



Speaker Biographies

Jonathan Avner, Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP

Mr. Avner is a nationally-known expert in the development and application of travel demand models. He has 23 years of experience in transportation planning including model development and applications at regional and statewide scales. Jonathan has lead corridor, county-wide, regional, and statewide transportation planning projects utilizing travel demand models. Jonathan leads WRA's travel demand modeling practice, which provides model development and applications for MPOs, state DOTs, and local entities for both systemwide and subarea/corridor applications.

Jacob Beeman, Capital Region Transportation Council

Jacob Beeman is a Senior Transportation Planner at the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) and Director of the Capital District Clean Communities Coalition. Jacob's work includes working with local stakeholders to provide alternative fuels educational opportunities with the goal of reducing energy use and petroleum consumption in the Capital Region, maintaining CDTC's Transportation Improvement Program, and Performance Based Planning Program.

Josenie Bermudez, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

Josenie Bermudez serves as a Planner Mobility II for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). In this position, Ms. Bermudez will support the TPO's Transit and Mobility team and assist with the on-going coordination with local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the general public. In her previous role, she supported the TPO as the MPO Liaison/Planner II for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) where she managed various contracts and participated in the development of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the annual joint certifications between FDOT and the TPO. Ms. Bermudez holds a bachelor's degree in business and public administration from the University of Phoenix and completed her paralegal studies from Boston University. She is also a Florida Certified Contract Manager (FCCM).

Emily Biondi, Federal Highway Administration

In July 2023, Emily Biondi became the Associate Administrator for Planning, Environment and Realty. In this capacity, she provides executive leadership to a comprehensive planning and environmental program supporting the development of multimodal plans, programs and environmental policies and practices that assure that transportation decisions serve national, state and local transportation priorities and goals. Emily also provides executive leadership in the development of policies and direction for nationwide programs of right-of-way acquisition, corridor preservation, relocation assistance, property management and related aspects of the Federal-aid program.

Prior to this position, she served four years as the Director, Office of Project Development and Environmental Review, where she oversaw the development and implementation of programs and activities that advanced environmental stewardship and accelerate project delivery. These included project development and environment review process improvements, NEPA Assignment, programmatic agreements, technologies to assist with concurrent environmental reviews, and development of regulations and guidance associated with NEPA implementation.

Prior to her appointment as Director, Emily served as the Acting Director, Office of Natural Environment. In that position, she led and directed staff in promoting and advancing national initiatives to improve air quality, minimize highway noise impacts on communities, and encourage consideration of sustainability and climate change in the delivery of the Federal-aid highway program. Emily also served as an Air Quality Specialist and Community Planner in the Office of Natural Environment where she provided strategic leadership in developing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement policy, guidance, and performance measures. Emily has held other key positions including Metropolitan Planning Specialist in Georgia. She joined FHWA in 1997 as a Student Trainee (Community Planner) in Florida.

Emily holds a Master's Degree in Planning from Florida State University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Michigan. Emily lives on Capitol Hill with her husband and two daughters.

Dana Biscan, Burgess & Niple

Dana is the Director of Transportation Planning at Burgess & Niple and has nearly 20 years of experience enabling public agencies to plan pathways toward achieving their goals. Her expertise includes area plans, safety studies, active transportation, and engagement. One of Dana's many strengths is her focus on implementation strategies so the studies and plans she oversees are actionable and live beyond the planning process. Dana has a Civil Engineering degree from Arizona State University

Lauren Blackburn, Vanessa Hangein Brustlin North Carolina

Lauren Blackburn, AICP, is a Senior Project Manager with VHB. Ms. Blackburn has over 19 years of experience in multimodal and long-range planning, and she is based in VHB's Raleigh, North Carolina office. Ms. Blackburn's key areas of interest are in bicycle and pedestrian transportation, comprehensive planning, roadway safety, and community health.

Nicolas Blackstone, Rapides Area Planning Commission

Nick is the Regional Mobility Manager for the Rapides Area Planning Commission which staffs the Alexandria-Pineville Metropolitan planning organization. Nick was instrumental in studying the gaps in transit service for a region and helped start the RAPC Rural Transit Pilot.

Jonathan Bolen, Rapides Area Planning Commission

Jonathan is the Chief Transportation Officer of the Rapides Area Planning Commission and serves as the Administrator of the Alexandria-Pineville Metropolitan Planning Organization. He has over a decade of planning experience at the municipal and regional levels.

Alexander Bond, U.S. Department of Transportation

Alex Bond is an urban planner with 19 years of experience in transportation policy, MPO issues, and organizational development. He is a Director in the Office of Technical Assistance at USDOT's Build America Bureau. Alex previously worked in the USDOT Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, the Eno Center for Transportation, the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research, and the National Association of Regional Councils. He holds a Bachelors in Geography/History and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, both from the University of Florida.

Aileen Bouclé, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

Ms. Bouclé is the Executive Director for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization. She is currently leading the charge, along with the TPO Governing Board, to provide mobility choices for the residents of Miami-Dade County through the local transportation planning process, and more specifically the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit "SMART" Plan. She has worked in the transportation field for over 20 years in both the private industry and with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Joseph Bovenzi, Genesee Transportation Council

Joe Bovenzi manages transportation operations planning tasks, facilitation of interagency coordination committees, updates to the Congestion Management Process and Regional ITS Architecture, and transportation infrastructure resiliency planning. He holds a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Geneseo, a Master's in Geography from Queen's University in Kingston, Canada, and a Master's in Public Administration from SUNY Brockport. Joe is a graduate of the I-95 Corridor Coalition Operations Academy and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Todd Brauer, Whitehouse Group

Todd Brauer is a certified urban planner with the America Planning Association's (APA) American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and a certified Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) with the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).

Jayne Breschard, Barton & Loguidice

Jayne Breschard, AICP, CFM is a Senior Managing Community Planner at Barton & Loguidice, leading the firm's Climate Action initiatives. Over the past 20 years, Jayme has provided a regional approach to economic, social, and environmental concerns, and served on state and national boards of directors. Her specializations include land use, water resources, general municipal planning, local government technical assistance, and education and outreach. Jayme holds a MA in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University.

