

2022 AMPO ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Speaker Bios

Farhad Ahmadzai, Akron Metropolitan Planning Transportation Study

Farhad Ahmadzai, EI/EIT, holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree and completed a master's degree program in Transportation Engineering. He is a transportation and traffic engineer with six years of experience in managing various planning and technical work utilizing standard and customized computer software, including GIS and transportation modeling software. Farhad is responsible for carrying out the technical and planning work with AMATS as a Transportation Designer.

Beth Alden, Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization

Beth Alden is the Executive Director of the Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization. She leads an award-winning team of planners with a long-range vision of a transportation system that is safe and efficient for all. In recent years she has directed several acclaimed planning studies using innovative research methods in a collaborative context and forged new interagency partnerships that break down silos and deliver projects. Her work has been recognized for pioneering the use of market research in community planning; for regional consensus-building and vision; for creative public engagement campaigns integrating on-line interactive platforms, phone polling, and social media; and for out-of-the-box thinking on rapid transit, walkable communities, welfare-to-work transportation, and linking planning with operations and performance measures.

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 37 years of experience in transportation planning and public relations. His expertise includes performance-based planning and prioritization; freight planning; equity analysis; transit and shared mobility; active transportation; multi-state corridors and coalitions; and other long-range planning efforts. 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.

Ashley Asmus, Metropolitan Council

Ashley is a Data Scientist with the Metropolitan Council. She is a collaborative data scientist with a knack for using complex datasets to address issues relevant to the environment, human society and climate change. She also has a knack for whipping disparate datasets into shape, and a passion for beautiful data visualization.

Lance Ballard, P.E., Kimley Horn

Lance is a transportation engineer with Kimley Horn specializing in transportation data analytics, traffic signal operations, and ITS. Lance has pioneered the use of data analysis tools to visualize and analyze large datasets from a myriad of sources including crash, signal timing, ATMS, incident management, performance metrics, and transit data. Lance frequently consults on projects nationwide as a practice leader in visualizing transportation data and creating dashboards for state, regional, and local agencies

Rob Balmes, Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization

Rob Balmes is the Director of the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) in Florida. He has been TPO Director since May 2019. Rob has 25 years of experience in transportation planning, community development and management practices across the nation at state, regional and local levels of government. His expertise lies in extensive knowledge of transportation policy, developing partnerships with government agencies, and project leadership and management. He has served in many capacities to support the planning and integration of all modes of transportation.

Thomas Bamonte, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Thomas Bamonte is Senior Program Manager for Transportation Technology & Innovation at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, where he works on AV and other transportation technology projects and related 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.

Victoria Barrett, Chicago Metropolitan Agency on Planning

Victoria Barrett is a Senior Transportation Planner in CMAP's Regional Policy and Implementation Division. She has two decades of experience in sustainable multimodal transportation planning and policy. Her work has focused on making our cities more livable, resilient, and equitable through safe and efficient mobility and responsible land-use practices. Currently, she is working on a new initiative for the Chicago region, which includes policy, design, planning, educational and collaborative strategies to improve safety for all users, regardless of age, ability, income, race or mode of travel.

Anna Batista, High Street Consulting

Anna Batista is a national expert on transportation performance management, focusing on the interaction between the organizational underpinnings of agencies and using 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.

Vince Bernardin, Caliper Corporation

Dr. Vince Bernardin is a Vice President of Caliper Corporation based in Indiana. Vince has project experience in twenty-seven states and three continents developing and applying statewide, urban, and corridor-level travel forecasting models for both plan development and major project studies. He has managed and contributed to the development of more statewide models than anyone else. He is best known for his pioneering work with big data and for his development of innovative modeling approaches.

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 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.

Julia Billings, Modern Mobility Partners

Julia Billings, AICP is a Project Manager with Modern Mobility Partners, a transportation planning and traffic engineering DBE consulting firm based in Atlanta. She has 10 years of transportation and land use planning experience, working on a wide range of project types from corridor and neighborhood plans to city-, region-, and state-wide plans. She also leads Modern Mobility Partners' public and stakeholder engagement efforts on several projects, using digital and in-person strategies to build consensus throughout the planning and engineering process. Her public and private sector experience lends her valuable insight into the essential relationship between land use and transportation planning. Julia serves as the consultant Deputy Project Manager on the Chattanooga/North Georgia 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council

Julie Bjornstad, AICP, is a Senior Transportation Planner for the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the metropolitan planning organization for the Salt Lake City-West Valley City and Ogden-Layton urbanized areas. She focuses on long-range planning, performance management, policy, and transportation finance. Her passion for her work is based in improving the livability of our communities by informing decision-making with data. She leads coordination of federal performance measures, targets, and reporting for WFRC.

Sarah Bond,

Sarah Bond, AICP is a planner, creative and advocate. Sarah credits her passion for cities and culture to her upbringing in Baltimore City. The combination of both professional and personal experiences has led Sarah to a greater mission of doing work that makes the world better than the one she grew up in. In college, she discovered the field of urban planning as a perfect blend of her interests in cities and civil service. She holds a Bachelor's in Geography with a minor in Urban Studies from the University of Mary Washington. In 2020, she graduated from the University of Maryland with a Master's in Community Planning. Sarah joined the Thrivance Group in 2022 to continue her work of advocacy for racialized people, and to further cultivate her passion for social justice and equity in

planning. Most recently she led the planning of the 2022 Unurbanist Assembly. Sarah has worked for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments as an intern and transportation planner. Her work includes contributions to the TPB's Visualize 2045 update, and work with the Transportation and Land Use Connections program. In addition to planning, Sarah has a love for art, design and creative thinking.

Aileen Bouclé, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

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.

Thomas Brandenstein, Whitehouse Group

Thomas Brandenstein has a BS in Geographic Information Sciences from the University of Akron. He worked for Uber Advanced Technology Group in the autonomous vehicle mapping department and for Aurora in the mapping department for the autonomous trucking industry. He recently joined the Whitehouse Group, where he is an Associate Planner supporting the Broward MPO, PennDOT, and the Florida MPO Advisory Council's Freight and Rail Committee Freight Project Priorities Program.

Christopher Bross, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Christopher has over thirty years of experience in the field of government procurement with over twenty-four years of management level experience in government transportation experience complying with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) procurement guidelines and State of Florida statutory procurement requirements. He earned B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of South Florida, and a Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) certification from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC).

Mark Brown, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mark is a Senior Planner for the Broward MPO and has extensive experience helping design and implement complete streets projects throughout the country. He served as complete streets project manager for Baltimore DOT, Dallas DOT, and Coral Gables Public Works over the past decade. Mark currently manages the MPO's safety efforts and performs long-range transportation planning for local municipalities at the MPO.

Neil Burke, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Neil Burke, AICP PTP is the Deputy Director with the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization; the MPO for the Charlotte, NC Urbanized Area. Mr. Burke leads the development of transportation plans, manages and develops funding programs for transportation projects, and serves as Secretary to the MPO policy board. He has been the

Vice-President of the NC Association of MPOs since 2019 and served on the North Carolina Statewide Prioritization Work Group since 2014.

Steve Call, FHWA

Steve Call is originally from Columbus, Ohio. He attended Brigham Young University where he received a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering. He is a licensed Professional Engineer and has spent his entire career with FHWA. He became a planner in 1993 and has had assignments in Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, Illinois, and Salt Lake City, Utah. He currently works with the FHWA Office of Planning on the Capacity Building Team. He is married and the father of six and the grandfather of six.

Paul Calvaresi, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Paul Calvaresi is the BMPO's Intergovernmental Manager. Mr. Calvaresi has over 10 years of experience in public service. He holds an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning. During his time at the Broward MPO, Paul has worked on a variety of projects ranging from financing, public engagement, local community transit, and regional planning. Paul combines the MPO's technical research to take action on policy at all levels.

Daniel Capparella, Greater Nashville Regional Council

Daniel currently serves as the Active Transportation Planner for the Greater Nashville Regional Council, which houses the Nashville region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He has worked on a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update, several ADA transition plans within the region, the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the region's Public Infrastructure Needs Inventory (PINI). He received his Bachelor of Arts from Occidental College in Urban and Environmental Policy.

