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# MODERATOR INFORMATION

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→ **Joseph M. Bovenzi, AICP**



Joseph Bovenzi, AICP, is the Program Manager for Management & Operations Planning at the Genesee Transportation Council (GTC). He started with GTC in September 2010. His background is in urban & regional planning. Joe handles operations planning activities including development & implementation of the Regional Transportation Systems Management & Operations Strategic Plan, facilitation of interagency coordination committees & initiatives, updates to the Congestion Management Process & Regional ITS Architecture, & transportation infrastructure resiliency & adaptation planning tasks. Joe is a graduate of the I-95 Corridor Coalition Operations Academy & a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

→ **Mario Colone**



Mario Colone is the Program Manager with the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) & has been with the agency since 2001. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry. Mario manages the area's federal transportation capital program, develops/manages multimodal projects & oversees various aspects of the metropolitan transportation planning process. He is the current Chair of the NYSAMPO Transit Working Group.

→ **Dana Crisino, AICP**



Dana Crisino is a land use & transportation planner that has demonstrated a history of positive & relevant impacts for the communities she works for, whether in the public or private sector over her 15-year career. She currently is the Director of the Herkimer-Oneida County Transportation Study (HOCTS) & the Transportation Program Manager for Oneida County & responsible for managing activities related to federally funded transportation policy, planning, & investment decision-making in Oneida & Herkimer Counties. Drawing on previous experience as a municipal planner, environmental review planner, trail planner, & rural planner, she is skilled at delivering programs that benefit regional priorities & local municipalities.

Dana obtained her American Institute of Certified Planner certification in 2009, completed the National Association of City Transportation Officials of Transit Street Design Guide Training, & holds certification from the National Charrette Institute as a Charrette System Planner. She has dual Bachelor degrees in Geography & Urban & Regional Studies & a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems from the University at Albany. An MBA with a concentration in social science data analytics is in progress & expected from Utica College in 2020.

→ **James D'Agostino**



James D'Agostino has been a staff member at the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) since 2000 & became its director in March of 2007. As director, James is responsible for administering the agency's annual planning program, ensuring adherence to federal & state requirements, & managing the agency's central staff. He has extensive experience in land use planning, transportation planning, computer modeling, & GIS. He holds advanced degrees in both Geography & Mathematics. He has worked with city, county, & regional governments in New York, Connecticut, & Pennsylvania, from both the public & private sector perspectives.

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→ **Fernando de Aragón**



Fernando de Aragón has served as director of the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council since 1998. There, he has focused on efforts to preserve current infrastructure investments, while providing support for expanded services that provide alternatives to single occupancy vehicle use. Previously he was a senior planner for the MPO & the county planning department in Palm Beach County, Florida. Fernando holds a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources Management & a Masters in City & Regional Planning from Rutgers University, & a Ph.D. in Energy Management & Policy from the University of Pennsylvania. Fernando is active in several community organizations including Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway, Inc. & the Center for Community Transportation. In his non-transportation life Fernando published a historical novel, *Dos Santos*, based on the earliest days of the Spanish conquest of his native Puerto Rico – [www.dossantosnovel.weebly.com](http://www.dossantosnovel.weebly.com).

→ **Mark Debald**



Mark Debald serves as the Transportation Program Administrator for the Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC), based in Poughkeepsie, NY. With almost two decades of planning experience working for a midsized MPO, Mark has participated in almost every aspect of the metropolitan transportation planning process. Mark believes that MPOs fulfill a unique & essential role in addressing regional, county, & local mobility needs. Mark holds a Masters in Regional Planning from the University at Albany-State University of New York. Prior to entering the planning field, Mark served as a transportation officer in the U.S. Army.

→ **Jason Deshaies**



Jason Deshaies joined the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) in 2007 & is currently a senior transportation analyst with the agency. Jason earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. His work at SMTC includes Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping & analysis as well as travel demand modeling. Prior to joining the SMTC, Jason worked in the private sector as a GIS planner & ecologist.