Bev Burtzloff, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Bev Burtzloff is Associate Director of Government Affairs with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). She previously served as Vice President of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), worked in Cuyahoga County government, and served on Capitol Hill as Staff Director to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Government Information and Regulation. Prior to that, she served on the Capitol Hill staffs of several members of Congress in both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Myles Busching, PlanRVA

Myles serves as the Planning Manager for short-range transportation planning at PlanRVA. His work focuses on developing and maintaining the RRTPO's Transportation Improvement Program. In this capacity, he also leads the project selection and allocation process for approximately \$100 million in annual federal, state, and regional funding.

Bryan Caletka, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Bryan Caletka has been associated with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) for approximately twenty years. Bryan is a former Chair and long-term member of the BMPO Policy Board's Executive Committee. After choosing to leave his elected office, he joined as a team member at the BMPO. He currently serves as the Director of Transportation and the Director of Human Resources. His responsibilities include administering employee benefits, managing a portion of the County's Transportation Surtax dedicated to the municipalities and is the liaison to the thirty eight Members of the Policy Board.

Lauren Cardoni, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Lauren Cardoni serves as a Principal 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. Lauren earned her Master of City & Regional Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology and has experience working as a transportation planner in both the private and public sectors.

Ryan Collins, Capital Area MPO

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.

Josh Corrigan, Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

Josh has been working in GIS since 2008, most recently as the GIS Coordinator with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency where he is involved with regional transportation planning, web development, and data management projects. In his spare time he enjoys playing the banjo and finding new and interesting ways to ride his ever growing fleet of bicycles.

Dana Crisino, Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council

Dana Crisino, AICP, MBA, is a land use and transportation planner with a nearly 20-year career centered on planning for growth while integrating and supporting the vitality of communities. She serves as a member of the AMPO Leadership Forum team and previously a member of the AMPO

Policy Committee. Residing in central New York State, Dana serves as the Director of the Herkimer-Oneida County Transportation Council and the Deputy Commissioner of Planning for Oneida County.

Rebecca Crowe, Federal Highway Administration

Becky Crowe, AICP, serves as Transportation Specialist in the FHWA Office of Safety. Ms. Crowe manages and provides guidance on matters related to Road Safety Audits (RSAs) and the Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP) initiative. Ms. Crowe works closely with Federal, State, local, tribal and not-for-profit agencies to improve highway safety on our nation's highways. Ms. Crowe is the FHWA lead for My Street.

Tasha Cunningham, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tasha Cunningham is a seasoned media professional with more than 20 years of experience in communications. She has managed multi-million-dollar contracts and successfully executed creative campaigns for clients in the public and private sectors. Ms. Cunningham has worked with major national brands like Johnson & Johnson, Stryker, Eastern Airlines, and many others. She serves on the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA) board.

David D'Onofrio, Federal Highway Administration

David D'Onofrio is an Environmental Protection Specialist with the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Natural Environment. David started his federal career in FHWA's Resource Center in 2019 as an air quality specialist. His work has focused on issues related to transportation, climate resilience and air quality. Before joining FHWA, David worked for more than 9 years as an air quality and climate change planner at the Atlanta Regional Commission. David holds an undergraduate degree in Earth and Atmospheric Science and a dual Master's degree in urban planning and atmospheric science from Georgia Tech.

Annie Dixon, Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization

Annie Dixon is a planner with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization leading projects in public transit and resiliency. An Evansville, Indiana native, Dixon obtained a degree from DePauw University in Environmental Biology and Urban Ecology. Her experience includes transit operations and strategic planning for the Central Indiana Regional Transit Authority. At the Indianapolis MPO Dixon has led a variety of projects including regional transit coordination, new suburban transit service, and IMPO's first regional resiliency snapshot.

Ashley Dobson, Avid Core

As the Director of Operations and Strategic Communications at Avid Core, Ashley Dobson's work focuses on leading public outreach efforts to reach historically marginalized communities and Tribal Nations. She is a certified Project Management Professional and is a member of Young Professionals in Transportation.

Dr. Andrew Duvall, NREL

Dr. Andrew Duvall is a Transportation Behavior Analyst at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. He serves as PI and project lead for U.S. Department of Energy research in micromobility, rural mobility, on-demand transit, mobility electrification, airport ground mobility, and the Technologist in Communities program. With an interdisciplinary academic and research

background, his current work integrates exploration of human interaction with technology, identifying mobility needs, application of right-sized technologies, and shared mobility toward improving access, energy, and emissions outcomes for communities. He is a graduate of the University of Wyoming and the University of Colorado, and served in the United States Peace Corps in Kyrgyzstan.

Pam Eaton, Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization

Pam was selected to be the Executive Director of the Maui MPO in October 2022. Her previous employment included serving as Division Chief for two County of Maui Departments -the Planning Department Long-Range Planning Division for 8 years and prior to that, within the Department of Water Supply Water Resources and Planning Division for four years. Pam has over 38 years' experience with public policy, land use and transportation planning, flood mitigation, coastal hazards, emergency management, post disaster recovery and natural hazards mitigation, watershed management. She has had extensive experience with local, state and federal legislative analysis and development, and conducting vulnerability and risk assessments for climate change impacts and adaptation strategies. She spent many years applying for, receiving and then obligating competitive state and federal grants for transportation and land use planning, emergency management, environmental resources protection and flood mitigation funding.

Ben Eskin, Cambridge Systematics

Benjamin Eskin is an Associate with Cambridge Systematics. His experience includes sustainable transportation policy, greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis, vehicle electrification, public transit and active transportation planning, and smart growth. Mr. Eskin has four years of prior consulting experience working on federal sustainability and climate change programs. He has a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University, and a bachelor's degree in Economics and Environmental Studies from Macalester College.

Dennis Farmer, MetCouncil

Dennis Farmer, AICP, is a planning analyst for the Metropolitan Council, where he has worked for 16 years. Dennis works on travel demand modeling and local population growth forecasts. Dennis has previously worked as a transportation planner for Parsons Brinckerhoff and as a research analyst for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. 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. She manages several of the agency's signature projects, including the project prioritization process and the Long Range Transportation Plan, serves as a liaison between the agency and local, regional and state transportation partners, while managing the agency's MPO program. Chelsea has 18 years of experience in transportation planning, with a focus on improving the multimodal transportation system.