Lauren Cardoni, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Lauren Cardoni serves as a Senior Planner with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). She works on all things active transportation and transportation safety, including managing the current regional trail count program. She is responsible for the development and implementation of the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan, the regional Complete Streets Policy, and the regional Active Transportation Plan.

Anat Caspi, Taskar Center for Accessible Technology

Dr. Anat Caspi is the Director of the Taskar Center for Accessible Technology (TCAT) at the University of Washington (UW), and the Principal Investigator for the UW ITS4US project team. TCAT, housed in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, focuses on translating novel research and technologies for use by populations with disabilities. Among Dr. Caspi's most recent experiences includes leading the development of the OpenSidewalks data standard and development of the AccessMap routing application.

Joe Castiglione, San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Joe Castiglione is the Deputy Directory 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. He led the development of the first activity-based travel model used extensively in application in the US and has

subsequently led efforts to integrate advanced travel demand simulations with dynamic traffic models.

Paul Chance, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

Paul Chance serves as the Public Involvement Officer for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). He has 20 years of public relations experience. One of his many objectives is keeping the citizens of Miami-Dade County connected and involved with the TPO transportation planning process, which includes three main documents: Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program and the Unified Planning Work Program. He also is the coordinator of the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee.

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.

Ryan Collins, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Austin, TX

Ryan is the Short-Range Planning Manager at the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) where he has managed the funding programs, project development, and corridor planning efforts for the past six years.

He is passionate about enhancing the integration of transportation planning efforts with the environmental and engineering phases of project development. As agencies responsible for early planning activities, he believes that MPO's have a unique role in driving a more efficient, data-driven, and practical approach to the development of regional transportation systems.

Prior to joining CAMPO, Ryan worked for the Tennessee Department of Transportation where he developed the environmental planner training program and created new digital tools and work-flow processes for the NEPA program. He has a graduate degree in Environmental Resource Management and a bachelor's degree in English, both from the University of South Carolina.

Robert Cook, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Robert W. Cook, AICP serves as Director of the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO), the metropolitan planning organization for the Charlotte urbanized area. He has led the CRTPO since 2004, growing the organization from three people to its current twelve member staff. Prior to his work for the CRTPO, he worked for the Charlotte Area Transit System and was director of the Gaston Urban Area MPO in Gastonia, NC.

Amy Cummings, Parametrix

Amy is the Nevada Planning Manager for Parametrix. Prior to joining Parametrix, Amy worked as an MPO director and served on the AMPO Board. She has a Master of Community Planning degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Tasha Cunningham, The Brand Advocates

Tasha Cunningham is a seasoned media professional. She has managed contracts, while successfully executing creative campaigns for clients in the public and private sectors. She has worked with major national brands like Johnson & Johnson, non-profit hospital systems like Jackson Health, the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Kissimmee, Vero Beach, Miami, the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)/Tri-Rail, Broward MPO, and many others.

Ann Cundy, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

Ann joined the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) in 2013 after working in transportation planning in Charlottesville and Missoula, Montana. Her work involves overseeing two MPOs, the PDC's rural transportation planning program, administering the BRITE Bus System, and the region's commuter assistance program. She and her team provide support to communities through administration of the MPO, grant management, small area studies, long range planning, and provision of transit service to the region.

Tane Danger

Tane Danger is on a mission to make good things fun. He is an emcee, comedian, teacher, and speaker. He is best known as the host of the nationally renowned civics-inspired improv comedy show, The Theater of Public Policy. At each show, he interviews newsmakers, policymakers, and big thinkers on issues ranging from race in education to the farm bill. Then the show's cast of improvisers takes everything that's been said and turns it into entirely unscripted improv comedy theater. Through the show, he has interviewed more than 500 people: current and former members of congress, university and college presidents, academics, journalists, historians, authors, and many more.

In 2020, Tane was hired to direct the Westminster Town Hall Forum – the Upper Midwest's largest and most prestigious speaker series. For more than 40 years, the Town Hall Forum has brought voices of conscience to Minneapolis to speak to issues of the day, "from an ethical perspective."

In 2014, Tane won a fellowship from the St. Paul-based Bush Foundation. The Bush Fellowship helped Tane earn a Master's of Public Policy from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. In a self-designed concentration, Tane looked at how improv theater could inform and improve politics and public policy.

The University of Minnesota School of Design tapped Tane to teach a new course called, "Improvisation for Design." The class explores how the tools improvisers use on stage can help anyone be more creative, communicative, and collaborative. Throughout the semester, Tane pairs improv exercises with readings on design thinking and invites students to reflect on how the two complement one another.

Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Nancy Daubenberger has worked for the Minnesota Department of Transportation for over 22 years, in engineering and management positions and was appointed by Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan as the agency's Commissioner in May 2022 after serving for three years as Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer.

Prior to her current role, she served as the Assistant Commissioner for Engineering Services, the State Bridge Engineer, and also previously served in planning, project management and design roles for the MnDOT Bridge Office and Metro District. Before coming to MnDOT, she worked in consulting for about six years, in both bridge and road design.

Nancy is a native of Minnesota and holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from North Dakota State University in addition to a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering (with a structural emphasis) from the University of Minnesota. Nancy and her husband reside in Woodbury, Minnesota, where they raised their daughter and son.

Megan Day, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Megan Day, AICP is a Senior Energy Planner at NREL where she applies the lab's tools, models, and expertise to support state, local, and tribal planning for equitable energy transitions. She led the development of the State and Local Planning for Energy (SLOPE) platform and Scenario Planner and leads the Sustainable Communities Catalyzer and LA100 Equity Strategies analysis teams. Megan is a certified urban and regional planner with a background in climate action planning.

Judy Dellert-O'Keef, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Judy Dellert-O'Keef leads the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (CRTPO) Public Engagement program. Within this role, she manages all outreach efforts; provides support to the project teams, work groups, and member jurisdictions; leads the bi-annual Board Orientation; produces CRTPO's Annual Report and quarterly newsletters; and manages the website and social media content. She has extensive public engagement experience in transportation in the planning, design, and construction phases, long-range transportation, and state and federal outreach requirements.

Rich Denbow, Cambridge Systematics

Rich Denbow is a Senior Associate with Cambridge Systematics in Raleigh, NC. Before joining CS, he was the Director of Technical Programs at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) for 15 years, where he worked with MPOs around the country on technical and policy matters related to transportation planning. He has a M.S. in Environmental Planning from the University of Michigan and a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Florida.

Kelly Dixon, Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council

Kelly Dixon serves as the Project Management Lead for the ITS4US Deployment in Buffalo, NY. She has over ten years of service at the GBNRTC and is involved in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Planning efforts, Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning and the transportation demand management initiative Go Buffalo Niagara which is working to expand multi-modal transportation options in the region. On the sustainability front, Kelly coordinates the One Region Forward Implementation Council which serves to guide implementation of Buffalo Niagara's

Regional Plan for Sustainable Development, and she is also a member of Erie County's Climate Change Taskforce.

Prior to her current position, Kelly served as the Executive Director for the Center for Transportation Excellence of New York, a mobility management company specializing in the coordination of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation for governmental entities and Medicaid Managed Care programs. She holds a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from the University at Buffalo.

Ashley Dobson, Avid Core

Ashley Dobson is committed to helping people communicate with impact. As the Director of Operations and Strategic Communications at Avid Core, her work focuses on leading public outreach efforts to reach historically marginalized communities and Tribal Nations. Prior to working at Avid Core, she supported marketing initiatives at a higher education association and worked as a journalist at newspapers across the U.S.

Daniel Doenges, Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County

Dan is the Director of Planning for the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County. Dan has over 20 years of experience in transportation planning in both the public and private sectors. Dan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and City and Regional Planning from New Mexico State University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago. Dan serves on the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Technical Committee.

