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2021 Speaker Bios

Bala Akundi, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Bala Akundi is a Principal Transportation Engineer with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) which provides technical support to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Baltimore region. He is part of the Policy Team working on Safety, Freight, Traffic Signal Operations, and Congestion Management. Bala has a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech and is an active member of ITE and ITSMD.

Erin Aleman, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Erin Aleman is executive director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). Previously, she served as vice president of Metro Strategies, a policy and advocacy consulting firm, and was the director of the office of planning and programming at the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). At IDOT, Aleman provided strategic guidance, implemented performance-based tools, created the state's first Asset Management Plan, and was responsible for developing multimodal policy initiatives. She began her career at CMAP after graduate school in 2007 as the agency's Phillip D. Peters Regional Planning Fellow and rose to become principal planner in 2011. Aleman has a master's degree in urban planning.

Dan Andersen, Cambridge Systematics

Dan Andersen is a senior project manager at Cambridge Systematics with 36 years of experience in transportation planning and public relations. He has served or is serving as PM or planning lead for long-range planning studies; regional and state freight plans; multi-state corridor studies and coalitions; bicycle and pedestrian master plans; and other transportation planning projects. He has a master's degree in Environmental Management and Policy from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Brigham Young University.

Eric Anderson, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)

Eric Anderson is the Executive Director of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). MAG is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Phoenix metro area and is also a Council of Governments (COG). Before becoming Executive Director in 2018, Eric was the Transportation Director for MAG for almost 20 years. Before joining MAG, Mr. Anderson was a consultant concentrating in the areas of urban growth, economic development, public policy, and fiscal impact analysis. One of his important accomplishments was the restoration of the financial integrity of the MAG Regional

Freeway Program during the 1990s that resulted in one of the largest metropolitan highway construction programs in the country. Mr. Anderson also served as the Executive Director of the Maricopa County Stadium District, a role in which he led the negotiations for stadium for the Arizona Diamondbacks, and served as the interim Chief Executive Officer for the Regional Public Transportation Authority during the search for the agency's new CEO. Mr. Anderson is member of the Urban Land Institute Arizona Advisory Board, Lambda Alpha International, and the board of directors of the Arizona Transit Association. Mr. Anderson holds a M.S. in Economics from Arizona State University.

Charles Androsky, Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization

As a Transportation Planner with the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO), Charles Androsky, AICP leads professional work related to active transportation, multimodal corridor planning, long range planning, and community outreach. Charles holds a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a degree in Political Science from UW-Green Bay, and degrees in Transportation & Logistics Management and Business Administration from UW-Superior. His experience prior to MAPO includes work for the MPO servicing Madison, Wisconsin, community development for the State of Wisconsin, and private sector logistics. He is interested in learning more about how land use decisions impact the transportation system and folks' health, productivity, and quality of life.

Bill Ball, Tindale Oliver

Bill has 32 years of experience in transportation planning, including 24 years with Tindale Oliver as a consultant. His specialty areas include metropolitan transportation planning, transit planning, and finance, and he has worked throughout the southeastern US with MPOs, transit agencies, counties, cities, and the Florida Department of Transportation. He serves as the Consultant Project Manager for the Broward MPO's Commitment 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, working closely with MPO staff.

Thomas Bamonte, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Thomas Bamonte is Senior Program Manager for Automated Vehicles at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the metropolitan planning organization for Dallas-Fort Worth. At NCTCOG he works on automated vehicle pilot programs, the infrastructure supporting automated vehicles, and related transportation technology and planning issues. Before joining NCTCOG he served in senior legal positions at the Chicago Transit Authority, the Illinois Tollway, and the North Texas Tollway Authority. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and Northwestern University School of Law.

Clay Barnett, Sherman-Denison MPO

Clay Barnett, P.E. began his career with Grayson County in November, 2016 as the Executive Director of the Sherman-Denison MPO/County Engineer. Prior to his career with Grayson County, Clay worked for the City of Sherman as the Director of Public Works and Engineering for the previous 5 years. He was raised in Burleson, Texas and received his high school diploma from Burleson High School. While in high school, Clay worked part time jobs to fund lessons for his pilot's license, which he received in 1991. After high school, Clay attended Texas A&M University and was a proud member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M on December 19, 1997, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas at

Dallas on December 24, 2011, and license as a Professional Engineer on January 9, 2003. Clay is the State Treasurer of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) and a graduate of the Professional Engineers Leadership Institute. Clay and his wife Laura have been married for over twenty years and have two teenagers. Outside of work, Clay enjoys camping and fishing.

Anna Batista, High Street Consulting

Anna Batista is a Senior Consultant with High Street Consulting Group whose main focus is transportation performance management, the organizational underpinnings of successful performance improvement, and use of data to support decision making. She has gained a national perspective on transportation performance management through work with FHWA on MAP 21 performance measures rulemakings, and with NCHRP on environmental performance measures, transportation agency benchmarking, and how agencies can use targets more effectively in performance improvement decisions. She has assisted numerous state and local agencies with their transportation and freight plans, data needs, integrating performance measures with agency goals, and stakeholder outreach. Anna graduated from Carnegie Mellon's Heinz School of Public Policy and Management, where she focused on policy analysis through quantitative methods.

Jason Beloso, Washington State DOT

Jason is the Climate Change and Sustainability Policy Advisor at the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Beth Beltran, Martin MPO

Ms. Beth Beltran has more than 20 years of experience consisting of long-range transportation planning, program management, policy analysis and development, intergovernmental coordination, public involvement, with the last 12 years serving as the Martin MPO Staff Director. Previously, she worked for Tri-Rail, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Jacobs Engineering and Space Coast Area Transit. She holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT).

Arezoo Besharati, UrbanSim

Aileen Bouclé, Miami-Dade TPO

As a Certified Professional Planner "AICP" and the Executive Director for the Miami-Dade TPO, Aileen Bouclé has been leading the charge, along with the TPO Governing Board, to provide mobility choices for Miami-Dade County through the local transportation planning process and the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit "SMART" Plan. She holds a Master's degree in Environmental and Urban Systems, with a specialty in Transportation Planning, and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Florida International University.

Levon Boyagian, Boyagian Consulting

Levon Boyagian is the managing principal at Boyagian Consulting, LLC, a federal government relations firm based in Arlington, Virginia, where he focuses on transportation and infrastructure issues. Levon earned his BA in Political Science from Hobart College.

Paul Calvaresi, Broward MPO

Paul Calvaresi is the Intergovernmental Manager. Mr. Calvaresi has over 10 years of experience in public service. He holds an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida Atlantic University. During his time at the Broward MPO, Paul has worked on a variety of projects ranging from financing, public engagement, local community transit, and mobility hubs. Paul is also an active member of the local community, sitting on boards for planning and economic development.