Daniel Fazekas, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

Daniel Fazekas is the Transportation Planning Manager in the MPO at the RTC of Southern Nevada (RTC), where he leads a variety of planning initiatives. Prior to joining the RTC in 2016, Fazekas was a

planner with the City of Henderson, Nevada and was a planner for Oklahoma City and ACOG from 2009-2012. Danny holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and a Master's degree in Regional City Planning from the University of Oklahoma.

David Fekete, Michael Baker International

David Fekete is a Program Manager in Michael Baker's Consulting and Technology Solutions Division. He has over two decades of professional experience in consulting, project management and business operations; specializing in geospatial information system and field surveying services. He has broad experience managing all phases of the project life cycle for multidisciplinary technical projects involving needs assessments, data collection, data processing, data analysis, database development, asset management, application design, and systems integration.

Brian Fineman, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Brian Fineman is 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.

Priscilla Freduah-Agyemang, Southern California Association of Governments

Priscilla is a Senior Regional Planner at Southern California Association of Governments where she leads projects and programs to advance transit planning, transportation demand management, and related mobility programs to meet the region's goals for climate, health, equity, and mobility. She holds a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California, and has worked at transportation agencies across Southern California for nearly a decade.

Quentin Freixo, Eco-Counter

Trained in transportation planning and systems engineering, Quentin worked for 8 years in Europe and North America. Today at Eco-Counter, he helps organizations transform their communities in a sustainable way.

Grace Gallucci, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Grace Gallucci is the Executive Director & CEO for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for greater Cleveland, responsible for transportation and environmental planning, as well as resource allocation in the five county region. Ms. Gallucci has nearly 30 years of finance and planning experience in the field of transportation. Her prior posts include working for the Chicago Regional Transportation Authority where she held the titles of Deputy Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, responsible for the Finance and Performance Management functions, as well as those of the department of Research, Analysis and Policy Development. She also held the positions of Director, Office of Management & Budget and Director of Finance for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

Grace started her career in transportation as an analyst for the Office of Transportation, Broward County, Florida. Ms. Gallucci has been an adjunct professor at Cleveland State University, Kent State University, the University of Illinois at Chicago and Northwestern University, teaching courses in public finance, economics, public policy and transportation management. Ms. Gallucci holds a Master of Science in Urban Studies from Cleveland State University, and both a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Dayton.

Ms. Gallucci has been the chair of the Northeast Ohio Sustainability Communities Consortium since 2013, receiving the Daniel Burnham Award for best comprehensive plan from the American Planning Association, its highest honor. Under her leadership at NOACA, the agency received the national award as best MPO in 2021 for Outstanding Overall Achievement from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. She is active in various professional organizations including serving as a member and past chair for the Ohio Association of Regional Councils. She has served on research panels for the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Science and has been appointed by the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary to serve on its Transportation Review Advisory Committee for Safety. She has received many honors including being named one of Crain's Business "Women of Note" and "40 under 40", and receiving the distinguished alumni award from Cleveland State University's Levin College of Urban Affairs. Ms. Gallucci has also recently been listed in Cleveland Magazine's 2022 Cleveland Power 500 leaders.

Jeannine Gaslonde, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

Jeannine Gaslonde serves as the Transit & Regional Manager for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). In this position, she is advancing transit planning studies with an emphasis on the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan and is also involved with regional activities under the Southeast Florida Transportation Council. In addition, Ms. Gaslonde is responsible for the coordination of TPO sponsored conferences, summits, and technical peer exchanges. Ms. Gaslonde began her career at the Florida Department of Transportation in the Professional Engineer Trainee Program and continued working as a PD&E Project Manager for multiple State and Federal studies. She holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from FAU and a master's certification in project management from FIU. Additionally, she holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in health sciences. Ms. Gaslonde is a Florida Certified Contract Manager with 17 years of experience on multiple planning disciplines.

Joe Gordon, Oregon Metro

Joe Gordon is a Senior GIS Specialist with Oregon Metro, the regional metropolitan planning organization in Portland, Oregon. He focuses on demographics and remote sensing, with an intersection on environmental justice and the relationship between communities and their natural and built environments.

Bert Granberg, Wasatch Front Regional Council

Bert Granberg leads the Analytics Group at Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), the MPO for the Salt Lake - Ogden metro area.

Anna Gremling, Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization

Anna (Tyszkiewicz) Gremling earned both her B.A. and Master's degrees in Public Administration at Grand Valley State University, where she serves on the Alumni Board of Directors. Anna moved to Indianapolis in 2005, joined the Indianapolis MPO in 2008 and was named Executive Director in

2012. Personally and professionally, much of her time is spent engaged in transportation planning initiatives to enhance mobility in Central Indiana.

Roberta Groch, Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning

Roberta Groch, AICP, is Assistant Chief of Community Outreach, Economic Development, and Special Projects in the RI Division of Statewide planning, RI's sole MPO, since April 2017. She worked as a municipal planner in RI and Massachusetts from 1996-2006, and has also worked for two consulting firms. She has a Master's in Community Planning from the University of RI and a BA from Boston University. She is President-elect of the RI chapter of APA.

Ricardo Gutierrez, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Ricardo Gutierrez is the Mobility Program Manager at the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization. He established the Broward MPO's Complete Streets Initiative back in 2013 to incorporate a Complete Streets framework in the transportation planning process with emphasis in the implementation of multimodal projects. A robust education and training program, community engagement activities and a well-established implementation program are integral parts of this comprehensive approach. This nationally recognized program has led to the implementation of over \$300 million in Complete Streets projects in Broward County. His focus is project implementation, community engagement and local partner collaboration. Ricardo has been with the Broward MPO since 2007 and has been focusing on multimodal transportation planning since 2013.

John Hamercheck, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Lake County Commissioner John R. Hamercheck was elected to serve as one of three Lake County Commissioners. Hamercheck's term as Commissioner commenced on January 3, 2017. He was re-elected to a second term that commenced on January 3, 2021. As Commissioner, Hamercheck has served as the President of the Board of Commissioners in 2018, 2020 and 2021. He also serves as the 1st Vice-President of the Executive Board for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). Additionally, Hamercheck serves as an Executive Board member of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO).

