University of Florida, and Bachelor's degree in Transportation Engineering from Wuhan University of Technology in China.

**Paul Hubbman, East West Gateway Council of Governments**

Paul Hubbman is the Senior Manager of Corridor and Long Range Planning at East West Gateway Council of Governments in St. Louis where he has worked for the past decade. Prior to joining, Paul practiced Architecture and Urban Planning for 17 years after studying at Washington University, University of Dortmund, and Kansas University.

**John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics**

Principal - Cambridge Systematics

**Zach Kaufman, Baltimore Metropolitan Council**

Zach Kaufman is a transportation planner at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. His responsibilities include managing the Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program. He also works on labor market data analysis, creating products and reports for workforce development stakeholders in the region.

**Emily Kelkis, York County Planning Commission**

Emily started with the York County Planning Commission in 2019 and has excelled in the safety realm. She brings with her experience as a coder for the National Institute for Safety Research.

**Shawn Kimberly, Baltimore Metropolitan Council**

Shawn Kimberly is a senior transportation planner at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. He works with the Cooperative Forecasting Group to develop demographic forecasts vital to BRTB transportation planning activities. He also works on labor market analysis and workforce development reports and products.

**Karen Kiselewski, Cambridge Systematics**

Karen Kiselewski, AICP, is Principal of Cambridge Systematics with 19 years' experience in multimodal transportation planning; resilience; policy and program development and evaluation; integrating transportation planning and land use, economic, and other systems planning; and coordination, facilitation and public engagement. She has performed corridor and areawide planning studies for state Departments of Transportation (DOTs), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), transit agencies, and municipal and local governments.

**Chris Klaus, North Central Texas Council of Governments**

Chris Klaus has been on staff in the Transportation Department of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, since July 1994. He is a Senior Program Manager managing the department's Air Quality Planning and Operations activities, which respond to federal air quality requirements and work towards reaching attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

**Tejas Kotak, Atlanta Regional Commission**

Tejas Kotak works in the Performance Monitoring and Analytics Section at the Atlanta Regional Commission. Tejas' specializes in data collection, aggregation, and processing analytical tools and quantitative methods to evaluate performance at various scales. Tejas previously worked in the Office of Transportation Data at the Georgia Department of Transportation.

**J. Scott Lane, J. S. Lane Company**

Mr. Lane is the owner of J. S. Lane Company, LLC that has provided planning, engagement, and policy recommendations to metropolitan planning organizations, state departments of transportation, and national guidance for over 10 years. He also works as an affiliate to Metro Analytics, LLC. Prior to this, he was employed by consulting firms as a senior project manager and director of three MPOs. He lives and works in Raleigh, NC.

**Mauricio Leon, Metropolitan Council**

Mauricio Leon is a researcher for the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities working on developing climate change mitigation tools for local governments in Minnesota's metropolitan region. His work includes collecting, analyzing, and disseminating greenhouse gas emissions data to inform climate action. Leon works to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and incorporating environmental justice into the climate movement. Mauricio's passion is to further the use of data and analytics to enhance sustainability and equity.

**Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando**

Nick Lepp, AICP CTP, serves as Director of Transportation Planning at MetroPlan Orlando. Nick brings with him twenty years of experience as a Planner across the Florida region. Nick holds a BS in Urban and Environmental Planning / Geographic Information Systems from Salem State College.

**Wilson Lorenz, FTE, Inc.**

Wilson Lorenz, P.E., has 40 years of highway, utility, and airport construction and design experience. He has expertise in plan reviews and construction cost estimating based on his design and construction management experience. He has studied alternative solutions for highway improvements in the Tampa Bay region that were intended to reduce the vulnerability of major existing links due to sea level rise and storm surge. Studies resulted in conceptual-level recommendations and associated comparative cost estimates.



**Amy Luft, COMPASS**

Amy Luft joined the COMPASS staff in November 2008 as Communication Coordinator. With background in both the public and private sectors, Amy has over 25 years' experience in outreach, communication, and project management. Immediately prior to employment at COMPASS, Amy worked for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for eight years. She holds two Bachelor's degrees from the University of Idaho and a Master's degree from Clemson University in South Carolina.

**Sara Maaske, Metropolitan Council**

Senior Communications Specialist at the Metropolitan Council

**Dana Magliola, North Carolina Department of Transportation**

Dana Magliola is a Senior Supply Chain Analyst in the NCDOT's Office of Logistics and Freight. Connecting industry and commerce to infrastructure investment, Mr. Magliola is active across the spectrum of NCDOT project delivery from planning to construction. He joined NCDOT in 2018 from NC State University where he led the Supply Chain Resource Cooperative, as well as served as the Supply Chain Management subject matter expert for NC State's Industrial Extension Service.