Timothy Canan, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Timothy Canan is the Director of Planning Data and Research for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Mr. Canan has more than 30 years of experience in land use, transportation, and environmental planning, research, and policy analysis. He leads a team responsible for conducting research, data analysis, and visualizations to inform transportation decision-makers on economic, land use, and transportation trends and forecasts that influence regional travel. He holds a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a bachelor's degree in Public Administration. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Wade Carroll, Metro Analytics

In his over 20 years of experience involving trails, livable community centers and transportation and economic development planning, Wade Carroll has gained a profound understanding of the relationship between land uses, community preferences, and the demand for bicycle and pedestrian travel. Wade also has a track record for identifying strategies to leverage local dollars with available regional, state, and federal funding to maximize implementation of study recommendations. In recent years he has either led or played a significant role in more than eight studies relating trail and bicycle/pedestrian facility development to economic vitality.

Joe Castiglione, San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Joe Castiglione is the Deputy Director for Technology, Data & Analysis at the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. He has been developing, refining and applying advanced transportation supply and demand models for over 20 years, including the first activity-based travel model used extensively in practice in the US, and has subsequently led efforts to integrate these activity-based models with dynamic traffic models. He also led the Transportation Authority's recent research into the effects of Transportation Network Companies in San Francisco on congestion, transit ridership, and equity.

Jasmine Champion, Memphis Urban Area MPO

Transportation Planner: Education: B.S. in Mass Communication from Lane College, Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from Alabama A&M University. Primary Responsibilities: Jasmine leads the development of the MPO's Public Participation Plan and highly involved in public outreach and engagement activities. She is also very instrumental in the federal performance measure updating and reporting process, bicycle and pedestrian planning, regional freight planning, and land use.

Ron Chicka, Duluth-Superior Metro Interstate Council

Ron Chicka has served as the Director of the Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC), the MPO for the Duluth – Superior metropolitan area since 1998. He began with the MIC in 1995 as a Senior Planner. Prior to this he was employed with the City of Janesville (WI) Planning Department as the MPO Coordinator from 1990 to 1995. Ron has a Master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Kansas (specialty in transportation and land use) and an undergraduate degree in Geography from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He is a member of the American Planning Association and is certified by American Institute of Certified Planners. Ron has presented the MICs work at a number of regional, state and national conferences/workshops including (at the national level): AMPO, Transportation Research Board (TRB) and the National Association of Development Organizations.

Adam Cohen, UC Berkeley

Adam Cohen is a nationally and internationally recognized research expert in innovative and emerging transportation technologies, has completed more than 35 research projects on advanced air mobility (AAM), mobility on demand (MOD), mobility as a service (MaaS), shared mobility, and automated vehicles. He has over 17 years of experience as a researcher with the Transportation Sustainability Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley, and 13 years of experience as a researcher with the Mineta Transportation Institute of San Jose State University. Adam is currently serving on the independent evaluation team for the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Mobility on Demand Sandbox, Integrated Mobility Innovation, and Accelerating Innovative Mobility programs. Adam co-authored two USDOT primers on innovative mobility for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Operations, a primer on *Shared Mobility and Transportation Equity* for the FHWA Office of Policy and Governmental Affairs, the *Mobility on Demand Operational Concept* for the Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office, and the *Mobility on Demand Planning and Implementation Guide* for Office of Planning, Environment, & Realty. The Planning and Implementation Guide is the first toolkit intended to help state, regional, and local governments identify and mitigate risks associated with MOD, SAVs, AAM, and other emerging technologies. Adam also authored the American Planning Association's *Planning for Shared Mobility* which provides guidance for public agencies on how to develop and revise public policy in response to changes in transportation technologies. Adam also co-authored the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's market study on advanced air mobility. Collectively, this research has influenced policy making at the state and regional levels. Adam co-chairs TRB's standing subcommittee on the Equity of Innovative Mobility Services and Technologies AP020(3). He currently serves as Vice Chairman of SAE International's Shared and Digital Mobility Committee and is the co-sponsor of SAE JA3163 which establishes standard terms and definitions for MOD, MaaS, and AAM. He is also an active member of the ITS America's Mobility on Demand Alliance working groups, NASA's Advanced Air Mobility working groups, and the American Society of Civil Engineers' Committee on Mobility Innovation. Previously, Adam worked for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Information Technology and Telecommunications Laboratory (ITTL) at the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI). He has a master's in city and regional planning and a masters in international affairs from Georgia Tech.

Rachel Copperman, Cambridge Systematics

Rachel Copperman is the national practice lead for model development at Cambridge Systematics with expertise in developing regional and statewide travel demand models. She is a leading expert in incorporating uncertainty and risk analysis within the travel forecasting process. Dr. Copperman also specializes in intercity passenger rail and transit forecasting, having led development and application of the ridership and revenue forecasting model for the California High-Speed Rail Authority and currently leading the effort to develop and apply a Northern California megaregional travel demand and land use forecasting system for BART's Link21 program. She also was a key team member of the FHWA project to develop an exploratory and risk analysis tool (EMAT) for transportation models, and is currently integrating EMAT with a Houston regional travel model and a microsimulation model to support an evaluation of policies under a range of alternative futures. Dr. Copperman received a Doctorate and Master's degree in Transportation Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia.

William Cross, Broward MPO

Mr. Cross is the Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Policy for the Broward MPO. He is a professional engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Business Administration. Mr. Cross has over 25 years of progressive public sector management experience with professional experience in transportation planning and engineering, finance, and program management.

Tewari Edmonson Miami-Dade TPO

Tewari Edmonson serves as the Mobility Planner 3 for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). Mr. Edmonson has a background managing transit surveys, technology as well as other planning studies. In his new position, Mr. Edmonson will be responsible for the management of various transportation planning studies, including the land use/transportation integration of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan. Mr. Edmonson will also lead the TPO's travel demand model development/maintenance and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) activities. He represents Miami-Dade County on the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) and serves as the Chair of the RTTAC Modeling Subcommittee. Mr. Edmonson was an Eisenhower Fellowship recipient and graduated from Florida International University (FIU) with both a Bachelor's and a Master's of Science in Civil Engineering with a focus in transportation.

Mark Egge, High Street Consulting

As a data scientist with High Street, Mark supports DOTs and MPOs with applied data analytics and agile planning tools. Drawing from a background spanning consulting, entrepreneurship, and operations, Mark's work bridges gaps between organizational needs and data-driven solutions. A policy wonk at heart, Mark serves on the Planning Board and Parking Commission of his hometown of Bozeman, Montana, and is a regionally competitive runner, mountain biker, and ski mountaineer.

Daniel Fazekas, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

Daniel Fazekas is the Principal Planner at the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), where he is involved in a variety of transportation and regional

planning studies that includes the On Board Mobility Plan. Prior to joining the RTC in 2016, Fazekas helped create Southern Nevada's regional sustainability plan called Southern Nevada Strong.

Before moving to Southern Nevada in 2012, Fazekas was a planner at Oklahoma City and a transportation planner at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG). He holds a Bachelor degree in Geography and a Master degree in Regional City Planning from the University of Oklahoma. Danny was born and raised in Buffalo, New York.

Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade TPO

Wilson Fernandez serves as the Program Administrator of Transportation for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). He oversees the preparation of several core TPO documents including the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), as well as the implementation activities for the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan. During his 30 years of experience, he has served as project manager for various multi-modal transportation projects including major transit corridor projects, 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Florida, and 2015 Regional Travel Survey. In addition, he co-chairs the Florida Model Task Force and has been an adjunct professor at Florida International University (FIU). He was special assistant during the successful half penny surtax initiative in 2002. He previously worked at the Broward County MPO and Miami-Dade Transit. Mr. Fernandez holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa.

Mavrick Fitzgerald, Memphis Urban Area MPO

Mavrick Fitzgerald, AICP is a transportation planner with the Memphis Urban Area MPO. His work focuses on issues including congestion management, freight planning, transportation data, Intelligent Transportation Systems & emerging technology, bicycle and pedestrian planning, and planning and environmental linkages. He received his M.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University.

Vincent Gallegos, Central Yavapai MPO

Vincent "Vinny" Gallegos is the Executive Director of the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO). CYMPO serves the greater Prescott, Arizona region, which is in central Arizona, 2 hours North of Phoenix. The region includes four (4) cities and towns and parts of the surrounding county. The MPO planning area is around 400 square miles and includes approximately 150,000 people. Vinny is currently the Chairperson for the Arizona MPOs and COGs (Council of Governments) Association. He serves on the Arizona Transit Association (AzTA) as a board member and Chairperson of its legislative committee. He is also the Chairperson for the Rural Transportation Advocacy Committee (RTAC) Advisory Board. Previously, Vinny served as the Executive Director of the Lake Havasu MPO (LHMPO), which is located on Arizona's western border with California. Vinny is also a professor at Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University. He teaches on subjects such as Sociology, Applied Human Behavior, and Community Planning. Vinny a true introvert, but once you breakthrough the shyness then you will discover a disarming charm, quick wit, and a 3-time fantasy football champion.

Grady Gammage, Jr., Gammage & Burnham

Grady is one of the founders of Gammage and Burnham and has had a varied and diverse 40-year career in law and public policy in Arizona. His practice has focused on the political aspects of real estate, development and public policy. As a zoning lawyer, he has represented dozens of major commercial projects including high rise offices, major industrial and office parks, retail shopping centers of all sizes, and tens of thousands of acres of residential projects, including some of Arizona's most iconic master planned communities. In the early 1980s, he was the primary private sector representative in working on the innovative Urban Lands Act, which made state trust land available for commercial and residential development. As a result, he has represented more transactions with the State Land Department than any other lawyer in Arizona. He has also been at the forefront of urban development in Maricopa County, including deals with such public private projects as the Tempe Town Lake and Arizona's unique approach to redevelopment incentives. He has also represented cities and towns in revising their development and land use ordinances, and has litigated land use and election issues related to development.

Grady served on the Central Arizona Project Board of Directors for 12 years, and was president during a period of turbulence when the CAP was suing the Federal Government over the multibillion-dollar cost of the canal. The litigation was resolved successfully resolved through a dramatic restructuring of the federal/state relationship. This led to Grady becoming one of the best respected water experts in the state.

He teaches land use regulation in both the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. In addition, Grady has long served as a Senior Fellow at ASU's Morrison Institute for Public Policy and the Kyl Center for Water Policy where he works on projects related to urban growth, economic development and quality of life.

At the turn of the century, he built an intense, transit oriented mixed-use development in the City of Tempe which won three architectural awards.

For more than 25 years, Grady has been one of the most sought-after speakers in Arizona, delivering dozens of presentations on an annual basis throughout the state. Topics include, urban growth, regulation, local politics, environmental and sustainability, transportation, tax policy and demographic changes.

He has been the author of numerous reports issued by the Morrison Institute, including "Watering the Sun Corridor: Managing Choices in Arizona's Megapolitan Area:" and "Treasure of the Superstitions: Scenarios for the Future of Superstition Vistas" He is the author of two books on the Phoenix Metropolitan area which have been critically acclaimed and widely quoted. The most recent *The Future of the Suburban City: Lessons from Sustaining Phoenix* was published by Island Press in 2016 and is available on Amazon.

Mr. Gammage has been a frequent guest on NPR, the PBS "Horizon" show on Arizona politics and policy, and has been extensively quoted in *The Economist*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Urban Land*, *Newsweek* and many other news media.

Stephanie Garcia, Broward MPO

Stephanie Garcia is the Complete Streets Manager at the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization. She works on the Complete Streets Initiative and Mobility Projects. Stephanie leads the walking audits program as part of the public involvement efforts of the Complete Streets Master Plan, Educational and Community engagement events (Let's Go Biking, Let's Go Walking, Ciclovía) and the Tactical Urbanism program for the Broward MPO.

Peter Gies, Broward MPO

Peter is the Systems Planning Manager for the Broward MPO, and currently oversees the organization's Planning & Programming functions. Peter has wide experience in the planning and implementation of projects, including work on the Broward MPO's \$5 billion five-year Transportation Improvement Program and \$300 million Complete Streets implementation program. His work primarily focuses on linking the MPO's mission and vision with transportation plans and programs to ensure transportation improvements are well selected, funded, and delivered.

Oliver Gilbert III, Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC)

On February 21, 2020, Miami-Dade TPO Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert III was elected as the Chair of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) by his colleagues from the Broward MPO and Palm Beach TPA. Together the SEFTC provides a tri-county forum for regional planning efforts and policy coordination. Chair Gilbert states, "The lack of well-connected transportation options impacts residents' access to jobs and visitors' access to local attractions, and ultimately deters businesses from coming to South Florida. In these unparalleled times of pandemics and climate-fueled disasters, we must have a sense of urgency to transition our future to be more economically and environmentally resilient." Chair Gilbert was also recently sworn in as Miami-Dade County Commissioner for District 1, after serving the residents of Miami Gardens as their Mayor since 2012. He has served as the TPO Governing Board Chairman since 2019 and was selected by his peers to serve as the Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in 2020. He graduated from Florida A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. He then enrolled in law school at St. Thomas University School of Law, and transferred to the University of Miami School of Law where he held a senate position with the Student Bar Association and was a National Board Member of the Black Law Student Association.

Jeffrey Gollner, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments

Jeffrey is a GIS Systems Planner at the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments in Youngstown, Ohio.

Scott Gore, FAA

Scott D. Gore is a Program Manager for Strategic Engagement in the FAA's UAS Integration Office. In this role, Scott leads strategic and community engagement efforts related to unmanned aircraft and the emerging Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) sector. Prior to his current role, Scott was a Senior Congressional Liaison for the FAA from 2009 through early 2021.

Karina Graeter, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

Karina Graeter is the Sustainability Coordinator with the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission. Karina works collaboratively with the region's towns and cities to develop regional sustainability efforts and support local climate action. She also coordinates with SMPDC transportation staff on sustainable transportation planning for the Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation System (KACTS), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Maine portion of the Portsmouth and Dover-Rochester, New Hampshire urbanized areas.