Prior to taking office as Commissioner, Hamercheck built a successful engineering and communications firm, which he managed since 1992. Hamercheck served as an elected member of Madison Village Council starting in 2006, and, with two re-elections, continuously serving until taking office as Commissioner in 2017. He served four of those years as President of Council.

Hamercheck served as an auxiliary police officer for Madison Village. Hamercheck became Auxiliary Team Leader and Community Outreach Coordinator. Several other officers who were part of the auxiliary team have gone on to part-time and full-time positions as officers in Madison and other communities. In 2003, Hamercheck was named Madison Village Police Officer of the Year, the first time that award was given to an auxiliary officer.

Carol Henderson, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Carol Henderson is the Deputy Executive Director of Intergovernmental and Outreach for the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). She leads the planning and strategies for public engagement and intergovernmental activities of the Broward MPO. Prior to her role with the MPO, she was Vice President of Business Development for Brightline. Prior to her position at Brightline,

she worked for other iconic companies such as The Walt Disney Company, The Coca-Cola Company, and the Miami Dolphins.

Herbert Higginbotham, Cambridge Systematics

Herbert Higginbotham is a Vice President of Cambridge Systematics, where he leads the Transit and Shared Mobility community of practices. He brings over 20 years of professional experience and thought leadership in transit service and operations planning, capital projects, asset management, market analysis, and technology innovation. Herbert speaks and writes regularly on topics related to the changing mobility landscape.

Suseel Indrakanti, Cambridge Systematics

Suseel Indrakanti, AICP, is a Senior Associate at Cambridge Systematics with 16 years of experience in climate risk and resilience assessments, transportation planning, climate mitigation and adaptation,. He led various efforts for mainstreaming climate change considerations into transportation policy-making, integration of resilience into broader transportation planning and management processes. He served as the principal investigator NCHRP 20-127, developing a guidance for a business case and communication strategies for state DOT resilience activities.

Jane Jessen, Transpo Group

Jane Jessen is the Director of Marketing and Creative Services for Transpo Group, a transportation consulting firm headquartered in Seattle, WA with branch offices in New York and California. She began her career in high-tech marketing in Silicon Valley, and for the past 10 years has focused on the transportation industry at Transpo. Jane thrives on creating visually engaging designs that effectively communicate transportation-related information, helping clients understand complex data and make informed choices.

Matt Johns, Rapides Area Planning Commission

Matt Johns is an AICP certified planner, certified floodplain manager, and certified storm water inspector who serves as Commissioner and CEO of the Rapides Area Planning Commission, which staffs the Alexandria-Pineville Metropolitan Planning Organization in central Louisiana. Matt has 19 years of planning experience and serves on the board of directors for AMPO, the Louisiana Planning Council, the Louisiana Transportation Authority, and the Louisiana Community Development Authority.

Ashby Johnson, Capital Area MPO

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 Bachelors degree in Government and a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin.

Stella Jordan, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

Stella Jordan is the Public Engagement Program Manager at the Boston Region MPO, where she leads and supports equitable public involvement initiatives to bring more voices into the region's transportation planning and decision-making process. She holds an M.A. in Public Policy from Northeastern University, and also serves on the AMPO Policy Committee as an Emerging Professional member.

Becky Karasko, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization

Becky Karasko, AICP is the Transportation Planning Director at the North Front Range MPO in Northern Colorado. She serves on the AMPO Policy Committee, as the NFRMPO's Title IV Coordinator, and previously was a Commissioner on the Colorado Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission representing the NFRMPO region. She received her BA in Anthropology and Criminology from the Ohio State University and her Masters in Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati.

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 Director of the MPO at the RTC of Southern Nevada, where he began in 2011. Kjellman provides oversight and programming of federal transportation funding and oversees all regional planning studies and initiatives. He moved to Southern Nevada after graduating from Portland State University, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Planning and Policy and a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy from the University of Washington.

Lila Klopfenstein, Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho

Lila Klopfenstein is an Associate Planner at the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS). At COMPASS Lila conducts long-range planning with a focus on public transportation, environmental review, and development review projects. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration (M.P.A) from Boise State University as well as a Bachelor's degree in International Political Economy from the College of Idaho.

Saranya Konala, East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Saranya is the Corridor & Long Range Planning Coordinator at East-West Gateway Council of Governments. In this role, she works across county and state departments to develop the St. Louis region's Long-Range Transportation Plan. She has 8 years of professional experience across the transportation industry and degrees in both City Planning (MCP) and Civil Engineering (MS/BS) from University of California, Berkeley and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Mary Ellen Koontz, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Mary Ellen directs Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's TrailNation Collaborative. As an urban planner with deep expertise in active transportation funding, Mary Ellen convenes and collaborates with leaders across the country to promote the development of trail networks to create safe and accessible transportation options for all.

Jeff Kramer, Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida

Jeff Kramer, AICP, is a Program Director with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida (USF) in Tampa, FL. His research primarily focuses on metropolitan and statewide multimodal policy, planning, and processes and public engagement in governmental decision-making. He has published numerous reports, papers, and articles focusing on various aspects of transportation planning, policy, and public engagement.

Sarah Kraum, Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization

Sarah Kraum is the Senior Transportation Planner for the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization. Sarah has been with the TPO for more than seven years with a focus multimobility and resiliency planning. Sarah previously worked 8 years in environmental education and conservation. Sarah is a Steering Committee Member for the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative. She received a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies from Florida Gulf Coast University.

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.

Nick Lepp, HDR

Nick Lepp is the metropolitan planning practice leader at the HDR Orlando office. With over 20 years of experience in transportation planning, Nick's expertise with metropolitan planning organizations and his extensive network of industry professionals allows him to provide valuable insight into MPO issues and opportunities.

Ted Leybold, Oregon Metro

Ted is the Transportation Planning Manager at Metro. He leads their Regional Travel Options team, supporting Transportation Demand Management initiatives across the region.