Robyn Egbert, Houston-Galveston Area Council

Robyn Egbert works as the Outreach Coordinator for the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Passionate about engaging organizations with their communities, Robyn finds joy in connecting people and building lasting relationships. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for PRSA Houston, an active member of the Junior League of Houston, a published writer, a mentor to University of Houston undergraduate students, and enthusiastic sports fan.

Jonathan Ehrlich, Metropolitan Council

Jonathan Ehrlich is the manager of travel research and modeling at the Metropolitan Council. He has been at the Council for 15 years and has more than 20 years of experience in transportation forecasting and research. He has a BS in Civil Engineering from Columbia University.

Brian Elgort, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Brian Elgort, AICP is the Associate Planner for the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO). He is involved in a variety of tasks, including conducting research and data analysis, serving as staff lead for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Work Group, creating graphics and document design, and aiding in the development of various programs. He has experience conducting public meetings as a local planner and with managing logistics for virtual and hybrid meetings with CRTPO.

Ellen Esch, Metropolitan Council

Ellen Esch is a Senior Data Scientist on the Community Development Research Team at the Metropolitan Council. Fundamental principles from ecosystem and plant community

ecology inform Ellen's work. At the Council, she works to understand how interacting global change processes impact human communities and natural ecosystems to help plan for a more sustainable, equitable, and prosperous future for the Twin Cities Metro Region.

Khyra Everette, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Khyra Everette is the Broward MPO's Communications Principal Coordinator. She spearheads the agency's educational outreach efforts. She works within the Communications/Public Involvement team and is responsible for assisting with the development and implementation of the communication program. Prior to joining the Broward MPO, she did paid social for a marketing firm, blogged within the supply chain industry, and was an ambassador for the Museum of Ice Cream Miami.

Christopher Evilia, Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Christopher Evilia has been a professional transportation planner since 1995 with tenures at the Tuscaloosa, Alabama MPO, Waco, Texas MPO and currently the Director of the Lexington, Kentucky Area MPO. Mr. Evilia is a graduate of the University of New Orleans with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography. Mr. Evilia is a member of the AMPO Emerging Technologies Work Group & Technical Committee and former director of the Texas Association of MPOs.

Dennis Farmer, Metropolitan Council

Dennis Farmer, AICP, is a planning analyst for the Metropolitan Council, where he has worked for 15 years. At the Metropolitan Council, Dennis works on travel demand modeling and local population growth forecasts. He previously worked as a transportation planner at Parsons Brinkerhoff. He has a Master of Arts in Urban Planning from UCLA.

Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas

Chelsea Favero, AICP, is the planning manager for Forward Pinellas, the countywide land use and transportation planning agency. With more than 15 years of experience, she manages the MPO program for the agency, as well as several of the agency's signature projects, including the project prioritization process and the Long Range Transportation Plan, while serving as a liaison between the agency and local, regional and state transportation partners.

Daniel Fazekas, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

Daniel Fazekas is the Manager of Transportation Planning 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 in Oklahoma City and a transportation planner at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG). He holds a bachelor's degree in Geography and a master's degree in Regional City Planning from the University of Oklahoma. Danny was born and raised in Buffalo, New York.

Brian Fineman, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Brian Fineman is the Director of Systems Planning, Data and Forecasting at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, focusing on performance-based planning and

systematic decision-making at the MPO for more than 25 years. He has led agency work on performance measures, a regional capital investment strategy, scenario analysis, an accessibility and place-based congestion management process, multimodal transportation modeling, forecasting, geographic information systems, and air quality analysis. He holds a Ph.D. in physics from Stony Brook University.

James Fister, East-West Gateway Council of Governments

James Fister is a Long-Range Transportation Planner for East-West Gateway Council of Governments in St. Louis, Missouri. His focus is on equity in transportation planning at the MPO level, and the intersection between transportation and housing policy.

Mavrick Fitzgerald, Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mavrick Fitzgerald, AICP, is a transportation planner at the Memphis MPO. He previously worked on the 2017 Greater Memphis Regional Freight Plan and other MPO freight studies. He has also worked on bicycle/pedestrian planning, ITS Architecture, Congestion Management, and Planning & Environmental Linkages for the Memphis MPO. He received a Master of Science in Planning degree from Florida State University.

Paul Flavien, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Paul Flavien is the Planning & Programming Data Services Manager for the Broward MPO. Paul's responsibilities include data services, freight planning, regional transportation planning, travel demand modeling & long-range transportation planning. He manages the MPO's Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC). He also is the staff lead for the Florida MPO Advisory Council's Freight and Rail Committee, which includes the Freight Project Priorities Program.

William Frawley, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

William "Bill" Frawley serves the Texas A&M Transportation Institute as a Research Scientist Program Manager. Mr. Frawley is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning. He and his team are leading the work to complete a large area resiliency plan with one major MPO and dozens of outlying but affected communities.

Randi Gates, Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

Randi Gates, AICP, is a Division Manager with the City of Gastonia's Development Services department, currently serving as the Principal Transportation Planner and Administrator of the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization. Randi is a certified planner with over 16 years of transportation and connectivity planning experience in both the public and private sectors.

Kenzie Gleason, Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Kenzie Gleason is the Assistant Director of the Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, a two-county MPO in central Kentucky. This mid-sized MPO also staffs the City of Lexington's Planning Commission and Planning Department, developing Comprehensive, Small Area and Corridor Plans for the City and evaluating subdivision plans and zoning applications. In her 20 years with the MPO, Kenzie has coordinated the development of several Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Transportation Improvement Programs, Bicycle/Pedestrian & Trail Plans.

Brigida Gonzalez, Texas DOT

Brigida Gonzalez joined TxDOT's Transportation Planning and Programming Division in 2018 as a Transportation Planner - MPO Coordinator. As such, she supports and guides a handful of MPOs across the state of Texas with their MPO planning and federal compliance requirements. Her 35-year career in transportation includes 11 years of service at an MPO where she participated in a full spectrum of planning opportunities that include long-range to short-range planning, bike & ped planning, freight, and resiliency just to name a few. Her 17 years in transit planning, contracts administration, and operations have proven invaluable in providing a solid transportation foundation. Brigida earned a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Public Administration from Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

Bert Granberg, Wasatch Front Regional Council

Bert leads WFRC's Analytics Group, which specializes in understanding and communicating current and future transportation, land use, and socio-economic patterns for the Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber County metro area. Group expertise includes CUBE-based travel demand modeling, OPUS (UrbanSim) land use modeling, TAZ-level household and job forecasts, and geographic information system mapping, analysis and decision support from short- and long-range planning and economic development.

Michael Grant, ICF

Michael Grant is a Vice President at ICF with over 25 years of experience in transportation planning, policy, and performance management. He was lead author of the Federal Highway Administration's Performance-based Planning and Programming Guidebook, Congestion Management Process Guidebook, and Community Impact Assessment "purple book", and has developed many guidebooks, resources, and training materials for the transportation community focused on enhancing transportation planning and decision-making processes. He has instructed National Highway Institute courses on Performance-based Planning and Programming, Effective Target Setting, and Planning for Transportation Systems Management and Operations, and has provided technical assistance on topics including planning for operations and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance sustainability, improve transportation system performance, and support community livability. He has also worked with many metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) around the country on their long-range transportation plans and performance measures.

Erin Grushon, Burgess Niple

Erin Grushon, AICP has 12 years of experience working with local, regional and state clients to develop systemwide plans that balance competing priorities in order to efficiently manage public resources and investments. Erin recently worked with three MPOs to update their MTPs in accordance with all federal long-range planning requirements established for MPOs. Erin understands the complexities of MTP updates and the unique challenges that MPOs face, particularly small to medium-sized MPOs with limited resources.

Fred Gsell, ETC Institute

Fred Gsell is a Vice President of Field Operations and serves as a Project Manager for ETC Institute. Over the last 15 plus years, his primary focus has been in public transit research, specifically Origin – Destination Studies, for the purpose of making updates to local travel

demand models, Title VI, and New and Small Starts projects. In addition, he also has led significant efforts in other areas of transit research, including customer satisfaction, market research, and user/non-user studies. These studies support many different transit modes, including all forms of public bus, light rail, subway, commuter rail, and ferries. For these studies, he has managed all elements involved in project execution including methodology design, questionnaire and sample design, data collection management, processing and weighting data, and reporting. In addition to transit studies, he has also been involved in high-speed rail feasibility studies, household travel studies, and other types of social science research.