Ethan Greene, Memphis Urban Area MPO

Ethan Greene is an east Tennessee native with a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. After a brief stint working in digital media in Washington DC, he pursued his masters in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University in South Carolina. Ethan moved to the Memphis area as the Planning Director of the City of Horn Lake. He joined the Memphis MPO as a transportation planner working on transit and performance measures. In his free time, he enjoys riding his bike and playing pub trivia.

Ricardo Gutierrez, Broward MPO

Ricardo Gutierrez is the Mobility Program Manager at the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization. He established the Complete Streets Initiative at the Broward MPO back in 2013 to incorporate Complete Streets framework in the planning and implementation of mobility projects in Broward region; through efforts such as the Broward Complete Streets Master Plan, CS Design guidelines, the Safe Streets Summit. He has been with the Broward MPO since 2007 and has been focusing in multimodal transportation planning since 2013.

Adam Hager, Fredericksburg Area MPO

Adam Hager is a Transportation Planner with the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Adam joined FAMPO in 2019 and manages short and long-range planning efforts. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and holds a master's in urban and regional planning.

Britton Hammit, Kimley-Horn DC

Britton Hammit is a Transportation Engineer at Kimley-Horn of DC, primarily supporting projects related to data analytics, multi-modal planning, traffic simulation and modeling, and intelligent transport systems (ITS). Britton studied ITS at the Technical University of Vienna in Vienna, Austria, where she received specialized training in multimodal ITS and data analytics. Britton is passionate about bridging the gap between research and practice by identifying strategies to integrate novel approaches to traditional and new industry needs.

Jillian Harris, Cheyenne MPO

Jillian is the Senior Planner for the Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), helping community members across Laramie County access critical services through multimodal transportation planning. She previously worked for the City of San Antonio as the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program Manager and Senior

Transportation Planner, focusing primarily on commute solutions, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and traffic safety. Jillian holds a master's in public policy and a bachelor's in International Relations, both from Mills College.

Justin Hembree, Lake Havasu MPO

Justin Hembree has spent over 18+ years in the world of transportation throughout the Rural and Small-Urban areas of North Western Arizona. The first twelve years he spent in various Land Surveying and Civil Engineering roles for the City of Kingman and Mohave County. Justin then went on to become the Regional Transportation Manager and Planner for the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG); where he spent another six years developing and overseeing transportation and transit planning activities for La Paz & Mohave Counties, and the incorporated towns and cities, and the Native American Tribes within those counties. Currently, Justin is the Director for the Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), located in Mohave County along the Colorado River and home to the famous London Bridge. At 100 square miles, Lake Havasu MPO is the smallest out of all the MPO's in Arizona, and possibly one of the hottest with average summer temperatures around 110°. Justin claims the myths of pedestrians, bicyclists, and snowbirds melting are most likely true!

Margaret Herrera, Maricopa Association of Governments

Margaret Herrera is the Transportation Safety Program Manager at the Maricopa Association of Governments in Phoenix Arizona. She has 26 years of experience serving in key roles on private and public sector transportation safety programs, projects and initiatives. She is very familiar with challenges associated with changing the approach to safety planning and implementation, having led recent efforts for the Maricopa region. Margaret developed strategies and administrated processes for the update of the MAG Strategic Transportation System Plan (STSP) to reimagine regional safety planning programs, projects and initiatives that promote a culture of safety and address safe roads, safe users, safe vehicles, safe speeds and post-crash care. Margaret participates in the Transportation Research Board (TRB) standing and committees, including ACS10 Transportation Safety Management Systems (friend). Margaret serves as co-lead on the ACS10 Strategic Plan – Communication and Collaboration Focus and Research Focus Groups. Margaret holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering Technology from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (1993) and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Arizona.

Irene Higgs, Sun Corridor MPO

Irene Higgs is the Executive Director of the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in Casa Grande, Arizona. The MPO covers 1,155 square miles and provides transportation planning services to the cities of Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, and portions of Pinal County. She has served as the Executive Director for the MPO for seven years. She began her career with the MPO in 2014 as the Transportation Planning Supervisor. Prior to this, Irene was employed with the Arizona Department of Transportation from 2004 to 2014. Irene is the acting Arizona COG/MPO Directors vice-chair and served as the chair in 2019 and 2020. Ms. Higgs is also an active member of the Arizona Transit Association Board, Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council Management Advisory Committee, and Pinal Partnership Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Zylavian Hines, Memphis Urban Area MPO

Zylavian Watley is a Transportation Planner and Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator with the Memphis Urban Area MPO, a Bi-State MPO covering portions of Tennessee and Mississippi. She works with projects related to bicycle and pedestrian safety and planning, transit planning, and complete streets initiatives. She is a graduate of Millsaps College with a degree in Political Science and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from Jackson State University in Jackson, MS.

Lindsay Hollander, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Lindsay Hollander is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the metropolitan planning organization for northeastern Illinois. For the past eleven years, she has led a variety of efforts at CMAP to analyze policy issues and pursue policy recommendations addressing transportation funding, state and local tax policy, and economic development incentives. Lindsay earned a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan.

Kate Horton, Memphis Urban Area MPO

Transportation Planner, PLA, ASLA. Education: B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN and Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Mississippi State University. Primary Responsibilities: Kate leads the development and maintenance of the Memphis MPO's Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality planning efforts. She also plays an instrumental role in the development of the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan, public engagement, and bicycle and pedestrian planning.

Charlene Howard, Metropolitan Washington COG

Charlene Howard, GISP, is the Planning Data Resources Manager for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) in Washington, DC, where she oversees the organization's spatial data resources. She and her team support TPB by working with staff to identify opportunities for leveraging GIS and other technologies for developing data visualization products for TPB programs. In her spare time, you can find Charlene running mountain trails and generally enjoying the great outdoors with her dogs.

Jim Hubbell, Streetlight Data

Jim Hubbell, AICP, is a solution engineering manager with StreetLight Data, where he helps a wide range of customers leverage the power of big data to solve complex, multimodal transportation questions. He believes in the value of performance-based planning and using data to drive smart, transportation related decisions. Prior to joining StreetLight in 2018, Jim worked for 18 years as a transportation planner with the Mid-America Regional Council, metropolitan planning organization for the greater Kansas City region, where he gained broad-based experience in the field. He also serves on the Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee (AED20) of the Transportation Research Board.

Corey Hull, AICP, Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Corey leverages more than 18 years' experience in service to local governments helping

them to plan for transportation infrastructure, environmental improvements, and policy challenges to improve their communities. He has advised local, state and national elected officials on a wide range of issues including public transit, metropolitan and rural transportation planning, water quality/quantity issues, land use, bicycle and pedestrian safety, legislative/regulatory affairs, transportation finance, complete streets, equity, freight, and project selection and development. Mr. Hull received his Bachelor's in Urban Planning and Development from Ball State University in 2002 and his Master of Arts in Community Development in 2004 from North Park University. He received his certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2007.