Ryan Long , Federal Transit Administration

Ryan Long has over 19 years of experience in the transportation industry and is a certified planner with the APA. He joined the Federal Transit Administration in 2009 as a Community Planner in the Region III office and recently has transitioned to the Office of Planning (HQ). Prior to FTA, he has held positions in the private sector as a transportation planner and project analyst consultant and has served as an officer in the US Army Corps of Engineers. He holds a master's degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania and a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh.

Natasha Longpine, Ozarks Transportation Organization

Natasha L. Longpine, AICP serves as the Transportation Planning Manager for the Ozarks Transportation Organization and works with the multi-modal program, including air quality, federal funds management, and performance-based planning and programming. Her responsibilities include development of the Transportation Improvement Program, Long Range Transportation Plan, Performance Measures, and work with the OTO Technical Planning Committee. Natasha has been with OTO for sixteen years and was previously a planner with the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments.

Kerrie MacNeil, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Kerrie MacNeil works closely with local agencies to facilitate the funding of their transportation improvement projects through the Broward MPO's competitive grant program known as the Complete Streets and Other Local Initiatives Program (CSLIP). She holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the Florida Atlantic University and has nine years of combined experience working at the MPO and the municipal level in Broward County. Kerrie is also involved with the MPO's Complete Streets Initiative as she played an active role in the implementation of the Broward MPO's Tactical Urbanism (BTactical) Program's pilot projects.

Michael Malone, JEO Consulting

Mike Malone has 34 years of experience in the planning, evaluation, and design of transportation improvements. His experience includes traffic engineering operations and design, transportation planning, corridor studies, long range transportation plans, ITS, intersection and roadway geometric design, safety analyses, training, and research. Mike has developed travel demand models and prepared long range transportation plans for many communities in Nebraska. Mike currently serves as the Transportation Department Leader at JEO Consulting.

Reena Mathews, Federal Transit Administration

Reena Mathews works as the Division Chief for the Planning Oversight and Capacity Building Division at the Federal Transit Administration . She has over 23 years of combined experience in transportation planning, operations, policy, construction management, and research. Prior to joining FTA a year ago, she worked at FHWA's Office of Planning where she led the implementation of the Strategic Highway Research Program and provided training and technical assistance for the Transportation Capacity Building 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 University of Texas at Arlington.

Andrew McLean, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Andrew McLean works in Transportation Finance Policy at CDM Smith, providing a variety of financial, policy, and transportation advisory services to public transportation agencies and private clients. He specializes in helping clients plan, strategize, and develop new and innovative transportation funding mechanisms, including distance-based road charging.

Prior to joining CDM Smith, Andrew served for eight years as a legislator in the Maine House of Representatives, during which he was Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation for six years. There, he gained a national reputation as a leading transportation policy expert, working to build bipartisan support for revenue-generating initiatives for transportation projects and new and innovative ways to reform states' transportation funding models. He also served as Chair of the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and as Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Public Policy Committee of the Council of State Governments (CSG). In these national leadership positions, he worked with some of the nation's top lawmakers and industry stakeholders to develop creative funding mechanisms and new technologies to help build a modern and sustainable transportation system.

Andrew lives in Portland, Maine, is a graduate of the University of Maine School of Law, and is an attorney and former law clerk for the Maine Superior Court.

Austin Miller, Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho

Austin Miller is a Principal Planner at the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS). Previously, Miller worked at the Ada County Highway District in the development services department, reviewing development applications, assessing impact fees, and overseeing the 20-year Capital Improvements Plan. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Boise State University.

Harlan Miller, Federal Highway Administration

Harlan is team leader for the Planning Stewardship and Oversight Team in the FHWA's Office of Planning. He is responsible for the development and implementation of Federal regulations and guidance on transportation planning. His team is also responsible for efforts to better integrate operations, environment, safety, major projects, and performance measures into the transportation planning process.

Harlan previously served as the Planning and Research Engineer in the FHWA Utah Division Office, and as the Assistant Planning and Research Engineer in the Missouri Division. Harlan has an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois and a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University.

Dr. Melicent Miller, Virginia Department of Health

Dr. Melicent Miller earned her BS in Biology from North Carolina A&T State University and Master of Science in Public Health at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. She received her Doctorate of Public Health from Georgia Southern University. In her prior work at the Virginia Department of Health, Melicent worked with partners to reduce chronic disease burden across the lifespan throughout the Commonwealth.

Ashley Moran, Acadiana Planning Commission

Ashley Moran, AICP is a planner with the Acadiana Planning Commission's Metropolitan Planning Organization. She has held her professional certification as a certified planner since 2007. Prior to transitioning to the Planning Commission, she worked for 10 years with Lafayette Consolidated Government in the Traffic Department. Ashley specializes in data analysis and project development for the MPO. She received a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning in 2005 from the University of New Orleans.

Gabriel Morey, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Gabriel Morey is a Project Manager in the Bus Priority team at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro). He currently is leading Clear Lanes, a joint project between Metro and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to keep motorists out of bus lanes and bus stops using automated traffic enforcement cameras. Prior to Metro, he led the ITS team at DASH, Alexandria, Virginia's transit agency. Gabriel received his bachelor's in public policy from the College of William and Mary and holds a master's in public administration from George Washington University. He lives with his wife Sarah in Alexandria, Virginia.

Hunter Mulhall, COMPASS

Hunter Mulhall has been with COMPASS since 2017. He has a bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Nevada, Reno. Hunter has worked in both the private and public sectors doing data management, GIS, and business analytics prior to his role as principal planner with COMPASS. As a principal planner Hunter is responsible for congestion management, transportation systems management and operations, transportation safety, and performance monitoring.

Melissa Murray, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

Melissa Murray is the Public Relations Director at the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) in Palm Beach County, Florida. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Radio/Television - Broadcast Journalism from the University of Florida in 2015 and started her career as a television news reporter and anchor. After five years in the business, she transitioned to communications and public relations. Melissa has been with the Palm Beach TPA for two years.

Ryan Murray, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Ryan Murray is a Transportation Planner for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. Ryan has 7 years' experience working on active transportation projects for local agencies in California. In October 2022, Ryan transitioned from a local agency and entered the regional planning fray. Hailing from Detroit, Michigan, Ryan has always had a passion for challenging the status quo and continues to channel that passion by working to bring accessible, safe, and equitable transportation solutions at a regional scale.