Paul Gully, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

Paul Gully is a senior regional planner with the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada where he leads a variety of studies and manages projects in support of the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan. His current work is focused on extreme heat and expanding access to healthy food. Prior to joining the RTC in 2016, Paul studied public policy at the University of Michigan where he focused on local and regional policy and planning.

Jason Hawkins, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Jason Hawkins is an Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. His research areas include travel demand forecasting, energy & GHG emissions of infrastructure, and emerging mobility.

Adrienne Heller, Cambridge Systematics

Adrienne Heller is an Associate with nine years of experience specializing in transportation electrification and equity. Her recent work includes the Colorado Energy Office's Colorado Electric Vehicle Study, for which the team is developing quantitative tools that can be used to prioritize spending in areas that have been historically underserved. She is also supporting the Community Access Enterprise in developing a ten-year plan to direct nearly \$300 million in electrification spending.

Navjot Heer, Thrivance Group

Navjot (Navi) is an urban planner, architectural designer, and organizer with a passion for centering the voices and leadership of impacted communities, demystifying urban design, qualitative research, and storytelling. In her current role with Thrivance Group, she focuses on dignity-infused community engagement, oral history collection, coalition building, and supporting research for a comprehensive package for spatial reparations through policy. Navjot's family immigrated to the Central Valley in the 1980s from Panjab in present-day India-Pakistan. Her family background informs her values-driven community organizing and advocacy work in Chicago where she currently lives, which includes creating the Ghar Archive project and being a part of various racial justice and PIC abolitionist spaces such as the nationwide Design as Protest Collective and No New Jails Campaign. Navjot earned a Master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor's of Architecture degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Carol Henderson, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Carol Henderson, Deputy Executive Director of the Broward MPO has a record of success for operational and strategic improvements, and bold visionary initiatives. The bulk of her career was with The Walt Disney Company as well as other iconic companies such as Coca-Cola and the Miami Dolphins. Prior to joining the Broward Metropolitan Organization, she was with the launch team of the intercity train company, All Aboard Florida, now Brightline.

Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando

Eric Hill is the Director, Systems Management and Operations at Metroplan Orlando. He is a native of the State of New Jersey, has been employed in the transportation industry since 1984. Mr. Hill's career in the transportation industry includes progressively responsible positions with a transit agency, planning authority and transportation research center. In his position at METROPLAN ORLANDO, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Orlando Urbanized Area, including three counties. Mr. Hill is responsible for planning and implementing TSMO strategies that use information and communication technologies to enhance the transportation network within the METROPLAN ORLANDO area. Mr. Hill received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Policy from Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey. He is active with several local and national transportation committees and associations. Eric and his wife, Jocelyn reside in the City of Tampa with their Rottweiler, Nipsey and frog, Poseidon.

Cole Hiniker, Metropolitan Council

Cole is the Multimodal Planning Manager for the Metropolitan Council in Minneapolis-Saint Paul, MN. His team leads transit, bicycle, pedestrian, freight, aviation, and land use coordination for the Transportation Planning team at the MPO. Cole focuses much of this time on relating big picture planning ideas to the needs and values of the region and is the project manager for the region's 2050 Transportation Policy Plan.

Adam Howell, Atkins

Adam Howell has nearly 15 years of progressive urban and transportation planning experience that spans across the United States in both the public and private sectors. He has helped government agencies navigate complex initiatives that require strategic coordination and thought leadership to prepare them for the future – a future where multimodal technologies can enhance mobility and quality of life. He currently serves as Atkins' National Rail & Transit Planning Market Lead. Prior to joining Atkins, Adam served as Administrator for the TPAC and Wake Transit Program in Wake County, NC, facilitating policies and programs to support the implementation of a new multi-billion dollar transit investment program. Adam holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UMBC and a master's degree in city and regional planning, with a focus in urban transportation infrastructure/innovation from Morgan State University.

Joel Huting, Metropolitan Council

Joel Huting leads the Research team in the Metropolitan Council's Community Development division, where his team supports regional planning by providing data, analysis, and tools in the areas of demographics, land use, climate change, parks, equity, housing, and more. He has an M.S. from Northwestern University and a B.A. from Augsburg University where he studied analytics, economics, and mathematics.

Kenneth Joh, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Kenneth Joh, Ph.D., AICP, CPM is a Principal Statistical Survey Analyst at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). With nearly two decades of experience in transportation and household travel surveys, Dr. Joh oversaw the once-a-decade Regional Travel Survey, the largest household travel survey ever conducted for the Washington, DC region. Dr. Joh currently serves as a Member of the Travel Survey Methods Committee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB).

Matt Johns, Rapides Area Planning Commission

Matt Johns has 16 years of planning experience between the Rapides Area Planning Commission and the Louisiana DOTD. He is currently the Executive Director of the Rapides Area Planning Commission, a member of the Louisiana Planning Council, and on the board of directors for the Louisiana Transportation Authority as well as the Louisiana Community Development Authority. He also serves as vice-chairman of the policy committee for AMPO and serves on multiple committees for the Transportation Research Board. Since joining RAPC, Matt has led the expansion of the MPO from 5 staff members to 19 – accompanied by an annual operating budget that grew from \$250,000 to \$2.5 million per year. This was accomplished by offering technical assistance to surrounding jurisdictions, providing the expertise of RAPC’s talented staff to assist almost any need – transportation related or otherwise. Matt has a bachelor’s degree in Public Administration from Louisiana College and obtained his professional planning certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Ashby Johnson, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Austin, 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.

Dr. Alex Karner, Community and Regional Planning, University of Texas, Austin

Alex Karner, PhD, Lead Researcher and Associate Professor of Community and Regional Planning, UT Austin. Dr. Karner conducts rigorous community-engaged research that has resulted in changes to planning practices and achieved equity-promoting outcomes. He has worked to improve regional equity analysis, public transit accessibility measurement, and health impact assessment using emerging data sources and open-source software and methods.

John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics

John Kaliski is Vice President of Cambridge Systematics and the firm’s national practice lead for transportation planning and management. He has worked with state, regional, and local planning, transportation, economic development, and workforce development organizations to understand long-range trends and potential futures; define visions and goals; develop long-range and strategic plans; and align policies, plans, and investments.

He currently serves as Project Manager for National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) 20-24 (138), which is articulating a vision for the next era of transportation in the United States and individual and collective actions state departments of transportation and their partners can take to achieve this vision.

Zach Kaufman, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

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

Stuart Kearns, Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Stuart Kearns' work has focused on transportation since graduating from Eastern Kentucky University in 1990 with a degree in Geography and Planning. Stuart spent eleven years with the Lexington Area MPO, during which time he completed his Master of Public Administration. In 2001 he spent two years with a private consulting firm followed by thirteen years as Associate Director of Transportation at the University of Kentucky before returning to work with the Lexington Area MPO.

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Director, City of Minneapolis' Public Works Department

Margaret Anderson Kelliher is serving as the City of Minneapolis' Public Works Department Director since March 2022. Anderson Kelliher oversees a department with approximately 1,100 employees that build, operate and maintain the City's public infrastructure and deliver critical services, such as solid waste and recycling collection, safe drinking water, street maintenance and emergency sewer and road repairs.

Previously, Anderson Kelliher has served as the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation since 2019. In addition to serving as MnDOT commissioner, Anderson Kelliher served 12 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives, including as the Minnesota House Speaker for four years. While House Speaker, she oversaw passage of the transportation and transit funding package in 2008 – a groundbreaking investment in the state's multimodal transportation and transit system.

Anderson Kelliher grew up on a dairy farm in rural Blue Earth County, Minnesota. After graduating from Mankato West High School, she received a B.A. in history and political science from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University.