Ashby Johnson, CAMPO TX

Ashby Johnson is the Executive Director of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) which is the metropolitan planning organization for the six-county central Texas region and has served in that capacity since August 2014. Ashby also served as the Deputy MPO Director at the Houston-Galveston Area Council, which is the transportation planning agency for the eight-county greater Houston region for the preceding 11 years. Prior to H-GAC, he spent eight years with the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Planning and one year with the Federal Transit Administration's Office of Planning. Prior to USDOT, Ashby spent five years with the Texas Department of Transportation in the Environmental Affairs Division. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Government and a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin.

Bill Keyrouze, AMPO

Bill Keyrouze serves as AMPO's Executive Director. Bill was appointed Executive Director in August of 2020. Prior to being appointed to this role, Bill served as the Technical Programs Director at AMPO where he worked on the technical issues MPO's are involved with in the transportation planning process. He directed AMPO's federal grant awards and managed the activities of AMPO's Air Quality, Travel Modeling, Performance Based Planning and Programming, Vehicle Connectivity and Automation, GIS, and Public Involvement Working Groups. In addition, Bill managed the AMPO Technical Committee and directed AMPO's MPO research efforts. Prior to AMPO, Bill worked at Building America's Future, an infrastructure advocacy coalition, where he served as a senior staff member and provided infrastructure and transportation policy guidance and support to the executive staff and Co-Chairs. Bill has also worked for United States Senator Charles Schumer (NY). He is a native of Saratoga Springs, NY and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and a Master's Degree in Sustainable Urban Planning from The George Washington University.

Andrew Kjellman, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

Andrew Kjellman is the MPO Director at the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), where he began in 2011. He moved to Southern Nevada after graduating from Portland State University, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Planning and Policy and a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy from the University of Washington.

Kjellman began his transportation planning career in Seattle, Wash. in 2005. After college, he bought an around-the-world plane ticket and traveled for a year – the highlight being a bicycle trip through the temples of Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

Catherine Koval, Michael Baker International

Catherine is a skilled, detail-oriented Community and Transportation Planner at Michael Baker International with four years of experience in the public sector working on multiple planning initiatives. Strong technical and analytical background in GIS data, traffic safety analysis, and environmental assessments. Expertise in research, analysis, and solutions development for major projects to support effective decision-making in the private and public sector.

Karen Lamberton, Sierra Vista MPO

Karen Lamberton is currently the Director of the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization, located in southeastern Arizona. She is a graduate of the University of Arizona's Planning Program and holds degrees in Political Science and Communications. Karen is also a certified Paralegal and focuses her educational credentials in the area of Environmental Law. She served for over five years on the Senior Impact Council for the United Way of Southern Arizona and chaired the National American Planning Association's Transportation Planning Division annual essay scholarship committee for many years. She has divided her 33-year career between working as a paralegal in the Tucson area, and as a certified transportation planner for both the Pima Association of Governments and for Cochise County. Southeastern Arizona is known as a place of legends with visitors traveling from around the world to catch a glimpse of a rare bird sighting, historic Forts, mammoth bone remains, and to pick their own produce or try one of the region's fine local wines. It is also a place of borders with two International Ports of Entry joining with our southern neighbor, Mexico. For the last three years, Karen has been working towards improving regional connectivity for one of the state's smaller MPO's and brings her own unique perspective of southwestern rural planning to our discussion today.

J Scott Lane, Metro Analytics

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.

Matthew Lehane, Fredericksburg Area MPO

Matthew is a Transportation Planner at the Fredericksburg Area MPO, where he has worked on many elements of the MPO planning process, including the Long-Range Transportation Plan and Congestion Management Process. He has focused his career on the use of geovisualizations and GIS to help expand the understanding of transportation systems. Matthew holds a BA in Geography and an MS in Geospatial Analysis from the University of Mary Washington.

Jason Lemp, Cambridge Systematics

Since joining CS in 2009, Jason has played a key role in modeling, data analytics and tolling analysis. He has been instrumental in designing the analytical features of LOCUS, CS' suite of location-based services data tools. As the technical lead behind LOCUS, Jason has honed his skills to create a unique "planner and modeler" approach to help ensure the products meet the diverse needs of our clients. Jason is known firmwide for being a skilled trainer, mentor and collaborative leader.

Lori Maher, Genesee Transportation Council

Lori joined GTC in March 2018 as the Program Manager for Community Engagement, after serving nearly two decades as the Regional Public Information Officer at the New York State DOT in Rochester, NY. She was the media spokesperson, handled public affairs and oversaw the public involvement functions for transportation projects on the capital program. She holds a degree in Public Relations/Journalism from Utica College.

Petya Maneva, Maricopa Association of Governments

Petya Maneva is a Transportation Engineer with the Travel Demand Modeling Team at the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). She has extensive experience in preparing and analyzing data needed for MAG's Activity-Based Model. Petya is also a member of the committee in Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems at TRB (Transportation Research Board) with the National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine.

Jeff Meilbeck, MetroPlan Flagstaff

Jeff Meilbeck is the Executive Director of Greater Flagstaff MetroPlan and the founding CEO of Mountain Line, a nationally recognized transit authority in northern Arizona. Jeff served as Flagstaff's Interim City Manager in 2015 and has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Northern Arizona University. Often describing himself as a "Recovering Park Ranger", Jeff worked as an Outdoor Instructor in Arizona and in Denali National Park as a young man.

Drew Messer, Urban SDK

Drew is the CEO and Co-Founder of Urban SDK. He is a business, government and technologies expert with wide-ranging industry and international experience. Drew has designed, built and managed over \$500 million of government business for Urban SDK and other clients. He actively monitors legislation with the objective to assist clients' organizational objectives and better their communities.

Caitlyn Meyer, GeoDecisions, Gannett Fleming

Caitlyn is a project manager and senior business analyst for GeoDecisions, a division of Gannett Fleming. Throughout her 12-year career, she has worked with government entities to meet their business needs with right-fit technology and program solutions. For the past 5 years with GeoDecisions, Caitlyn's work has focused on enterprise IT and GIS application development projects for transportation agencies, large and small. Most recently, Caitlyn managed the cloud migration and maintenance project for the Durham-Carrboro-Chapel Hill MPO in North Carolina. Caitlyn is currently embedded with North

Carolina Department of Transportation as a business analyst consulting on key IT solutions and business process improvements.

Doise Miers, CAMPO TX

Doise Miers works as the Community Outreach Manager for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, a regional transportation planning agency based in Austin, Texas, where she manages, creates, and implements public involvement and community outreach programs. Doise previously worked for TxDOT supporting state-wide and local outreach initiatives. This work included working with citizen stakeholders to develop outreach plans to involve the public in authoring recommendations for the creation of Interstate 69 in Texas, and for future improvements to I-35 – efforts that were recognized in the International Association for Public Participation's 2012 State of the Practice Report and won the National Transportation Public Affairs Workshop's award for best public involvement approach. Before joining TxDOT, Doise worked at the Texas Capitol in various legislative and communication capacities. Doise earned a B.S. in Communication Studies from The University of Texas at Austin and has completed conflict mediation certifications and various public outreach and facilitation trainings.