Sree Nampoothiri, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Sree Nampoothiri, PhD, AICP, is a Senior Transportation Planner for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority with more than 20 years of experience in regional transportation planning, programming, modeling, data analytics, and related topics, in public and private sectors, a large majority of which is within the MPO community. He is passionate about his work with multimodal

transportation planning, programming, and innovation. Sree leads the planning and programming functions of NVTA.

Jeff Neal, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Employed with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) since 1999, Mr. Neal is a Senior Program Manager leading the Transportation Department's Streamlined Project Delivery Team. Mr. Neal's work involves optimizing project development throughout its lifecycle, including feasibility studies, environmental clearance, value engineering, implementation via Federal grants or innovative financing, and extending functionality with asset management and resiliency. Mr. Neal holds Bachelor of Science and Master's Degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Uryan Nelson, Central Texas Council of Governments

Uryan Nelson currently serves as the Planning and Regional Services Director for the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) and the Killeen-Temple MPO. He has served in this role for over 5 years, and prior to this served as the Director of Public Safety Programs for the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC). Uryan is a veteran of both the US Coast Guard and the US Army Reserve and holds a Master of Public Administration degree for the University of Texas.

Ian Ollis, Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Ian Ollis serves as the FAMPO Administrator and directs rural transportation planning for the George Washington Regional Commission in Virginia. Ollis is a former South African Member of Parliament and transportation planner at the Pioneer Institute and Transit Matters in Boston Massachusetts. He has a Master of City and Regional Planning from MIT, and a Master of Arts degree from the University of the Witwatersrand. Ian lives in the DMV district and has no dogs!

Patty Olmsted, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Patty is the Senior Business Outreach Coordinator at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). MORPC's Gohio Commute Program equips commuters and companies with resources to help them explore commuting options available in Central Ohio, such as ridematching, emergency ride home service, and incentive campaigns.

Brandon Orr, Urban SDK

Brandon Orr has over 10 years of professional planning experience in the design, development, and analysis of Regional and Municipal Transportation and Transit Master Plans. Mr. Orr's experience includes working in both urban and rural settings; designing commuter and recreational facilities — and combining both in a single network; leveraging transit network design to help communities provide broader mobility options; and working with communities to address multi-modal challenges at the micro, meso, and macro levels.

Rich Overmoyer, Fourth Economy Consulting, a Steer Company

Rich founded Fourth Economy in 2010 with a vision of a world where people are empowered to be co-creators of a sustainable economy that works for everyone. Since then he has been working with change agents throughout the country to create more inclusive communities and resilient economies. This has included recent engagements focused on economic recovery and resilience, assessing and addressing housing-related challenges, improving a community ecosystem to support black-owned businesses, and building community consensus.

Kelly Pack, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Kelly Pack is the Senior Director of Trail Development for Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC). During the past 17 years at RTC, her work has focused on trail planning, regional trail network development, community-based trail programming, and grassroots coalition development. With extensive experience in the active transportation and outdoor recreation fields, Kelly convenes and collaborates with diverse stakeholders to advance trail building and active transportation policy at the local, state, and national levels. She holds an M.S. in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Resources from West Virginia University.

Chad Parasa, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Chad Parasa is Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Executive Director. Chad has more than 20 years of MPO Transportation planning experience in the public sector, and he has 5 years of consulting work experience in the private sector, in the areas of Traffic Engineering. Chad has a graduate degree in Civil Engineering, major in Transportation Engineering. Chad had managed various travel demand model projects during his career.

Chet Parsons, PlanRVA

As the Director of Transportation at PlanRVA, Chet serves as lead staff for the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO). He also serves as administrator for the newly-created Central Virginia Transportation Authority. His team works alongside the public, elected officials and staff from nine member jurisdictions, regional stakeholders, and other agencies and municipalities to develop a transportation vision for the Richmond Region and then dedicate federal and state funding to specific transportation improvements.

Jordan Petrov, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Jordan Petrov is an Associate Planner with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). He specializes in human-scale mobility and transportation safety, with an emphasis on spatial data analytics. Jordan earned his Master of City & Regional Planning from the Ohio State University and now works to help communities advance their active transportation projects from vision to funding and implementation.

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.

Shelby Powell, NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Shelby Powell, AICP is the Deputy Director of the North Carolina Capital Area MPO (CAMPO). Shelby joined CAMPO in 2009 as a Senior Transportation Planner and currently is Deputy Director. Shelby supervises the Capital Area MPO's planning, transit and engagement staff, manages the annual work program, and directs the special studies program for the region. She earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree from East Carolina University.

Renee Auturm Ray, Hayden AI

Renee is the Senior Director of Global Strategy at Hayden AI. She serves on the Transportation Research Board committees for Intelligent Transportation Systems and Innovative Public Transport Services and Technologies and is a former program manager at the Atlanta Regional Commission. Renee has a master's in urban planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Julie Richmond, Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council

Julie Richmond holds an MPA from Marist College and has 26 years' experience working in countywide planning, having held various managerial positions in the fields of land use and transportation planning and grant writing and administration. Julie currently works as the Transportation Program Manager for the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council (HOCTC). Having lived and worked in several different counties around the Mid-Hudson Valley region in New York, she is familiar with the challenges of implementing best practices such as Complete Streets and the Safe Systems Approach in both rural and urban environments. Julie is happy to have recently settled in Central New York, where she now calls the City of Utica home and enjoys the benefits of living in a walkable urban community, which is just a short drive from all the beautiful amenities the two-county region has to offer for the avid outdoor lover. She is excited to be co-presenting on two recent HOCTC MPO funded planning and conceptual design projects known around the office as "the study of the ever-evolving names" such as Complete Streets Study, Safety and Complete Streets Study, Corridor Study, to simply the road name, but realizing at the end of the process, it's less about what you call it than it is about listening to what the community would like to achieve.

Paul Ricotta, Caliper Corporation

Paul Ricotta specializes in developing Travel Demand Forecasting, Traffic Microsimulation, and Logistics applications for TransCAD and TransModeler software packages. Paul is with Caliper. He routinely conducts TransCAD and TransModeler training seminars globally. He is familiar with a wide range of transportation engineering methods to perform traffic microsimulation, travel demand forecasting, and traffic operations and has 27 years of professional experience in civil engineering, 23 years of it is with Caliper.