→ **Michael V. Franchini**



Michael Franchini was born & raised in the City of Albany. Mike attended the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, & graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Sciences in Oceanography. He spent 12 years in the U. S. Coast Guard at various duty stations along the East Coast, mostly in the Port Safety & Security field. While in the Coast Guard, he attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, & graduated in 1983 with a Masters in Public Administration. In 1992, Mike was appointed the City of Albany Commissioner of Water. He was also appointed to several positions in Albany County, including Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Public Works, & Director of Operations. In June 2012, he was named Executive Director of the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC).

→ **Andrew Frasier**



Andrew Frasier joined the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) in 2014 & is currently a Transportation Analyst with the agency. Andrew earned his Bachelor's degree in Geography at Syracuse University. His work at the SMTC includes Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analyses & mapping, with a focus on Census, transit, asset, & safety data. Andrew is an active member of the Syracuse-area GIS Users Group, CNYRGIS.

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→ **Danielle Krol**



Danielle Krol joined the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) in 1999 & is a Senior Transportation Planner with the agency. She has a background in both geography & urban planning, & has focused much of her time at SMTC on long-range planning & bicycle/pedestrian planning efforts. Danielle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from SUNY Geneseo, & a Masters in Geography from SUNY Binghamton with a concentration in Urban Planning.

→ **Aaron McKeon, AICP**



Aaron McKeon, AICP, has been a transportation planner with the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) since 2010. His previous experience includes work as a consultant & seven years as an environmental planner with the California Department of Transportation in Sacramento, where his focus was on the land use & socioeconomic impacts of transportation projects. Aaron is a graduate of the University of Rochester & Cornell University's Master of Regional Planning program.

→ **Sandy Misiewicz, AICP**



Sandy Misiewicz is a Senior Transportation Planner II with the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Albany-Schenectady-Troy & Saratoga Springs metropolitan areas. She has been with CDTC since 1998 when she graduated from the University at Albany with her Master's degree in Urban & Regional Planning. Sandy manages CDTC's Safety Program & has chaired the NYSAMPO Safety Working Group for 10 years.

→ **Richard Perrin, AICP**



Richard Perrin currently serves as T.Y. Lin International's Director of Planning Services for the Eastern U.S. where he manages large-scale planning & transportation projects, & assists clients' critical transportation infrastructure needs by identifying funding & implementing outcome-based management. A seasoned professional, Richard served as the Genesee Transportation Council's (GTC) executive director for 12 years, successfully leading all federally-funded transportation policy, planning, & investment in New York's nine-county Rochester/Finger Lakes Region. Richard is credited as the lead developer of the highly-regarded performance-based, data-driven capital programming process for prioritizing investment in the region. He was a two-term President of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) & was Chairman of the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO) for five years. Richard has provided testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives' Highways & Transit Subcommittee & input to the Senate Democratic Steering & Outreach Committee on federal transportation policy & the need for additional investment in all forms of infrastructure. He received his Master's degree in urban planning from the State University of New York at Buffalo & his Bachelor's degree from St. John Fisher College. In addition, he has completed the Wharton Transportation Executive Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

→ **Meghan Vitale**



Meghan Vitale joined the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) in 2007 & is currently the agency's principal transportation planner. Meghan earned her undergraduate degree in civil engineering & also holds a Master's degree in urban planning & policy. Her work at SMTC has included land use-transportation studies, corridor studies, the Long Range Transportation Plan, & numerous public involvement & outreach activities. Prior to joining the SMTC, Meghan worked in the private sector as a transportation planner & traffic engineer

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→ **Scott Allen**



Scott Allen is a Transportation Specialist with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Planning. In his current role, Scott specializes in public involvement, economic development, rural transportation, & serves as the research program manager. He also leads FHWA's Every Day Counts-5 (EDC-5) Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) initiative. Scott has ten years of combined federal service working at both FHWA & the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Scott earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Georgia & received a Master of Public Administration, with a concentration in Planning & Economic Development from Georgia State University. Scott enjoys spending time with his wife & dog in Washington, DC.