Michael Kelly, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Mike Kelly is the executive director of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, the council of governments serving greater Baltimore. Prior to his appointment as executive director, Mike served as general counsel and director of government relations for the organization. From 2011 – 2015, Mike served as the director of the Opportunity Collaborative, a coalition of stakeholders who developed Baltimore's Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. Mike holds his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and Juris Doctor with a concentration in Public & Governmental Service from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

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. He is a graduate of Portland State University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Planning and Policy and a Master of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Washington. Kjellman began his planning career in Seattle in 2005. After college, he bought an around-the-world flight and traveled for a year, including a bicycle trip through Cambodia.

Emily Kleinfelter, Denver Regional Council of Governments

Emily is the Safety/Regional Vision Zero Planner for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). She is responsible for research and analysis of data and information for use in regional transportation safety planning. Emily works to collaborate with regional partners and stakeholders to make recommendations on regional safety and Vision Zero planning and implementation initiatives and programs. She also is responsible for leading the implementation and next phase of DRCOG's Complete Streets Toolkit work.

Alex Kone, Genesee Transportation Council

Alex has served as the Assistant Director for the Genesee Transportation Council (Rochester, NY) since 2016, managing performance-based planning and capital funding programs. He is leading the effort to develop the Genesee-Finger Lakes Scenario Tool as a collaborative platform for aligning regional visioning and local planning. Previously, he was a Principal Planner for the Capital Area MPO in Austin, Texas where he developed a regional policy framework for supportive transportation investments in mixed-use centers.

Amy Kosanovic, Tennessee Department of Transportation

Amy Kosanovic is a Freight Planning Supervisor in TDOT's Freight & Logistics Division. Amy manages all facets of freight planning for the division, including updates to the Multimodal Freight Plan, the State Rail Plan, and prioritization of freight projects. Amy's unit also oversees the Short Line Rail Rehabilitation Grant program and Rail Connectivity Grant program. Amy graduated from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC with a master's degree in Public Administration.

Mukesh Kumar, Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization

Dr. Mukesh Kumar is the Director of Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization. Prior to joining the MPO, he was the Director of Planning and Development for City of Jackson, MS and an Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at Jackson State University. Driven by the values of human scale and equity, he finds his inner quiet within webs of urban complexities and enjoys being a perennial student of cities.

Dan Lamers, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Senior Program Manager at NCTCOG for Transportation Planning. Has worked at NCTCOG since 1985 and is responsible for the development of the metropolitan transportation plan as well as subarea/corridor studies to support the MTP. Has worked on planning and developing the region's managed lane system for over 30 years.

Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando

Taylor Laurent is the Manager of Transportation Planning at MetroPlan Orlando. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with dual degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Taylor has a variety of experiences developing context sensitive solutions for the future of our transportation system, including corridor studies, complete streets, regional plans, scenario planning, and data analytics.

Jason Lawrence, Charlotte Area Transit System

Jason Lawrence joined the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) in 2000 and for the past 21 years has built a reputation of collaboration across the Charlotte region. Beginning in 2015, he led a comprehensive update of CATS 2030 Transit System Plan, which will guide CATS' transit efforts over the next 20 years. Jason also directs bus route planning/scheduling and oversees a bus priority study that will improve speed and reliability of bus service.

Mauricio Leon, Metropolitan Council

Mauricio Leon is a Senior Researcher at the Metropolitan Council, where he leads the Council's effort to create technical resources for communities around climate change mitigation. Mauricio is also a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota School of Public Affairs, and his research focuses on state and local climate change policy.

Ben Levin, USDOT

Ben is a Senior Advisor for Research and Technology at the Department of Transportation. Prior to joining DOT in 2021, he served as the founding executive director of MetroLab Network, a non-profit focused on leveraging research to address policy priorities in cities. Ben previously worked in infrastructure finance, in roles at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and at Morgan Stanley.

Jason Lien, Spokane Regional Transportation Council

Jason Lien is a Principal Transportation Planner at Spokane Regional Transportation Council, the MPO for the Spokane area in Eastern Washington. He helped lead the recently completed multimodal corridor study of Division Street, involving multiple agencies and stakeholders. Prior to joining SRTC in 2017, Jason spent 18 years in Oregon, working in both private consulting and public sector positions focusing on transportation planning and geographic information systems. He holds a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University.

Eric Lind, Strategic Initiatives, Metro Transit

Eric Lind, PhD manages the research and analytics group in Metro Transit, the primary public transportation provider in the Minneapolis-St. Paul region. The group makes data available for decision making across the agency, from planning to operations, including synthesis of automated transit data sources, externally available data, and rider and community surveys. Dr. Lind has worked closely with the Met Council MPO on advancing the practice and utility of household and transit on-board travel behavior surveys, and deepened their use within the agency for understanding who is and might be served well by Metro Transit.

Chris Lukasina, North Carolina Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Chris Lukasina is the Executive Director of the NC Capital Area MPO. Previously he has served as the director of the Jacksonville Metropolitan Planning Organization and two Rural Planning Organizations. His experience includes development of long-range transportation plans, TIP development, project prioritization, and chief of staff to technical and policy boards. Mr. Lukasina serves on the NC Statewide Prioritization Work Group and also serves as the president of the NC Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Olivia Lunsford, FAST Planning

Olivia Lunsford is a Transportation Planner for FAST Planning in Fairbanks, Alaska. Her journey in this field began somewhat unconventionally. After graduating from Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife & Fisheries, Pre-Veterinary Medicine, she shifted gears and headed north to Fairbanks to pursue a graduate degree in Natural Resources Management. It was then that she fell in love with the power of GIS in planning.

Upon completing her thesis, she brought years of GIS experience to FAST Planning as it transitioned to a non-profit MPO. Now a graduate of the UCLA GIS Certification program, Olivia has provided the public with the simple, yet effective, GIS tools they've been asking about for years with the help of Esri, Google, and open-source products. When she's not at her desk, she enjoys getting outside with her wife, baby, and their 3 huskies, spending time at her sewing machine, and chipping away at DIY home projects.

Reena Matthews, FTA

Reena Matthews has over 23 years of combined experience in planning, operations, policy, construction management, and research. She is FTA's Division Chief for the Planning Oversight and Capacity Building Division where she works to support all aspects of the transportation planning process and provides training and technical assistance for emerging issues. Prior to that, she worked at FHWA's Office of Planning where she led the implementation of the Strategic Highway Research Program. Reena has held positions at the Transportation Research Board, Maryland State Highway Administration, and in the private sector as a transportation planning consultant. She holds a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Raleigh McCoy, Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Raleigh is a transportation planner at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, where she manages the Community-Based Transportation Planning program and contributes to performance monitoring and long-range transportation planning efforts.

Eugene McGuinness, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Eugene McGuinness has served at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority since 2017. He is a principal planner and project manager for the NJTPA's congestion management process analysis. Holding a B.S. in Urban and Regional Studies from Cornell University and a Master's of City and Regional Planning from Georgia Institute of Technology, he previously was a geospatial analyst and performed research on public-private partnerships in rail transit at the Peking University Shenzhen Graduate school.

Tyler Meyer, Greensboro MPO

Tyler Meyer, AICP has been the Transportation Planning Division Manager for the City of Greensboro Department of Transportation since 2001 and the Chair of the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Coordinating Committee since 2009. His specialties include working with MPO Boards, metropolitan and state transportation plans, Transportation Improvement Program management, oversight of locally administered federal/state funded project programs, prioritization of multimodal transportation needs, transit funding and operational strategies, and pedestrian and bicycle planning. He is past President of the North Carolina Association of MPOs (NCAMPO) and served on the Board of Directors of AMPO for six years.

Justin Mondok, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments

Justin is a Regional Planner with the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, where he has worked on projects relating to the Mahoning River dam removals, wastewater planning, improving transportation through the lens of multimodal accessibility, and facilitating the agency's Citizens Advisory Board for the past few years. He graduated from Washington & Jefferson College with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and is currently pursuing an MPS in Community and Economic Development from Penn State.