**Catherine Manzo, StreetLight Data**

As one of StreetLight Data's first employees, Catherine Manzo helped develop the StreetLight InSight platform and played a key role in launching and establishing the company. Today, she serves as Senior Director of Customer Success, helping transportation professionals across the country understand how to harness the power of Big Data analytics for their particular planning and traffic operation's needs. Catherine earned a MS and a MBA from Yale University and a BS from Columbia University.

**Bret Martin, Capital Area MPO NC**

Bret Martin, AICP is currently a transit program manager for the Capital Area MPO and previously led the surface transportation and transit planning efforts of Orange County, North Carolina, and the City of Clemson, South Carolina. In his current and previous roles, he has spent a considerable amount of effort working with state departments of transportation, MPOs and transit providers in developing transit funding policies and sub-allocation methods. Bret holds a master's degree in Regional and Community Planning from Kansas State University.

**Tara McCue, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council**

Tara has worked with the Council for the 17 years on regional and local projects aimed at creating healthy, resilient, and sustainable communities. She has extensive experience working with regional, state, and federal agencies; universities; and jurisdictions to further resiliency and sustainability. Tara has a B.S. in Marine Biology from UNCW and a Master's in Environmental Resource Management from Florida Institute of Technology.

### **Marcie Meystrik, East-West Gateway Council of Governments**

Marcie has worked in transportation for nearly twenty years and specializes in collaborative planning. She has conducted a number of corridor studies, Great Streets plans, and long-range transportation planning efforts. The security assessment and strategy development required intense collaboration between the transit agency, law enforcement, and stakeholders who all wanted to see improvements in security on transit. Marcie facilitated participants over a two-year period and was a key player in rebuilding broken relationships.

### **Carl Mikyska, Florida MPO Advisory Council**

Carl Mikyska is the Executive Director of the Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) which is the principle forum for Florida's 27 MPOs to discuss policy issues and enhance the role of MPOs in Florida. The role of MPOAC is to represent the collective interests Florida's MPOs and to augment, not supplant, the role of the individual MPOs in the cooperative transportation planning process. Carl previously worked for FHWA in their Florida Division.

### **Ashley Moran, Acadiana Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Ashley Moran has been a transportation planner with the Acadiana Planning Commission's Acadiana Metropolitan Planning Organization since 2015. She has a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of New Orleans. She received her professional certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2007. Ashley primarily works in data analysis and project development for the Acadiana MPO and previously worked for Lafayette Consolidated Government's Traffic Department for ten years.

### **Erin Musiol, RS&H**

Erin is a Planner with RS&H in their Charlotte, NC office. She has 12 years of planning experience, including transportation, land use, long range planning, and public involvement. Prior to joining RS&H Erin managed long range planning for the City of Rock Hill, SC and was a Senior Research Associate with the American Planning Association in Washington, DC. She got her Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from Georgia Tech.

### **Chet Parsons, PlanRVA**

Chet Parsons is the Director of Transportation at PlanRVA. He helps to guide the agency's transportation planning, transportation technical assistance to municipalities, and regional and statewide transportation policy initiatives. Chet works alongside elected officials and staff from nine member jurisdictions, State & Federal partners and constituents, and other agencies and municipalities to develop a transportation vision for the Richmond Region—from public transit to pedestrian/bicycle needs to highway safety and capacity projects—and dedicate funding to improvements.

### **Shelby Powell, North Carolina Capital Area MPO (CAMPO)**

Shelby Powell, AICP is the Deputy Director of the North Carolina Capital Area MPO (CAMPO). Shelby has been with CAMPO since 2009, first as a Senior Transportation Planner and currently as Deputy Director. Shelby oversees the Capital Area MPO's planning staff, manages the annual work program, and directs the special studies program for the region. Shelby manages the MPO's public engagement, transit and planning staff. She earned BS and MBA Degrees from East Carolina University.

### **Adam Recchia, Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning**

Adam Recchia is a Senior Transportation Planner/Project Manager at Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning. Adam is one of Foursquare ITP's lead transit service planners and has over 14 years of experience in the



field. He has led a number of MPO efforts in transit service planning, particularly for LRTP's and special studies on behalf of local transit agencies. Adam began his career at an MPO in Massachusetts.

#### **Melissa Roberts, Atlanta Regional Commission**

Melissa has been developing community-building events in the public and non-profit sector for the past 20 years. At ARC, Melissa is responsible for conducting community engagement in support of The Atlanta Region's Plan, a long-range plan for the Atlanta Metro region looking out to the year 2050. She holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Delta State University.