→ **Carm Basile**



Carm Basile is Chief Executive Officer for the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA). CDTA, is an Albany, NY-based mobility management company, serving customers throughout Albany, Schenectady, Troy, & Saratoga counties. Carm has worked at CDTA since 1981 & was named CEO in 2009. As CEO, Carm has company-wide responsibility for transit development, daily operations, & finances. The company's annual operating budget is \$90.1 million. Carm works with the CDTA Board of Directors to develop innovative strategies to deliver high quality services, programs & facilities to the people of the Capital Region. He has led the transformation of the company into a community-based provider of mobility, increasing ridership, visibility, & brand awareness. CDTA was named the Best Mid-Size Transit System in North America in October 2017. Carm serves on a long list of boards & civic organizations, including the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of the Greater Capital Region & Christian Brothers Academy. Carm was born & raised in Springfield, MA. He graduated from Worcester State College in Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban Studies. He lives in Latham with his wife Sheila. They have two sons.

→ **Andy Beers**



Andy Beers was named Director of the Empire State Trail in May 2017. He is an employee of the Hudson River Valley Greenway, which is hosting the statewide Empire State Trail initiative. Prior to that, he served for ten years as the Executive Deputy Commissioner for the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation. Andy also worked for seventeen years for the New York Office of The Nature Conservancy. In 1983, he received a Master of Science in Natural Resource Policy from Cornell University.

→ **Joseph M. Bovenzi, AICP**



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→ **Levon Boyagian**



Levon Boyagian is the managing principal at Boyagian Consulting, LLC, a federal government relations firm based in Arlington, VA, where he focuses on transportation infrastructure issues. Prior to establishing Boyagian Consulting in April of 2008, Levon worked for three years as a Vice President at Dutko Worldwide, a public policy & government relations firm in Washington, DC, where he managed the federal transportation practice. Before joining Dutko Worldwide in 2005, Levon served fourteen years as a professional staffer on Capitol Hill. He served for ten years on the staff of Representative Don Young (R-AK). His last four years on the Hill, Levon worked for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, first as special assistant to the chairman, then as staff director for the House Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, & Pipelines. As the subcommittee staff director, Levon led its efforts in drafting, negotiating & passing through the House of Representatives the reauthorization of TEA-21, the major surface transportation construction & safety bill signed into law in 2005. Other legislation signed into law under his leadership includes The Transit Operating Flexibility Act, The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act, six extensions of TEA-21 and The Norman Y. Mineta Research & Special Programs Improvement Act, which created two new agencies within the Department of Transportation.

→ **James Bradbury**



James Bradbury is the Mitigation Program Director for the Georgetown Climate Center. This includes the Climate Center's work supporting state leadership & also coordinated engagement with the federal government through facilitation, convening, & analysis. James also manages the Transportation & Climate Initiative, a collaboration among 12 northeast & mid-Atlantic states & the District of Columbia to reduce emissions from the transportation sector. James has over 12 years of experience working with a broad range of stakeholders to help advance climate & clean energy policies at the federal and state levels.

→ **Jen Ceponis**



Jen Ceponis is a Senior Transportation Planner with the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) where she has worked since 2008. Most recently she has been involved in promoting bicycle & pedestrian safety through CDTC's safety campaign, Capital Coexist, managing CDTC's Smart Communities program, overseeing a number of land use & transportation integration planning studies, & managing the Capital Region's trail count & survey program as well as the Capital District Trails Plan. Jen is also the Coordinator of Capital District Clean Communities, a government/industry partnership through the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities program whose mission is to support local decisions to reduce the use of petroleum fuels in transportation. Jen is on the Board of Directors of Capital CarShare, a non-profit carsharing organization in Albany that she helped launch in 2014 & is the Chair of the NYS MPO Climate Change Working Group. Jen received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology & Philosophy from Siena College & her Masters in Regional Planning from the State University of New York at Albany. She is currently working on her Master's in Public Administration at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy.