Daniel Morgan, Caliper Corporation

Daniel Morgan is Vice President of Traffic Simulation at Caliper Corporation and Product Manager for TransModeler, Caliper's GIS-based traffic simulation software platform. Mr. Morgan specializes in traffic and transit simulation modeling and has experience in developing computer applications for transportation planning and in demand modeling. Mr. Morgan manages projects involving the development and application of traffic microsimulation and simulation-based dynamic traffic assignment (DTA) models for wide areas and regional networks using TransModeler.

Michelle Nance, Centralina Regional Council

Michelle E. Nance, AICP is the Regional Planning Director for the Centralina Regional Council, providing planning services to nine counties in the greater Charlotte region. Michelle directed the creation of the Charlotte region's growth framework, CONNECT Our Future, co-founded the Centralina Health Solutions Center, led the greater Charlotte region's freight mobility study, and recently led the team that completed region's first transit plan, CONNECT Beyond.

Jeff Newman, Cambridge Systematics

Dr. Newman is an expert at developing and using demand forecasting models, with more than 20 years of expertise across a broad portfolio of applications, including urban planning, public safety, and aviation. He is the author of Larch, an award-winning open source tool for large-scale advanced discrete choice models, and he is currently serving as the technical project manager for ActivitySim.

Andrea Noel, Tennessee Department of Transportation

Andrea has been with the Tennessee Department of Transportation since 2018, serving in several roles; Community Planning Supervisor, RPO program Administrator, and now supervises TDOT's Air Quality Office, which oversees the TDM, CMAQ, NEVI, and Carbon Reduction programs. Andrea is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine with a master's degree in Community Planning & Development and a bachelor's degree in Natural & Applied Science. Prior to joining TDOT, Andrea worked for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for seven years; as a Watershed Coordinator and Resource Manager. Andrea lives in Chattanooga with her husband and three sons and enjoys all the outdoor recreation Tennessee has to offer.

Cheryl O'Connor, Commute with Enterprise

Cheryl has been in the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) industry for 14 years and specifically in the vanpool segment for 9+ years. In her role as Corporate Commute Manager for Commute, she oversees the creation or expansion of public-private vanpool partnerships in the U.S. Cheryl is active in associations such as AMPO, ACT and APTA, holds a B.A. from Stetson University, an M.B.A. from St. Edwards University and is a fellow of multiple leadership programs.

Kyle O'Donnell Burrows, Metro Transit

Kyle O'Donnell Burrows is the Manager of BRT Planning at Metro Transit, where he leads a team responsible for planning stations and bus priority treatments on arterial BRT projects and incorporating those lines with the broader transit network. He has been with Metro Transit since 2012 working in planning roles in local bus and BRT. He earned his Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota.

Johnny Olszewski, Jr., Baltimore County Executive

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr. is a lifelong Baltimore County resident who believes in the power of public service and giving back to a community that has done so much for him. He is a graduate of Sparrows Point High School and earned an undergraduate degree from Goucher College and a master's degree from The George Washington University. In December 2017, Johnny earned his Ph.D. in public policy from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Johnny was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2006, at age 23, as the top vote-getter from Legislative District 6. He was re-elected four years later and served in the House of Delegates for nearly nine years. His work earned him a reputation as a "rising star" of Maryland politics—and helped breathe new life into the abandoned steel mill in his hometown.

In the legislature, Johnny served as the Chairman of the Baltimore County House Delegation and was the youngest person ever elected to that position. In that capacity, he helped lead unprecedented progress for the County in areas such as economic development and school board reform. As a staunch advocate of working families, Johnny led the charge on providing earned sick leave and raising the minimum wage. He also made a critical vote to secure marriage equality in the State of Maryland. As a state delegate, Johnny led Baltimore County's House Delegation, served on the House Economic Matters Committee and chaired the subcommittee on Banking, Economic

Development, Science and Technology. He has also served on Maryland's P-20 Leadership Council and the Maryland Business Climate Workgroup.

Before his election to Baltimore County Executive, Johnny worked in the private sector at SAS Institute, where he partnered with governments to help prevent fraud, enhance public safety, improve program performance and enable greater transparency. As County Executive, Johnny has focused on improving education and making government more transparent and accountable. Since taking office, he has provided record funding for Baltimore County Public Schools, made the County budget process more transparent and created an Office for Ethics and Accountability.

Chet Parsons, PlanRVA

Chet has over 20 years of experience in transportation planning in both the public and private sector. As the Director of Transportation at PlanRVA, Chet is lead staff for the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO). He oversees an interdisciplinary team of planners that conduct regional transportation studies, provide technical assistance to municipalities, and research critical policy issues facing the Richmond Region. He also serves as lead staff for the newly created Central Virginia Transportation Authority.

Annette Polk, Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization

Annette Polk is a Senior Planner with Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization. She has over two decades of experience in transportation, urban planning, and transit systems with MPOs.

Mark Reichert, Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

Mark is the Executive Director of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council. He started his transportation journey with the Florida Department of Transportation in 1991, moving over to the Florida Transportation Commission in 1995. He worked at the FTC for 21 years, the last 10 as its Assistant Director. In 2016 Mark became the Administrator for Metropolitan Planning in FDOT's Office of Policy Planning, retiring in April of 2021. After a short stint in retirement, Mark was appointed as the Executive Director of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC). He received his Bachelor's degree in Government and Master's degree in Public Administration from Florida State University.

Katie Richardson, Ph.D., National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Dr. Katie Richardson serves as the Deputy Director Government Relations for NREL, where she delivers laboratory expertise and decision support to equitably transition communities to clean energy systems. She also leads the State and Local Planning for Energy or SLOPE platform team, NREL's Investor Advisory Board and the lab's partnerships with foundations. Katie holds a doctorate in physics.

Carl Ringgold, U.S. DOT's Build America Bureau

Carl Ringgold is a Project Development Lead (PDL) and Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Program Manager at U.S. DOT's Build America Bureau. In his role as a PDL, he has worked to advance projects from various modes of transportation including road, transit and rail amongst others. In his role as RIA Program Manager, he has assisted various

entities in developing improved infrastructure priorities and financing strategies for the accelerated development of projects.

Before joining the Bureau, Carl was a Program Manager in the Federal Transit Administration's Office of Program Management where he managed three of FTA's national technical assistance centers including: (1) The National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) (2) The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) and (3) The National Rural Transit Assistance Program (National RTAP).

Carl earned his bachelor's degree in statistics from Morehouse College, hails from Baltimore, MD and currently lives in Washington, D.C.

Agustin Rodriguez, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Mr. Rodriguez has 15 years of professional experience in a wide range of areas in engineering, construction, and project management. He serves as the Transportation Engineer with the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization since 2019; he assists in the development of transportation planning, core MPO processes, and prioritization efforts for projects throughout the Charlotte metro area.

Agustin holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a master's in Transportation Engineering, both from UNC Charlotte.

Randy Rosvold, Metropolitan Council

Randy has been with Met Council for many years and in many roles. The most noteworthy is oversight of the Met Council Vanpool program for Metro. He has been instrumental in its evolution and is a wealth of knowledge about local transportation options, history and a leader in program innovation.

Jad Salloum, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Jad Salloum is a government relationship transportation planner from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Having graduated from Florida International University, Jad currently works for the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, assisting with federal & state transportation policy, coordinating internally & externally to plan, prioritize, and support transportation projects. In addition to policy analysis, Jad collaborated with the City Services team, leveraging GIS and emerging technologies to collect, analyze and visualize geo-spatial and social data for transportation planning.

Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council

Heidi Schallberg is a Planning Analyst for the Metropolitan Council, the MPO for the Minneapolis-St. Paul region. Her MPO work has focused on pedestrians, equity and environmental justice, safety, Complete Streets, and transit.

Dan Schned, U.S. DOT's Build America Bureau

Dan is the Head of Project Development at U.S. DOT's Build America Bureau. In this role, he leads a team of transportation specialists working to advance a wide range of eligible projects, including road, transit, rail, seaport, airport, transit-oriented development, and more. This team supports projects sponsors developing requests for credit assistance through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act or Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing programs, 2) allocations of Private Activity Bonds, 3) technical assistance to encourage innovative approaches to the planning, financing, and

delivering of projects, or 4) funding through U.S. DOT grant programs. Dan also leads many of the Bureau's policy and program development efforts and supports the Bureau's outreach and technical assistance activities.