Justin Mondok, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments

Justin is a Planner with the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, where he has worked on projects relating to the dam removals along the Mahoning River, community wastewater planning, the Youngstown SMART2 Network, improving transportation in the region through the lens of multimodal accessibility and active transportation, and has been a part of the Healthy Community Partnership of the Mahoning Valley at the Steering Committee and Action Team level for the past few years.

Ashley Moran, Arcadiana MPO

Ashley Moran is a transportation planner with the Acadiana Planning Commission. She graduated with a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of New Orleans in 2005 and received her certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2007. Ashley primarily works in public information, data analysis, and project development for the Acadiana MPO.

Sudhir Murthy, P.E., PTOE

Mr. Murthy has over 30 years of experience in all aspects of transportation planning, traffic engineering, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Mr. Murthy was the consultant team's Project Manager for the Congestion Management Process for Rhode Island. He is a graduate of Purdue University with a Master's degree in Transportation and Urban Engineering. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maine.

Felix Nwoko, Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO

Felix Nwoko, Ph.D. is a MPO Manager and Executive Director for the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC-MPO). He has more than 30 years of technical and leadership experience in local and regional transportation planning.

Ian Ollis, Fredericksburg Area MPO

Ian Ollis is the Administrator at the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. A graduate of MIT with a master's in City Planning, Ian joined FAMPO in 2020 after working with a transit nonprofit in the Boston area. Ian is a former South African parliament member where he served as the Shadow Minister of Transport from 2012 to 2014.

John Orr, Atlanta Regional Commission

John Orr - Manager Transportation Access and Mobility Division (TAM). He leads and coordinates the efforts of 30 transportation planners as part of Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Center for Livable Communities. John joined ARC in 1998, as a Senior Principal Planner. Before joining ARC, he was the Senior Planner in charge of long-range planning for the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department as well as for the Albany-Dougherty Planning Commission. John graduated from the University of Tennessee with a MS degree in Planning and from the University of Virginia's College at Wise with a BA degree in Business and Public Administration. He is a member of the American Planning Association and received his professional planner designation from the American Institute of Certified Planners in 1994. He is a graduate of the Atlanta Regional Leadership Institute and the ARC Leadership Academy.

Mayor David D. Ortega, Mayor of Scottsdale

Mayor David D. Ortega began his term of office in January 2021.

Mayor Ortega is focused on safeguarding public health and safety; maintaining Scottsdale's family-friendly neighborhoods; protecting the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and strengthening Scottsdale's world-renowned reputation.

As mayor, he is committed to equal rights for all, responsive city government and adoption of citizen-driven General Plan 2035 to support economic vitality.

Mayor Ortega is a registered Arizona architect and designed many landmark buildings in Old Town. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona and was an apprentice architect to Bennie Gonzales FAIA, the award-winning designer of Scottsdale City Hall, Civic Center Library and Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Mayor Ortega has served on numerous city, county and state commissions, and on civic, non-profit organizations including:

- Scottsdale City Councilman 2000-2004
- Scottsdale Downtown Architectural Guidelines Committee
- Scottsdale Development Review Board (member 10 years)
- Maricopa County Private Industry Council
- State of Arizona School Facilities Board (member 6 years)
- Governor's Latino Advisory Council
- American Institute of Architects (1985-present)
- Scottsdale Leadership, Inc.
- Friends of the Scottsdale Library
- Family Promise of Greater Phoenix, Inc.
- Coronado High School Foundation for the Future, Inc.
- Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence
- Reading Pals-Pueblo Elementary School SUSD
- Scottsdale Sunrise Rotary Club Past President

Mayor Ortega and his wife, Rosemary Gannon, have been married for 40 years. They live in the Park Scottsdale neighborhood near Saguario High School where they raised their children Alexandra and Luke.

Lorna Parkins, Michael Baker International

Lorna Parkins, FAICP, is Vice President – Transportation Planning in the Mid-Atlantic Region, for Michael Baker International. She coordinates the regional planning departments and leads transportation planning strategic development across the company. Ms. Parkins has over three decades of experience in transportation, specializing in the relationships between transportation, land use and economic development. She has performed land use, environmental and economic work on over 40 major investment or feasibility studies and environmental impact documents. She has worked with land use allocation and economic models in the context of alternatives analysis, scenario planning and environmental impact analysis. She has prepared long-range transit and multimodal plans as well as transit corridor studies and transit-oriented development plans. She was responsible for a series of task orders that brought innovation to the statewide multimodal planning process in Virginia, including 2040 scenario planning for autonomous/connected vehicles and shared mobility. Ms. Parkins earned a Master of Science degree in Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Planning/Urban Affairs from Virginia Tech. She is a frequent conference presenter on the topic of exploratory scenario planning.

Yongzhao Peng, Maricopa Association of Governments

Yongzhao is a Transportation Analyst II with Maricopa Association of Governments. She primarily works on transportation data analytics and management. Yongzhao has a Master's Degree in Statistics from Arizona State University.

Neil Pedersen, Transportation Research Board (TRB)

Neil Pedersen is the executive director of the National Academies' Transportation Research Board (TRB) since 2015. In that role he provides executive direction and leadership to TRB's technical activities, including its annual meeting of over 13,000 transportation professionals, its more than 200 technical committees, its conferences, and its publications; its peer reviewed policy consensus studies; and its multimodal cooperative research programs. Prior to joining TRB, Pedersen spent 29 years at the Maryland Department of Transportation, where he served the last eight years as State Highway Administrator and Governor's Highway Safety Representative.

Todd Petersen, Ellis & Associates

Todd is a serial entrepreneur with a background in the technology, aviation, and automotive industries. He is passionate about the momentous technological changes occurring in transportation as a result of the introduction of disruptive shared, active, and autonomous vehicles in cities. He has authored several white papers identifying potential solutions to product liability insurance problems, considerations for administering and managing public spaces including streets, sidewalks, and curbs, and challenges with operating drones and air-taxis within urban airspace.

Todd has started multiple hardware and software companies and brought several

technology products and services to market. In 2013, Todd was awarded SEMA's Innovator of the Year Award by his peers for introducing game-changing technology and products to the automotive aftermarket. In 2012, Todd introduced the StartStick, a disruptive lithium battery technology to the aviation industry. Todd also started Milteq, a technology company who designs and manufactures next-generation products for the defense industry.

Prior to entrepreneurship, Todd started his career at General Motors as an embedded software engineer where he worked on advanced energy storage and propulsion systems. He is a rated helicopter pilot and a world speed record holder. An advocate for open-source technology, Todd also recognizes the problem with proprietary vendor lock-in. He advises clients on the tools they need to self-manage their transportation networks and infrastructure, and develop a flexible approach to changing technology needs. Todd's ability to view the world through the lens of public entities is invaluable, providing direction on transportation technology solutions that are equitable, open, pragmatic, and comprehensive.