→ **Paul Colabufo**



Paul Colabufo is the Community Manager for Gotcha bikes. He is running the bike share system in Syracuse which will consist of 200 e-bikes spread over 35 hubs.

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→ **Megan Crowe, AICP**



Megan Crowe is the Senior Planner in Livingston County, in the Genesee Finger Lakes Region, where she enthusiastically focuses on grants & special projects for the County. Prior to joining Livingston County this spring, Megan worked as an Associate Planner for the City of Wilmington, & formerly was the Senior Planner in Pender County, both in Southeastern North Carolina. She has her Bachelor's of Science from State University of New York at Cortland & is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a Masters Degree in Public Administration in Urban & Regional Planning & Policy. Megan is an AICP certified planner & Certified Floodplain Manager.

→ **Rich Denbow**



Rich Denbow is a Senior Associate at Cambridge Systematics (CS) with 22 years of transportation planning experience. He joined CS in 2015 after serving as the Director of Technical Programs at the Association of MPOs for 14 years, where he worked with MPOs across the country. Before leaving AMPO, CS assured Rich that he would be able to continue his work with MPOs, & he's happy to report that this has been the case. Rich's past job experience also includes EPA's Office of Transportation & Air Quality in Ann Arbor, Michigan, & General Motors, where he helped implement emission standard programs for cars & trucks. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan & the University of Florida, & lives & works in Raleigh, NC.

→ **Kelly Dixon, AICP**



Kelly Dixon joined the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) team in 2010 & is involved in the MPO's Long Range Transportation Planning efforts, Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning & the transportation demand management initiative Go Buffalo Niagara that is working to expand multi-modal transportation options in the region. Prior to her current position, Kelly served as the National Programs Coordinator 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 & Medicaid Managed Care programs. She presently serves on the Board of Directors for GOBike Buffalo & Allentown Association, Inc. & holds a Masters Degree in Urban & Regional Planning from the University at Buffalo.

→ **Ron Epstein**



Ronald L. Epstein was named the Executive Deputy Commissioner for the New York State Department of Transportation in December 2017. During his tenure with the Department, Ron has provided overall leadership for the development & implementation of integrated multi-modal transportation policies, planning, and financing strategies. Ron is responsible for the Department's \$10 billion annual budget, developing resource estimates in support of multi-year capital financing plans, & providing financial & policy advice to the Commissioner of Transportation. Ron also continues to be responsible for developing, analyzing, & coordinating State & federal transportation policy initiatives, funding proposals, legislation, & regulations.

→ **Keith Gager**



Keith Gager is the manager of the Bridge Program Development Unit for the New York State Department of Transportation & is a licensed professional engineer. He graduated from Rutgers College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering & started his career with NYSDOT in 1992. Keith has spent his career focused on structures, having earned expertise in bridge design, inspection, & project development. As manager of Bridge Program Development, Keith manages the Bridge Management System (BMS) & performs data analysis in support of projects of statewide significance including TAMP, program update, & Bridge NY.

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→ **Steven Gayle, PTP**



Steven Gayle is a Director with RSG. He has a national reputation for his knowledge of metropolitan transportation planning, as a practitioner, educator, policy analyst, & author. He spent 25 years as Executive Director of the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study (BMTS), participating in all aspects of metropolitan transportation planning. As staff to the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO) for six years, he created briefing materials on performance based planning & provided policy analysis on federal rulemakings & the FAST Act. He is an instructor for the National Highway Institute, & recently served as primary developer of a new Transportation Planning Process course. Steve has developed expertise in future mobility planning. Steve has served as International President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Vice President of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), & Vice-Chair of the Transportation Professional Certification Board, where he was a co-creator of the Professional Transportation Planner certification. He has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania & a Master of Regional Planning from Syracuse University.