Before joining the Bureau, Dan was a Senior Policy Analyst in the Federal Transit Administration's Office of Budget and Policy, where he analyzed, developed, and implemented existing and proposed policies, regulations, and guidance. His work focused on policy initiatives related to value capture strategies, particularly joint development.

Dan earned his master's degree in city and regional planning from Rutgers University and bachelor's degree in geography from Macalester College, hails from Minneapolis, MN, and currently lives in Washington, D.C.

Don Scott, Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Don Scott serves as the Executive Director of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization. He is responsible for managing and overseeing a variety of short and long range transportation plans and projects to improve mobility in Lee County.

Don has over 33 years of transportation planning experience working in the public and private sectors. Prior to joining the Lee County MPO, his experience included working for Collier County Transportation, PBS&J and FDOT in Tampa and Fort Myers. Don is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and is member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Eileen Singleton, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Eileen Singleton, Principal Transportation Engineer, joined the Baltimore Metropolitan Council in 1998. Her work supports projects and committees that enhance the safety, security, reliability, efficiency, and equity of the region's transportation network through the use of transportation system management and operations (TSMO) strategies and the congestion management process. She is a graduate of the Operations Academy and the Maryland Climate Leadership Academy. Eileen is a registered Professional Engineer in Maryland.

Natalie Smusz-Mengelkoch, ICF

Natalie brings more than 20 years of diverse experience within Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) planning and engineering—having led projects within all implementation phases from programming, planning, and systems engineering to design, integration, and operations. Natalie leverages innovative solutions, existing deployments, and collaboration to make a positive impact using transportation technology to support safety, mobility, sustainability, and accessibility for all. Natalie's recent work includes supporting the USDOT ITS4US - Complete Trip Deployment Program Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) project as well as development of statewide and regional strategic plans for ITS and emerging technologies.

Paul Steinberg, Carma Technology Corporation

Paul Steinberg is the Co-founder and Chief Business Officer of Carma, a smart mobility company known for its disruptive smartphone-based road pricing innovations. As an experienced business leader in the technology and transportation industries, he has gained a reputation for his passion for scalable transformational technology. He is

responsible for interfacing with NCTCOG during the planning, development, and implementation of the GoCarma system in DFW.

As the Co-founder of Carma, Paul is responsible for government relations, strategic partnerships, and business expansion. Before alternative powered transportation and carbon pollution were daily headlines, Paul predicted the current state of affairs. His instinct and visionary leadership launched Avego, the first iteration of Carma that resulted in federally funded real-time ride sharing programs in Washington State, California and Texas.

Paul's career began in the heart of it all at IBM and he held positions with SAP and Oracle. He's been an early-stage employee and held executive roles at multiple technology startups that led to six acquisitions and two IPOs. He has a deep and diverse understanding of what it means to bring a brand to market in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Paul's knowledge of transportation policy, autonomous vehicles, shared mobility, ride-sharing, car-sharing, telematics, and mapping makes him a frequent media interviewee, and industry insiders refer to him as "Captain Carpool" for the fervor in which he recommends people reduce their carbon footprint, reduce traffic, save money and time by ride-sharing. Paul is a native of Texas but currently calls the Bay Area home. He studied Computer Science at the University of Texas at Austin and Marketing at Stanford University.

Sherry Steine, ICF

Sherry Steine has more than 20 years of professional experience, including work with Federal agencies, private consulting firms, and local community development organizations. In addition to hands-on studies and research in transportation planning for equitable development, she teaches NHI courses on Environmental Justice, Public Involvement, and Transportation Planning. Throughout her career Ms. Steine has focused on enhancing inclusive participation in integrated planning for transportation, land use, and economic development to foster equitable, sustainable outcomes.

Spencer Stevens, FHWA

Spencer is a 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.

Greg Stuart, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Greg is the Executive Director of the Broward MPO. He brings more than 32 years of transportation, land use planning and logistics experience in both private and public sectors. Greg currently 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. He is Chair of the Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) Staff Directors Advisory Committee and the MPOAC Freight Committee. In his spare time, Greg is the Chair of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Transportation Management Agency, a transit provider, with an annual ridership exceeding 650,000 passengers. Greg also spent his formative years working in logistics related to the manufacturing of IBM Personal Computers in Boca Raton.

Erik Svensson, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments

Erik Svensson is Digital Communications Coordinator at Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. He joined Eastgate's staff in 2021 as the organization's volume of work began to necessitate staff dedicated to engaging with the communities it serves. Erik has worked on updating the Eastgate website and executing a communications plan to solidify its digital voice. He graduated from Kent State University with a B.S. in Journalism.

Franchesca Taylor, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

Franchesca Taylor serves as the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Program Development Manager, where she coordinates the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Franchesca has worked in the transportation field for over 10 years in both the private and public sector. She holds a Master in Community Planning from Auburn University (AU) and a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU).

Melissa Taylor, Chattanooga Regional Planning Agency

Melissa Taylor is the Director of Strategic Long-range Planning for the City of Chattanooga. She holds a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Science from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and has been a land use and transportation planner in the City for 23 years. She has spent the last 15 of those years directing federal transportation planning and programming for the region's MPO, the Chattanooga-Hamilton County/N. Georgia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). In 2020, she received AMPO's Individual Staff Achievement Award for Leadership in the Field of Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming. She was the driving force behind the TPO's 2015 Transportation Planning Excellence Award from FHWA and FTA for Community-Sensitive Performance-based Planning. Much of her work has been distributed nationally as best practice by FHWA and Transportation for America, most notably in the areas of performance-based planning and programming, active living and safety, and meaningful public engagement. She co-authored a paper on performance-based planning for project evaluation and selection published by the Transportation Research Board in 2014. Early in her career, the American Planning Association (APA) cited her as the catalyst for their award to the City of Chattanooga for Bicycle Planning and Implementation in 2007; that same year APA's Tennessee Chapter recognized her as Planner of the Year. Most recently, she and her staff have received commendations for human services-transportation planning and coordination and virtual interactive public engagement including the use of ESRI's ArcGIS tools such as HUB and StoryMaps. Melissa finds it critical to keep pace with changing technology and forward-thinking approaches in the profession.

Aaron Tomarchio, Tradepoint Atlantic

Aaron is the Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Tradepoint Atlantic. As a senior executive in public administration, government relations, communications, public affairs and community relations, Aaron directs Tradepoint Atlantic's corporate affairs and external relations to include government and regulatory affairs, public and community relations, and corporate marketing activities. Prior to Tradepoint Atlantic, Aaron was a Director of Corporate Affairs for Erickson Living, an affiliated company to Tradepoint Atlantic through Redwood Capital Investments. He also served in executive roles in state and local government and as a senior advisor to numerous state and local elected officials.

Nicholas Torres, Whitehouse Group

Nicholas Torres is a senior transportation planner with Whitehouse Group responsible for the management and technical development of MPO policy planning and program design. Nicholas has worked alongside the Broward MPO since 2015 providing transportation planning and policy guidance and is familiar with the MPO's organizational framework, core responsibilities, and programs. He manages a production team of four staff and has played a key role in the development of Whitehouse Group's training and onboarding program.

Mike Tresidder, Spokane Transit Authority

Mike Tresidder is an Associate Transit Planner with Spokane Transit Authority (STA) in Spokane, WA, with more than 15 years' experience in the active transportation/transit space. At STA, Mike serves several different roles – managing long-range planning projects such as DivisionConnects and STA's comprehensive plan, federal and state grant writing, and serving as the STA liaison to several city, county, and regional committees.