#### **Maria Roell, Atlanta Regional Commission**

Maria Roell is a Senior Planner at the Atlanta Regional Commission in the Transportation Group. Maria started at ARC an intern and has been there for six years. Currently her work focuses on operations planning and transportation technology. Maria holds a Master's of City and Regional Planning and a Master's of Science in Civil Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

#### **Liz Roten, Metropolitan Council**

Liz Roten is a data scientist at the Metropolitan Council in Community Development and Metropolitan Transportation Services, the MPO for the Twin Cities region. Major projects include using aggregated location-based services data to research regional parks visitors, and developing novel methodology for estimating greenhouse gas emissions from personal and commercial vehicles. Roten also creates interactive and compelling data visualizations for topics like rental housing markets, publicly owned lands, and American Community Survey demographics.

#### **Angela Ryan, Forward Pinellas**

Angela moved to Florida from central Illinois in 2002 and brought with her a love for running and biking. After a successful 12-year career working in environmental science, policy and planning for the Department of Defense, she decided to find a position where she could spend more time with her young children. She has currently found her home working as the Principal Planner focusing on Active Transportation and Health Equity for Forward Pinellas.

#### **Ayda Safaei, LA Metro**

Ayda Safaei has seventeen years in Communications. She is currently the Director of Construction Relations & Mitigation Programs at LA Metro where she oversees outreach and communications on all Metro's construction projects. Her career at LA Metro began on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project, educating stakeholders and mitigating construction impacts. Additionally, she managed communications and community relations campaigns for several projects in the environmental and construction phase, most recently the New Blue Improvements Project.

#### **Saleem Salameh, KYOVA**

Saleem is the Deputy Executive Director for KYOVA.

#### **Kendra Schenk, Burgess & Niple**

Kendra Schenk is a traffic and safety engineer with Burgess & Niple in Columbus, Ohio. She has helped states, local

municipalities, and metropolitan planning organizations develop solutions to reduce crash frequencies at intersections and along corridors. She holds a bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University. She's a registered Professional Engineer and a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer. Kendra is also one of the first certified road safety professionals in the country.

#### **Kevin B. Scott, St. Louis Metro Transit**

Kevin B. Scott is the General Manager of Field Security for St. Louis Metro Transit. He served as a law enforcement officer with the City of Ballwin, MO for twenty-seven years, serving as Chief of Police for the last four. Having lived in the St. Louis area most of his life, he emphatically believes that for the region to compete on a national level, a safe, vibrant, and efficient transit system is paramount.

#### **Rebecca Sial, StreetLight Data**

Rebecca Sial is a Solution Engineer with StreetLight Data, helping transportation professionals leverage big data to understand changing travel behaviors and inform planning decisions. Prior to joining StreetLight, Rebecca worked for eight years as a Planner in the Richmond area, focusing on GIS applications for planning projects, data analysis, and project completion. Rebecca holds an MS in Urban and Regional Planning and a BS in History & Urban Studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

#### **Patricia Steed, Central Florida Regional Planning Council**

Pat is Executive Director of the Council serving 30 local governments and Staff Services Director of the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization. She leads the Heartland 2060 regional visioning process. She has served as a County and City Planning Director, an MPO Director, and a consulting Project Director. Her expertise is in transportation, community and strategic planning, visioning, and economic development. Pat serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Development Organizations.

#### **Alison Stettner, Florida Department of Transportation**

Alison leads FDOT's office responsible for policy, statewide planning, and MPO and rural coordination. She has 20 years of experience in transportation and growth management, serving with FDOT's District 5 and Florida Turnpike Enterprise; Development Services Director at Orange County; and Planning and Development Manager at Seminole County. Alison received her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Management from Michigan State University and Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Florida.

#### **Graham Stone, PublicInput.com**

Graham Stone is Co-Founder and Vice President of Government Relationships at PublicInput.com. In his role, Graham supports planners and communicators in the ongoing, evolving challenges of building stronger relationships with residents in every corner of the community. With a background in consulting planning and engineering, He works across all PublicInput.com departments to ensure agencies can fully leverage and understand how public engagement software better manages data; resulting in more meaningful, equitable decisions.

#### **Greg Stuart, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Greg brings more than 28 years of transportation and land use planning experience in private and public sectors. He secured Federal appropriations for major transportation projects, modified state rules to facilitate traffic mitigation and helped stimulated redevelopment efforts in Southeast Florida. Greg serves on the AMPO Board of

Directors and the NARC Executive Directors Council. He also chairs the Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) Staff Directors Advisory Committee and Freight Committee.

**Lurae Stuart, WSP World, Inc**

Lurae Stuart is the manager of WSP's transit system safety and security group with more than 30 years of experience in transit and rail operations, system safety and security. She has provided guidance and project management for projects that include safety and security risk strategy governance; and system safety/security implementation. Her flexible approach to delivering client requirements ensures that challenges that arise during project delivery are met with grace, good humor and quick solutions.

**Shawn Sullivan, US Army Corps of Engineers**

Shawn Sullivan serves as the St. Louis District's Strategic Planning Coordinator where he works with all units of government in connecting their technical and/or water resource challenges with new or existing authorities, budgeting and identifying resources necessary to solve the identified challenges. Shawn earned his Bachelor of Science in Ecology from the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 1997. He is a graduate of the District' Leadership Development Program and the Mississippi Valley Division's Emerging Leaders Program.