→ **Jeff Goodmark**



Jeff Goodmark is the Operations Manager for Lime in New York. He has worked in real estate & renewable energy fields for more than 15 years & has now moved into the micromobility field where he specializes in operational efficiencies. His latest focus is bringing an expanded transportation platform to rural cities & towns in the Finger Lakes. Jeff is also a musician, song writer, & produces a podcast about inspiration called "Ithaca is Music". He has performed all over the country as a drummer with various bands. Visit him & read about his podcast at [ithacaismusicpodcast.com](http://ithacaismusicpodcast.com)

→ **DeLania Hardy**



DeLania Hardy has worked at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) for 19 years & became Executive Director in February 2004. DeLania has been personally responsible for successfully advocating on behalf of MPOs in the development of AMPO's responses to the TEA-21 proposed rule makings & SAFETEA-LU, MAP 21, and FAST ACT legislation & rulemakings. She continues to work on planning issues. Prior to joining AMPO, DeLania worked as a Transportation Planner & Project Manager for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission where she assisted the executive director with advocating for public transportation & managed transportation projects in Northern Virginia. DeLania worked for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in Washington, DC as an environmental planner. DeLania holds her Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from Virginia Wesleyan University, & her Master of Arts in Environmental Politics from George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management.

→ **Eric Hathaway**



Eric Hathaway is the Transportation Engineer for the City of Ithaca, NY. He is a licensed engineer with a degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Bucknell University. Previous to his tenure at the City of Ithaca, Eric practiced as a transportation engineer in Pennsylvania & Oregon. Eric is especially passionate about safety & Vision Zero because it has the potential to impact the quality of life in a tangible way in his community.

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→ **José Holguín-Veras**



Dr. José Holguín-Veras is the William H. Hart Professor & Director of the Volvo Research & Educational Foundations Center of Excellence for Sustainable Urban Freight Systems, & the Center for Infrastructure, Transportation, & the Environment at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2013 White House's Transportation Champion of Change Award, the 1996 Milton Pikarsky Memorial Award, & the 2001 National Science Foundation's CAREER Award. He is the most widely published & cited freight researcher in the world. His research interests are in the areas of freight transportation modeling & economics, & humanitarian logistics. His work has opened the door to new paradigms of freight systems that not only increase economic efficiency environmental justice. His research has led to major changes in transportation policy & substantial improvements in the ability to improve urban freight systems. His work on humanitarian logistics has played an influential role in disaster response procedures, & has led to deeper insight into how best to respond to large disasters & catastrophic events. He is President of the Scientific Committee of the Pan-American Conferences of Traffic & Transportation Engineering, & member of the Scientific Committee of the World Conference of Transport Research. He is a member of numerous technical committees & editorial boards of leading journals. He received his Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Austin in 1996; a Master of Science from the Universidad Central de Venezuela in 1984, & a Bachelor of Science from the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo en 1982.

→ **Julia Kite-Laidlaw**



Julia Kite-Laidlaw is the Director of Strategic Initiatives at the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT), where she works on the design, implementation, & evaluation of policies related to the Vision Zero program to eliminate deaths & serious injuries on the City's streets. She previously served as the Policy & Research Director of the advocacy group Transportation Alternatives, & in several research positions related to urban planning, housing & redevelopment, & public health, in both the United States & United Kingdom. She holds degrees from Columbia University, the London School of Economics, & the University of California - Berkeley.

→ **Peter Koepfel**



Peter Koepfel is the manager of long-range transportation planning (LRTP) at the East-West Gateway (EWG) Council of Governments, the MPO for the St. Louis, MO/IL region. In addition to the LRTP, he is responsible for the agency's performance management program & works on new & emerging transportation technologies. Prior to EWG, he was the senior planner at the Florida Planning & Development Lab at Florida State University. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill & a Master of Science in Urban & Regional Planning from Florida State University.