Jacob Riger, Denver Regional Council of Governments

Jacob Riger, AICP is the multimodal transportation planning manager for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). Jacob leads teams that develop and maintain DRCOG's Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, as well as conduct DRCOG's transit, safety, freight, corridor/community mobility planning, and transportation performance planning work. Jacob serves on AMPO's Technical Committee and has 25+ years of public and private sector transportation planning expertise across the country.

Carl Ringgold, U.S. Department of Transportation

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.

Nora Roy, Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization

Nora Roy is a Research Assistant with the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization. She is completing her master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Texas, Austin. She serves as a Commissioner on the Planning and Zoning Commission for City of Taylor, TX.

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Denver Regional Council of Governments

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, AICP (he, him, el) is a program manager with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, a planning organization covering 10 counties and home to 3.4 million people. He leads the Regional Transportation Planning team that develops and maintains the Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan and additional multimodal plans and tasks related to Vision Zero, human services transportation, and freight. He also leads DRCOG's federal performance management efforts and nondiscrimination program.

Joshua Schank, InfraStrategies

Joshua is a Managing Principal at Infra Strategies and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Transportation Studies at the University of California in Los Angeles. He is formerly the Chief Innovation Officer at Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportation. Joshua has a PhD in urban planning from Columbia University.

Elle Segal, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Elle Segal is RTC's Director of Advocacy Outreach and comes to the team after working for more than eight years in community outreach, relationship management and advocacy. Previous employers for Elle include J Street, the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Bay Area (JCRC) and the University of California. At J Street and the JCRC, Elle managed and developed relationships with nonprofits, donors and candidates, as well as federal, state and local elected officials.

Monali Shah, Google; ITS America Board

Through her work with Google Public Sector, Monali helps transportation agencies bring the power of AI and analytics to improve safety, sustainability and equity. As board chair of ITS America, she works across government, companies and academia to foster innovation and collaboration in transportation. She serves on the advisory boards for US Department of Energy's Smart Mobility Consortium and University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute. She previously served as the Director of Intelligent Transportation at HERE Technologies and led the company's work in the areas of smart cities, automated driving, and traffic management. Ms. Shah has a degree in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Michigan and holds an MBA from the University of Chicago.

Jeff Sheffield, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization

Jeff Sheffield, a 30-year transportation professional, is the executive director of the independent four-county North Florida Transportation Planning Organization. Working with partner agencies, he has championed results-oriented investment in ITS, traffic incident management, safety, bicycle and pedestrian planning, freight and logistics planning, Clean Fuels and multi-modal mobility. Most recently, Jeff has focused on implementing the TPO's Smart North Florida Initiative with the goal to harness the power of smart technologies, coordinated data, and regional collaboration.

Terri Sicking, KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission

Terri Sicking is the Senior Transportation Planner for the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission. She has 20-plus years of transportation experience including long-and short-range planning, transit planning, and providing technical assistance to the region's municipalities, public transportation providers, and state DOTs.

Tom Sills, Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tom Sills is a transportation planner with the Cartersville-Bartow MPO. Mr. Sills has over 20 years of progressively responsible management experience working as a Senior Planner on resource management issues including land use, transportation, housing, environment, workforce, and economic development. Mr. Sills provides coordination between government agencies regarding transportation issues and planning; prepares technical planning reports and studies for the MPO; and reviews land development activities, examining their impact upon the transportation network.

Gopindra Sivakumar Nair, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Gopindra is a Senior Transportation System Modeler at NCTCOG. He works on identifying and implementing the best-suited concepts and techniques to travel demand problems using approaches that are practical and produce results that are explainable. He has a Ph.D. in Transportation Engineering and has done research on demand forecasting in four-step models, activity-based models, and direct demand models. Currently, he focuses on leveraging passively collected location data to enhance travel demand forecasting tools.

Sarah Siwek, Sarah J. Siwek & Associates

Sarah J. Siwek has over forty years of experience advising public and private sector organizations on transportation planning, air quality, finance, and environmental issues. Activities have included: developing and instructing training courses for transportation and environmental professionals; development, integration, financing, and implementation of transportation and air quality programs as required under the Clean Air Act; strategic facilitation activities on highway, transit, and air quality programs; and policy development and advice on transportation planning, legislation and air quality issues. Sarah J. Siwek & Associates, Inc. is a Women's Owned Small Business.

James Stack, Genesee Transportation Council

James Stack has been the Executive Director of the Genesee Transportation Council in Rochester, NY since January 2016. Prior to then, he served as the Assistant Director for 14 years. Jim is also a member of the AMPO Policy Committee. Jim has over 30 years of transportation planning experience. He holds a Masters of Public Administration from SUNY Brockport and a Bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Connecticut.

Levi Stewart-Figueroa, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Levi Stewart-Figueroa is a senior transportation resiliency planner with the Broward MPO. He specializes in planning, designing, and implementing transportation systems that can respond to climate change and withstand extreme weather events. Levi became interested in resiliency planning while at the University of New Orleans and seeing the impacts of Hurricane Katrina. Before joining the MPO, he worked in the one of epicenters of climate change with the City of Miami Beach's transportation team.

Greg Stuart, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

Greg is executive director of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization has reimagined the future for Broward County with a whole new infrastructure for autonomous electric vehicles on the highways, with quantum computers and more people living in concentrated urban centers. For all of that, the organization has a 100-year plan.

Leah Telepak, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Leah Telepak is a graduate of Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning and a background in sustainability. She is currently a Planner II in NOACA's Programming Division, developing and managing NOACA's CMAQ funded Regional Vanpool Program, and the organization's Regional Strategic Prioritization plan to equitably implement IJA funding. She also assists in other various program management capacities from application to implementation. Prior to her time with NOACA, she was a Community Development Specialist for the City of Lorain, where she developed new policy and procedure documents, applications, and contracts for various federal grant programs for their Economic Development, Public Service, and Community Projects division. She also assisted with web development for community input and managed the City's Vacant Lot Program. Leah also interned with the local Community Development Corporation, Ohio City, Inc., where she was involved in their Historic Design Review, mapped data, and assisted in initiating a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. In addition to being a focused urban planner, Leah enjoys exploring the Cleveland area with friends, trying new restaurants, hiking with her dog, Chandler, and enhancing her knowledge in sustainability, biophilia, and the multi-faceted, complex issues within the planning field.

Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando

By day, Alex Trauger is the Director of Transportation Planning at MetroPlan Orlando. He has over 15 years of experience in the public and private sectors. Relating to formal education, Alex earned his bachelor's degree and completed his graduate studies in public policy and regional planning at the University of Central Florida. He is also a graduate of the management program at the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College. Engaged in the community, Alex is a member of the TRB Standing Committee on Planning Policy and Processes (AEP10) and was recently re-appointed to the State of Florida's Freight Advisory Committee. Alex is also the past Chairman of the City of Winter Park's Transportation and Community Redevelopment Agency advisory boards.

Patrick Trouba, Mid-America Regional Council

Patrick Trouba is a planner in Mid-America Regional Council's Transportation Department, with a focus on active transportation. He enjoys producing and distributing the popular Greater Kansas City Regional Trails & Bikeways Map.

Rosalind "Roz" Tucker, Atlanta Regional Commission

Roz brings 25+ years of experience navigating the intersection of mobility, human services, philanthropy, and community engagement. Having served in leadership roles with Prudential and IBM, she brings a wealth of knowledge from the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. Roz joined the Atlanta Regional Commission in 2013 and serves as Managing Director of Mobility Services. Roz is currently Vice-President of the National Board of The Association for Commuter Transportation and an alum of Leadership Cobb.

Sydney Turner, Region 1 Planning Council

Since 2020, Sydney Turner has led as the Director of Planning at Region 1 Planning Council. In her role, she oversees the regional transportation, land use, environmental, and sustainability planning and serves as the MPO Director. In her tenor with Region 1 Planning Council, she has led a variety of transportation initiatives, including the 2050 MTP, Transportation Resiliency Study, Active Transportation Plans, Mobility Hubs Feasibility Study, and a Health & Transportation Study.

Andrew Uhlir, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

Andrew Uhlir has 8+ years of MPO transportation planning experience and currently serves as the Deputy Director of Programs for the Palm Beach TPA. The Programs team oversees the Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, data, and Performance Measures. Andrew is driven to provide data and project info in an approachable format for the everyday person.

Wenonah Venter, Sarasota/Manatee MPO

Wenonah (Nina) Venter is a Senior Planner at the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). She joined the team in late December 2021. Her areas of focus include safety, equity, active transportation and regional trail development.

Jeffrey Vernick, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Jeffrey F. Vernick, AICP, PP, is Manager of Performance Analysis and Planning at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, with over 30 years experience managing transportation projects and programs at regional, state and local levels. He has led the development of the PRIME, a geospatial planning study library, assisted with congestion management and project performance measures studies, and co-founded a transit hub planning initiative. He holds a B.A. in economics from McGill University in Montreal.

Melinda Vonstein, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Melinda Vonstein, AICP is a planner who has been involved in numerous programs that support dignified, safe, and stress-free commutes. At the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, she leads The Central Ohio Greenways program, expanding and encouraging use of the region's most beautiful transportation and outdoor recreation infrastructure. She has also been involved in implementing Central Ohio's largest public transportation system redesign. Her work in alternative transportation leverages existing successes within communities to imagine, advocate for, and collaboratively implement projects that improve quality of life for all people.

Kevin Walford, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

Kevin Walford is the lead planner for freight planning efforts at the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization. He has served as the Coordinator for the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee since 2017, and currently represents the TPO on the Florida Freight Advisory Committee, the MPOAC Freight Committee, and at the Florida Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders. Kevin has a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Miami and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from Florida Atlantic University.

Julia Wean, Steer

Julia is a transportation planner at Steer with a focus on working in strategic planning and implementation of mobility strategies aimed at increasing accessibility and reducing vehicle miles traveled. She has worked with both public and private partners to advance regional transportation goals, promote alternative transportation solutions and demonstrate the impacts of their actions. She led the delivery of SCAG's TDM Strategic Plan.

David Wessel, MetroPlan of Greater Flagstaff

David Wessel is the Planning Manager for MetroPlan of Greater Flagstaff. David's 25-year career at MetroPlan includes two successful multimodal transportation tax campaigns, several regional transportation plans, and witness to many multimodal improvements. David has a Masters of Community Planning from the University of Maryland, developed several comprehensive plans for communities in Bannock County, Idaho and served as the Navajo County, AZ Planner and Park Planner longer ago than he cares to admit.

Jim Wild, East-West Gateway COG

Jim Wild is the Executive Director of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for St. Louis, which represents the 2.6 million residents of the city of St. Louis and the surrounding seven counties in Illinois and Missouri. Jim started at East-West Gateway in 1993 as a transportation analyst and held a variety of positions before his appointment as executive director in 2015. During his 28 years at East-West Gateway, Jim's primary responsibilities have included overseeing the council's freight, intelligent transportation systems, bicycle/pedestrian, paratransit, and transportation safety programs as well as development and implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. In addition to transportation, East-West Gateway developed OneSTL, the region's sustainability plan, provides local government, research and environmental services and through its St. Louis Area Regional Response System coordinates planning and response for large-scale critical incidents. Before coming to St. Louis, Jim worked at Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, the MPO for Peoria, IL. Jim received his Bachelor of Science in Community and Regional Planning from Iowa State University.

Caroline Wood, RSG

Caroline is a market research professional with over 10 years of experience in consulting. She is currently a Consultant at RSG, where she manages large-scale household travel behavior studies for diverse regions across the country. She brings valuable insights from international development that she applies in high-level analysis of complex information for diverse audiences. Caroline has worked with clients across the globe to harness the power of data for planning and policy decision-making.

Adam Yeeles, HDR

A Senior Researcher in HDR's Social and Behavioral Sciences practice, Adam's background crosses the environmental and social sciences. With his technical experience in applied statistics, geospatial modeling, content and decision analysis, Adam designs and conducts studies with actionable insights.

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 nine years of experience as a transportation planner.