Kristin Tufte, University of Washington

Dr. Kristin Tufte has 25+ years of experience in data management research and implementation. She was a team member on the design and implementation of three novel research data management systems which impacted the data management industry in both parallel data processing and stream data management. She directed the PORTAL program, a data archive for the Portland, OR-Vancouver, WA region with direct impacts on both transportation system operations and planning. Dr. Tufte is currently the Data Management Architect and Lead for the University of Washington ITS4US project - the Transportation Data Equity Initiative. Dr. Tufte holds a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Nissa Tupper, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Nissa Tupper is a Transportation and Public Health Planner in the Sustainability and Public Health Division at the Minnesota Department of Transportation. She is an experienced communications professional and designer trained in landscape architecture, she focuses on the intersection of public health and the built environment. She managed a broad spectrum of projects and programs for public, private, and non-profit organizations. Health equity, resilience, and research-driven strategies form the basis of my approach and link together these myriad experiences. She is adept at facilitating project development through iteration and collaboration, and she thrives as part of an interdisciplinary team where she can help develop new approaches to influence better community life.

Sydney Turner, Rockford Metropolitan Planning Organization

Sydney Turner is the Director of Regional Planning and serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Director for the Rockford Region. In 2020, Sydney became the Director of Regional Planning. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, with a concentration in Local and Regional Government/Public Administration.

Hannah Twaddell, ICF

Hannah Twaddell, Principal Transportation Planner for ICF, has 33 years of experience in regional transportation planning, with an emphasis on promoting sustainable, vibrant communities by integrating multimodal transportation, land use, and urban design. Principal Investigator of TCRP Report 214, Equity Analysis in Transportation Planning, she

has authored guidebooks and created training about integrating transportation and land use, scenario planning, emerging transportation technologies, pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, equity, mobility for older adults, public engagement, and visioning.

Nirav Ved, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Nirav Ved is the Data and Operations Manager for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. He manages transportation-related datasets and the Regional Transportation Demand Management, Incident Management and Safety programs. Previously, Nirav spent nine years at the Department of Defense serving in various capacities. He holds a BA in Government from the University of Texas at Dallas and Masters' degrees in Public Affairs and Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin.

Trung Vo PE, AICP, Toole Design

Trung is a planner and engineer who focuses on building multimodal transportation systems to advance equity, public health, quality of life, and mobility. He works across the spectrum of project development to ensure that streets are planned, designed, and maintained to be safe, comfortable, and inviting for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. He is the Director for Toole Design's Denver office and was project manager for the DRCOG Regional Complete Streets Toolkit.

Jason Wager, Centralina Regional Council

Jason Wager, AICP, is Assistant Regional Planning Director at the Centralina Regional Council and serves as project manager for CONNECT Beyond, a regional mobility initiative. Jason's work includes projects that employ land use planning principles and public input/engagement processes where he is regularly involved in transportation, energy, and environment-related activities. Jason also serves as Coordinator for the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition, a US DOE Clean Cities affiliate.

Kofi Wakhisi, Atlanta Regional Commission

Kofi is a team leader within the Transportation Access and Mobility Group at ARC. Kofi's team specializes in active modes, transit, freight and logistics, TSM&O, technology, livability, and equity. Kofi chairs the AMPO Technical Committee. 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 American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Nicole Waldheim, Burgess & Niple

Nicole is B&N's national Transportation Safety Team lead. She has 20 years of experience in transportation planning with the past 11 focused on safety. She recently completed a local safety plan framed around the Safe System Approach, identifying safety programs, policies, and projects for all road users. Nicole is also the co-Principal Investigator for the NCHRP project, Applying the Safe System Approach to Transportation Planning, Design and Operation in the United States. For this research, the team is identifying tools, practices, policies and prioritization methods to promote safer roads for all users based on lessons learned abroad. Nicole also developed and teaches a full day class to assist State DOTs and MPOs in identifying tools, techniques, strategies and policies to prioritize safe systems concepts in their transportation planning documents.

Cameron Walker, Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization

Cameron Walker, AICP serves as the Executive Director of the Permian Basin MPO since 2013. He previously held a position on the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee while working as the Planning Manager for Midland, TX. He is certified under the American Institute of Certified Planners (1980). Cameron is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Urban and Regional Planning. He has lived in the region where he works for over 30 years.

Darby Watson, Parametrix

Darby is a Vice President with Parametrix, Inc. She served as the consultant project manager for DivisionConnects.

Bethany Wild, KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission

Bethany Wild is a Transportation Planner/GIS Specialist for KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission with over 10 years of transportation planning experience including preparation of short- and long-range plans, technical reports, and transit studies.

Michael Williamson, Cambridge Systematics

Michael Williamson is a Principal of Cambridge Systematics with 29 years of experience in freight and intermodal planning, seaport planning, commercial vehicle operations, and freight technology applications. He has helped MPOs, and state DOTs develop and implement freight programs. He has led or supported freight studies for Florida's largest MPOs, many of the smaller MPOs, and currently he is supporting the Florida MPO Advisory Council's Freight and Rail Committee Freight Project Priorities Program.

Tristan Winkler, French Broad River MPO

Eric Wojchik, Metropolitan Council

Eric Wojchik is a Planning Analyst at the Metropolitan Council, where he provides planning and technical assistance to metro communities to achieve local and regional goals, especially focused on sustainability and planning for resilience. Eric previously performed environmental planning work in the Hebridean Islands in Scotland, where sustainability planning is embedded into practice because of the need for self-sufficiency and efficient use of local resources. Eric brings this thinking to his Minnesota work.

Feng Xie, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Feng works for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) as the program manager of model development in the Travel Forecasting and Emissions Analysis Team. He obtained a PhD degree in transportation engineering from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He currently resides in Maryland with his wife and two sons.

Danny Yoder, StreetLight Data

Danny Yoder, AICP, is a Customer Success Executive at StreetLight Data, where he works with public sector agencies and engineering firms around the United States and Canada to harness the power of Big Data to support transportation planning and engineering projects. Danny earned a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from Rutgers University and has over eight years of experience as a transportation planner.

Chris Zeilinger, Community Transportation Association of America

Chris Zeilinger is the Assistant Director at the Community Transportation Association of America. He has worked at CTAA since 1988. His areas of activity at CTAA encompass an array of technical assistance to transportation agencies, transit technology, stakeholder and community engagement, training and professional development, and helping guide the association's policy agenda around public transportation and related topics.

Chris's most recent projects at CTAA focus on applying transportation technology in rural and smaller metro areas, helping planning agencies and local governments achieve positive community outcomes through engaged participation of low-income and minority community stakeholders in transportation planning and decision-making, promoting inclusive and accessible infrastructure, and advancing the ways in which all modes of transportation are planned and designed in smaller cities and metropolitan areas.

Chris came to CTAA's predecessor from the Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority in Austin, Texas, where he supervised the transit authority's paratransit reservation and dispatching systems. Before entering the transit industry, Chris was a junior high school math teacher for several years. Chris got his bachelor's degree in mathematics and education from Washington University in St. Louis, with additional academic concentrations in music and African American studies.

Charlie Zelle, Metropolitan Council Chair

Charles A. Zelle is chairman of Jefferson Lines, an intercity bus company with scheduled passenger routes in 14 heartland states from Minnesota to Louisiana. He held the position of president and CEO for more than 20 years until 2012, when he was appointed commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. In that capacity, he oversaw a multimodal state transportation agency with an annual budget of more than \$4 billion.

Zelle has served as a board member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), served on its executive committee, and was chair of its Public Transportation Council. In addition, he has served as a member of the executive committee of the Transportation Research Board and past president of the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials.

Zelle has been recognized for his work in transportation policy as a recipient of the George Rucker Award by the Community Transportation Association in 2009 and the Ray L. Lappegaard Distinguished Service Award by Center of Transportation Studies in 2012.

Born and raised in St. Paul, Zelle received a B.A. from Bates College and an M.B.A. from the Yale School of Management.

Elina Zlotchenko, Intelligent Transportation Systems

Elina Zlotchenko is a Program Manager with the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Joint Program Office (JPO) at USDOT. She is responsible for overseeing the Complete Trip – ITS4US Deployment Program, ITS JPO Enterprise Program Management Office, and National Rural ITS (NRITS) Program. Prior to her current position, Ms. Zlotchenko worked in the private sector and for over 15 years at the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as North Carolina State Rural Planning Organization Program Manager.