→ **Alain Kornhauser**



Alain Kornhauser is the Professor of Operations Research & Financial Engineering at Princeton University. He has served on the Faculty for over 45 years. He was the Faculty Leader of Princeton's entries in the 2005 DARPA Grand Challenge & 2007 Urban Challenge. He serves as Director of the Transportation Program where he continues his basic research in transportation focused on the real-time operation of large fleets of driverless vehicles & on the development of Deep-Learning Neural Networks that safely drive road vehicles. He is Faculty Chair of Princeton Autonomous Vehicle Engineering (PAVE), an extracurricular undergraduate Smart Driving Car research effort at Princeton, Editor of the Smart Driving Cars Newsletter, & Board Chair of the Advanced Transit Association (ATRA). In addition to his teaching & research duties he serves as the ORFE's Department's Director of Undergraduate Studies. Professor Kornhauser has completed more than a dozen NYC Marathons.

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→ **John Lacey**



John Lacey is a Senior Counselor of Public Relations & Public Affairs at Mower. As a senior member of Mower's public affairs team, John counsels clients on short- & long-term strategic communications planning, crisis communications & policy matters. His broad experience encompasses policy, government relations, strategic communications, & project development for both the nonprofit & profit sectors. Prior to joining Mower, he served as communications director for Americans for Gun Safety, handling the organization's communications strategy & implementation, & acting as chief spokesperson.

→ **Catherine Lawson**



Dr. Catherine T. Lawson is an Associate Professor in the Geography and Planning Department & Director of the Lewis Mumford Center/Albany Visualization & Informatics Lab (AVAIL) at the University at Albany. Her research interests include advanced uses of archived intelligent transportation systems (ITS) data & spatial analysis/geographic information systems (GIS) applications for transportation planning & analysis for freight, transit (including ferries), and passenger travel.

→ **Scott Le Vine, AICP, PP**



Scott Le Vine is a Senior Transportation Planner/Modeler with 15 years of experience in consulting & academia. He joined Transpo in January 2019 & teaches Urban Planning at State University of New York at New Paltz. He is an international leader in documenting the drivers of changing personal mobility, including ongoing demographic change, emerging technologies, & "New Mobility". He is a Trustee of CoMoUK, the UK's shared-mobility trade body. He has consulted for a wide range of public & private sector entities in the US & UK. Major recent assignments include a study of changing commuting patterns in the past quarter-century (for the British Department for Transport) & a study of trends in Senior Citizens' Mobility (for BMW); both reports are published & freely available online. His work on "Peak Car" & vehicle automation has been employed by the British government to update national traffic forecasting techniques. Scott serves on TRB Standing Committees on ITS & Shared-Mobility & has published some two dozen technical papers on themes of VMT trends, shared-mobility, & vehicle automation. He has served on the update of regional models for Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Syracuse & Kingston, NY as well as a range of transportation planning studies. He is currently supervising graduate students' studies at universities in Britain & China.

→ **Rick Marquis**



Rick Marquis was named the Federal Highway Administration New York Division Administrator in March of 2018. As a key member of the Agency management team, Rick exercises executive direction over the \$1.8 billion Federal-aid annual apportionment to New York, one of the largest & most complex in the country. As Division Administrator, he leads a multidisciplinary staff of over 40 professionals in Albany & New York City to provide guidance to State and local funding recipients with the primary objective of remaining a relevant partner in New York while advancing national transportation goals.

Beginning in 2017, Rick was the Senior Policy Advisor for the FHWA Office of the Administrator. In this capacity, Rick was FHWA's point of contact with the Office of the Secretary on regulatory reform activities & coordinated reform activities on FHWA policies/guidance, regulations, & statutes with the various offices of FHWA. Prior to this role, Rick worked as a Division Chief for the U.S. DOT/Volpe Center supporting various FHWA Headquarters Offices, as well as the Office of the Secretary. Rick also spent 20 years working in different capacities in FHWA field offices, including as the Indiana Division Administrator, the Massachusetts Assistant Division Administrator, & the Director of Technical Services in the Pennsylvania Division. Rick joined FHWA in 1996 & was the Planning & Environmental Specialist & Team Leader in the Massachusetts Division. Prior to joining FHWA, Rick worked for three Metropolitan Planning Organizations, including the Boston, MA MPO.