**Bill Swiatek, Wilmington Area Planning Council**

Bill leads the agency's environmental planning efforts. He has completed studies of transportation equity, regional connectivity and accessibility, climate change, air quality, performance measurement, along with master planning and community planning efforts. Bill hold a Master of Arts in Geography from the University of Delaware.

**Steve Thielen, Burgess & Niple**

Steve Thielen has over 25 years of experience in nearly all facets of transportation engineering and planning. His transportation planning and engineering experience include traffic studies, corridor studies and area-wide land use and transportation studies. Steve is a certified planner by AICP and a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer by ITE.

**Alexander Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando**

Senior Planner and Project Manager - MetroPlan Orlando

**Christopher Upchurch, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Chris is a Principal Planner at the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization where he lead the development of their Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He also runs the performance-based planning program and supervises the travel demand model. Previously, Chris was a geography professor; specializing in GIS, urban transportation planning, transit, and alternative fuels. He received his Bachelor's and Master's from Arizona State University and his PhD from the University of Utah.

**Gretchen Vetter, North Carolina Capital Area MPO (CAMPO)**

Gretchen Vetter is the Locally Administered Projects Program Manager for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and has been with CAMPO since April of 2017. She is Lead Project Manager overseeing the day-to-day operations of federally funded projects including project planning, selection, programming, development,

contract award, completion and acceptance. Gretchen holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Economics from Appalachian State University.

#### **Kofi Wakhisi, Atlanta Regional Commission**

Kofi supervises the team responsible for active modes, transit capacity expansion, freight, TSM&O, livability, and transportation equity. Kofi is an ITS Georgia Board member, and is the current AMPO Technical Committee Chair. Kofi holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and a Master of City and Regional Planning from Georgia Tech, and a law degree from Georgia State University. He's a member of the Georgia Bar and the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

#### **Cameron Walker, Permian Basin MPO**

Cameron Walker, AICP has over 36 years of planning experience in Texas. He has served as the Executive Director for the Permian Basin MPO since 2013. He currently is involved with a TxDOT led 24-county freight study in the Permian Basin region. He also served on the subcommittee for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Geography, and a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Texas A&M University.

#### **Jenny Wallace, Denver Regional Council of Governments**

Jenny Wallace is the GIS Manager for the Denver Regional Council of Governments. Jenny administers DRCOG's geospatial enterprise software and databases, performs data development and spatial analysis, and develops web maps alongside her team of GIS professionals. Jenny has eleven years of GIS experience and is passionate about advancing her technical proficiencies and building collaborative relationships with peers in regional transportation and urban planning.

#### **Casey Wells, Texas Department of Transportation**

Casey Wells joined the Texas Department of Transportation as a Freight Planner in 2017. He serves as project manager of the Permian Basin Freight and Energy Sector Transportation Plan, the Rio Grande Valley Freight and Trade Transportation Plan, the Texas Freight Network Technology and Operations Plan, and other Texas Freight Mobility Plan implementation efforts. Prior to his employment with Texas Department of transportation, Casey worked as Freight Coordinator at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

#### **Michael Wenholz, Metropolitan Interstate Council**

Mike is a senior transportation planner with the MIC. He has approximately 24 years of experience working on a variety of water, solid waste, shoreland zoning, recreational trails, aquatic toxicology, brownfield redevelopment, and transportation planning projects for numerous sectors with a wide variety of people. In his role with the MIC Mike utilizes these past experiences, including leading the MIC's Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) and coordinating all Duluth-Superior area Long Range Transportation Plan work.

#### **Bethany Whitaker, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates**

Bethany Whitaker is a principal with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates in its Boston office and has 25 years of experience in the public transportation industry. Bethany's work focuses on transit service development, design, and feasibility and financial analyses. Bethany has served as the principal project manager for Wake County, North Carolina's transit implementation planning process since 2017. Ms. Whitaker holds a master's degree in public policy from the University of Washington.

**Michael Williamson, Cambridge Systematics**

Michael Williamson, a Principal of Cambridge Systematics with experience in freight and intermodal planning, seaport planning, commercial vehicle operations, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), has helped many MPOs and state DOTs develop and implement successful freight programs, and has led national research to document best practices and provide guidelines for successful freight programs. He has supported Florida's MPOAC in the development and implementation of the Freight Project Prioritization Program over the last three years.

**Amanda Wilson, North Central Texas Council of Governments**

Amanda Wilson has been working for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, since 2002. She has managed the Transportation Department's Public Involvement & Government Relations team since 2009. Amanda and her team are responsible for public involvement, media relations, legislative activities, and military-community planning.