Lisa Peterson, Airspace Link

Lisa is a results-oriented, innovative, global business leader with over 25 years of proven experience in developing markets for emerging, transformative technologies in both VC-backed start-up environments and large corporations. Lisa and her team are responsible for cultivating relationships with state and local government agencies, as well as industry solution providers who rely on Airspace Link's AirHub platform to ensure safe and compliant Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) operations. Prior to joining Airspace Link, Lisa was Head of Business Development for AiRXOS, a startup acquired by GE Aviation, focused on intelligent avionics solutions for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and UAS Traffic Management (UTM). Lisa has significant experience in mobile communications, location-based services, transportation planning and logistics technology, and data/analytics. Lisa holds a B.S. in Finance/Information Systems and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland (UMD) Robert H. Smith School of Business. Organization affiliations include WTSI, Women and Drones, Commercial Drone Alliance, AUVSI, and DroneResponders.

Karla Petty, FHWA, AZ Division

Karla Petty is the Federal Highway Administration's Arizona Division Administrator. In this capacity, she leads an office of professionals that deliver the Federal-aid Highway Program and discretionary grant highway projects in Arizona. She and her staff provide program & technical assistance, oversight and guidance to Arizona Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and other transportation partners. Through financial and technical assistance, the Arizona Division strives to improve highway safety, mobility, accessibility, and livability while encouraging innovation. She serves as the Co-Chair for the Arizona Council for Transportation Innovation (ACTI).

Karla has over thirty years of experience in the highway transportation industry. She began her career with Federal Highway Administration in 1983 as a Highway Engineer Trainee and has worked in seven states. She earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. Karla was recognized as with an FHWA Women Leaders in Transportation Award in 2020.

Fazal Qureshi, Broward MPO

Fazal Qureshi, Project Manager, is responsible for managing and coordinating with many agencies to ensure mobility projects are aligning with the goals set forth by the Broward MPO and the Complete Streets Initiative. Before joining the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Fazal worked at the Florida Department of Transportation in various capacities with an emphasis in roadway engineering design.

Nicholas Ramfos, Metropolitan Washington COG

Nicholas Ramfos has implemented MPO TDM programs in DC, San Diego, Chicago and Detroit addressing congestion, air quality, energy efficiency, and sustainability along with commuter transportation marketing. Ramfos is currently the Director of Transportation Operations Programs with the MWCOG and is responsible for development, implementation and evaluation of regional TDM programs and implementation of FTA's Enhanced Mobility program.

Christopher Restrepo, Broward MPO

Christopher is the Systems Planning Principal Planner at the Broward MPO.

Brian Rubin, Maricopa Association of Governments

Brian Rubin is a Transportation Planner III at the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). Brian began at MAG in 2013, specializing in performance measurement. Brian analyzes both DOT and Third-Party provided traffic data for reporting purposes, and to support transportation planning efforts. Brian holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography as well as a Master of Advanced Studies degree in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from Arizona State University. He currently resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Denver Regional Council of Governments

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, AICP (he, him, his) is a transportation planner with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, a planning organization covering all or parts of 10 counties and home to 3.4 million people. He assists in the development and maintenance of the Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, which sets the Denver region's long-range vision and investment framework for the multimodal transportation system. He also leads DRCOG's federal performance management efforts and nondiscrimination program.

Jordan Smith, Memphis Urban Area MPO

Jordan is the Transportation Planner for Transit, Incident Management, and Land Use at the Memphis Urban Area MPO

James Stack, Genesee Transportation Council

James Stack has been the Executive Director of the Genesee Transportation Council in Rochester, NY since January 2016. Prior to being appointed Executive Director, Jim served as the Assistant Director for 14 years and has been with GTC for 22 years. Jim has nearly 30 years of transportation planning experience. Jim holds a Masters of Public Administration from the State University of New York at Brockport and a Bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Connecticut.

Spencer Stevens, FHWA

Spencer Stevens is the Senior Federal transportation planner leading a team focused on sharing best practices, researching innovations, building up the planning discipline within the Federal Highway Administration and our State, MPOs and local partners.

LaKesha Stewart, Metroplan, Little Rock

La'Kesha Stewart is a Planner and Public Outreach Coordinator at Metroplan. She heads the public engagement, Title VI coordination, and Ozone Action Days program. La'Kesha also assists in developing planning documents and providing technical assistance to member jurisdictions. A native of Mississippi, La'Kesha moved to Little Rock while obtaining her Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Alabama A&M University. She also holds a Bachelor of Art in Political Science from Rust College. With an outgoing personality and love for communities, she quickly found herself involved in several local organizations. La'Kesha is on the Keep Little Rock Beautiful Board as well as the Arkansas Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Board.

Greg Stuart, Broward MPO

Greg brings more than 32 years of transportation, land use planning and logistics experience in both private and public sectors. He secured Federal appropriations for major transportation projects, modified state rules to facilitate traffic mitigation, successfully applied and received Federal discretionary funding, and led redevelopment efforts in Southeast Florida. Greg serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the National Association of Regional Councils Executive Directors Council, elected nationally.

John Swanson, Metropolitan Washington COG

John Swanson is a principal transportation planner at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) where he manages regional public involvement and local assistance programs that promote walkable and bikeable communities. Prior to joining COG in 2000, he worked on transportation policy issues for AMPO and NARC, and as a staffer on Capitol Hill. For three years in the mid-90s, John was stationed in Romania where he managed political development programs for the U.S.-based National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). John received his master's in 1993 from the London School of Economics and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. A native of Hammond, Indiana, John lives with his wife Janet Meyers in D.C.'s Petworth neighborhood.

Ray Tellis, Federal Transit Administration

Ray Tellis was appointed FTA's Region 9 Administrator in February 2019. Region 9 supports public transportation in four states: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada; and the territories of American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, altogether representing nearly 165 grantees. He provides executive direction to a professional staff of up to 42 individuals responsible for environmental reviews, grant development, program and project management and financial management functions. Ray has over 25 years of experience in the public transportation industry and previously served as the Director of FTA's Los Angeles Office. In his new capacity, he oversees the delivery of a \$25 billion FTA program. Throughout his tenure, Ray has worked closely with

officials at transit agencies, state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, and other FTA stakeholders.

Prior to joining FTA, Ray worked for a private freight railroad and the Illinois Department of Transportation. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), as well as a Master's in Public Works from IIT.

Tricia Thomas, PublicInput

Working to help give all people a voice in the decision-making process, Ms. Thomas has a graduate degree in Public Administration and has spent the last 15 years working in local government doing public education and outreach work. Before joining the PublicInput team as the Senior Partner Marketing Coordinator, Ms. Thomas spent 6 years as the Communication Manager for the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Andrew Uhlir, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

Mr. Uhlir has 7+ years of Metropolitan Planning Organization transportation planning experience and currently serves as the Deputy Director of Program Development for the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency. The Palm Beach TPA annually allocates over \$650M to projects and services that advance the vision of a safe, efficient, and connected multimodal transportation system for the 1.5 million people of Palm Beach County. Mr. Uhlir is originally from Ocala, Florida and is an urban planning graduate of Florida State University.

Krishnan Viswanathan, Cambridge Systematics

Mr. Krishnan Viswanathan is a Principal of Cambridge Systematics and co-leads Cambridge Systematics' big data analytics practice and data and travel demand modeling for the Southeastern United States. He has close to 25 years of experience working with Federal Planning and Research Agencies, State department of transportations (DOT), regional planning agencies, public transit agencies and private sector transportation companies. He has developed and analyzed commodity and supply chain-based freight models, passenger and freight surveys and applied multivariate statistical techniques to understand passenger and freight movement. He has also developed methods to overcome data limitations and developed travel demand models using pooled data sources. He has used cell-phone and GPS location-based services data to support numerous truck and passenger studies across the nation.

Paul Waddell, UrbanSim

Paul is the Founder and President of UrbanSim Inc., and is a professor of City & Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley. His accomplishments include the development of the UrbanSim platform, now used for operational planning purposes by metropolitan planning organizations and cities across the United States and in over 70 countries worldwide. Paul previously founded Synthicity, which was acquired by Autodesk in January 2015.

Fred Wagner, Venable

Fred Wagner focuses on environmental and natural-resources issues associated with major infrastructure, mining, and energy project development. Fred manages and defends environmental reviews performed under the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA) or equivalent state statutes. He works with public agencies and private developers to secure permits and approvals from federal and state regulators under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Fred understands the full range of issues surrounding U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) surface transportation programs, including grant management, procurement, suspension and debarment, and safety regulations. During his career, Fred has handled a wide variety of environmental litigation in federal trial and appellate courts across the country, from citizen suits to government enforcement actions and Administration Procedure Act (APA) challenges.

Fred was appointed chief counsel of the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) during the Obama administration. He managed all legal matters involving the \$40 billion Federal-Aid Highway program, including environmental and natural resources issues for highway and multimodal transportation projects. Among other high-profile projects, he oversaw the agency's defense of the following: New York's Tappan Zee Bridge, San Francisco's Presidio Parkway, Chicago's Elgin-O'Hare Expressway, Kentucky and Indiana's Ohio River Bridges, North Carolina's Bonner Bridge, Alabama's Birmingham Northern Beltline, Wisconsin's Zoo Interchange, and Washington's State Road 520 Bridge. He represented the FHWA on the government-wide Transportation Rapid Response Team, a multi-agency task force focused on improving project delivery and environmental review reforms.

Fred began his career as a trial attorney in the Environment Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He also served as a special assistant U.S. attorney in the Misdemeanor Trial Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Prior to joining Venable, he spent more than 20 years in private practice at a national law firm focusing on environmental and natural resources issues.

Nicole Waldheim, Burgess & Niple

Nicole has 19 years of experience in transportation planning and studies, with the last 9 focused on transportation safety. At Burgess & Niple (B&N) since March 2020, Nicole is the national Transportation Safety Planning Team Lead. Nicole developed and teaches a full day class to assist DOTs and MPOs identify tools, techniques, strategies, and policies to help prioritize safe systems concepts in their transportation planning documents. As a member of TRB's standing committee on Transportation Safety Management, Nicole helps shape the future of safety research on topics such as culture, safe systems, and safety planning related topics. She has served as project manager on several regional and local safety plans, assisting clients with a coordinated agency approach, to reducing severe crashes. Nicole is also co-leading efforts at B&N to expand efforts to integrate safety into the company culture.

Nick Warren, Memphis Urban Area MPO

Nick graduated from Arizona State University with a Baccalaureate of Science in Urban and Metropolitan Studies, and received his Master's in City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University. Nick has worked as a transportation planner for the Memphis MPO for four years, and he oversees the MPO's public involvement/Title VI program and congestion management process. He also assists Kate in the development and maintenance of the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program.

Jeffrey Weidner, Marlin Engineering

Mr. Jeffrey Weidner has 36 years of experience as a professional transportation planner in Southeast Florida working for both private consulting firms and for government agencies. Jeff is the Vice President of Freight, Logistics and Passenger Operations for Marlin Engineering Inc. and is responsible for managing the firm's multimodal, policy planning, growth management and economic development disciplines across the state including the Miami, Plantation, Palm Beach Gardens, Tampa, and Tallahassee, Florida offices.

Lizzie Welch, Cambridge Systematics

Lizzie Welch, P.E., is an Associate at Cambridge Systematics specializing in freight transportation policy and planning and geographic analysis. She has led regional freight plans, analysis of freight movement patterns, travel time reliability, commodity flows and forecasts, safety and crashes, asset condition, truck parking, and economic impacts as well as the development of recommendations and strategies to address freight needs. Prior to her career in freight plan, Ms. Welch worked as a manufacturing engineer.

Dave Wessel, MetroPlan Flagstaff

David Wessel, MetroPlan Planning Manager (Flagstaff, AZ), has 30+ years of transportation planning experience. He has a Masters in Community Planning, University of Maryland, and a Bachelor's in Parks Management, Colorado State University. In 24 years at Flagstaff more than \$450 million in local multimodal transportation funding and millions more in federal grants have been raised. Dave produced comprehensive plans for communities in Bannock County, Idaho and focuses on connections between transportation and land use.

Yolanka Wulff, Community Air Mobility Initiative

Yolanka is an experienced Executive and Program Director with mission-driven organizations. With an excellent ability to create and execute on a strategic vision, solve problems creatively, mediate stakeholder differences collaboratively, and communicate effectively. She is a leader and a bridge builder with a passion for the human effort to make our world sustainable.

Pavan Yedavalli, Wisk

Pavan received his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in urban computing, with his thesis focused on developing software to understand the impacts of UAM. He completed his B.S. in EECS from UC Berkeley and his M.S. in EE from Columbia University. He has led R&D teams at both Airbus and NASA, worked as a Senior DSP Software Engineer for over seven years at Tarana Wireless Inc., and founded his own NSF-funded company, Perpetual Systems Inc.

Ellen Zavisca, Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Ellen has been a transportation planner with Knoxville-Knox County Planning and the Knoxville Regional TPO since 2005. Her focus has been on safety for all modes, greenway planning, Safe Routes to School, and health. Her projects have included creating multiple bike/ped and greenway plans; building databases and maps of traffic crashes in the Knoxville region; and rejuvenating the Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenway Council. She is certified by the League of American Bicyclists as a bicycle safety instructor and

teaches Street Skills for Bicyclists classes and bicycle rodeos. She has a master's degree in urban planning from University of Illinois-Chicago.

Wang Zhang, Maricopa Association of Governments

Dr. Wang Zhang is transportation data program manager at Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). He received his Ph.D. in civil engineering from Virginia Tech. His work at MAG involves applying data analytics to transportation system analysis, modeling and planning studies. He has experiences in leveraging a wide span of transportation data.