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→ **Carrie McMurray**



Carrie McMurray joined The Paige Group in 2000 as an Account Manager, became Account Planning Director in 2009, & was named Vice President/Planning in 2014. Specializing in public participation, marketing communications & social marketing, she serves as a stakeholder engagement & community relations consultant.

Carrie has over 18 years of experience in the communications industry & has provided planning & consulting services to clients in a wide range of consumer & B2B industries. These include transportation, government, utilities, economic development, education, health & human services, travel & tourism, & a wide range of consumer & not-for-profit organizations. In addition, she has provided consulting & facilitation services to many clients regarding visioning & strategic planning, organizational development & leadership, mission/vision development, internal communications programs, & market position.

Ms. McMurray holds an undergraduate degree in communications with a minor in psychology from State University of New York at Fredonia, professional certificates from Second Wind Agency Association and IAP2, the international association of public participation professionals.

→ **Dwight Mengel**



Dwight Mengel is the Chief Transportation Planner of Tompkins County, NY with a 30-plus year career developing community mobility services from positions in the departments of Planning, Public Works, Social Services & the TCAT public transit system. Dwight is the County grant manager for federal & state public transportation programs & works closely with ITCTC staff on managing transit projects in the TIP/STIP. Further, Dwight directs an extensive mobility management program covering Tompkins & neighboring counties. In 2018, the Federal Transit Administration selected Tompkins County's Mobility-as-a-Service Proposal as one of six participants in its Mobility On Demand On-Ramp Program. The County's MaaS proposal addresses mobility challenges and opportunities in small urban & rural communities. In 2015, the Community Transportation Association of America honored Dwight with its George Drucker Memorial Award.

→ **Alex Muro**



Alex Muro, Lead Programmer at Albany Visualization And Informatics Lab (AVAIL), is a graduate from the State University of New York at Albany's Computer Science Department. Alex has been at AVAIL for ten years, working on a wide variety of transportation projects ranging from transit to freight. Alex serves as lead programmer for the ongoing NYSDOT project to develop NPMRDS web-tools for congestion, reliability, & incident performance measurement.

→ **Patrick Orecki**



Patrick Orecki is a Senior Research Associate at the Citizens Budget Commission (CBC). CBC is a nonpartisan, nonprofit civic organization whose mission is to achieve constructive change in the finances & services of New York City & New York State government. Patrick provides analysis of the State budget & policy, focusing on health policy, the Medicaid program, & transportation investments. Prior to joining CBC Patrick served at the New York State Division of the Budget working on budgeting & policy for the Medicaid program & a portfolio of public health programs. Patrick holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics & Political Science from the State University of New York at Geneseo & a Master of Public Administration from Rockefeller College at the University at Albany, SUNY.

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→ **Peter Plumeau**



Peter Plumeau is President & CEO of EDR Group. With almost 30 years experience in the public, private, & non-profit sectors, he is a national expert in multimodal transportation policy & planning, regional economic development, & organizational development & strategic management. Peter leads execution of EDR Group's business strategy as well as the firm's overall business development & client relations. His experience includes helping planners integrate multi-modal mobility needs, including goods movement & non-motorized modes, into complete streets plans & advising policy-makers on the relationship of transportation efficiency to community economic vitality. He has led development of multimodal transportation studies, plans, & strategies for MPOs, state DOTs, municipalities, & authorities across the US, Canada, Europe, & China. Peter has also authored or co-authored numerous research reports & guidebooks on transportation planning, policy analysis, & goods movement for the Transportation Research Board (TRB), the US Department of Transportation, the Canadian Trucking Association, the American Planning Association, & Transport Canada. Prior to joining EDR Group, Peter's career included positions as a Senior Director with RSG, Inc., Executive Director of the Chittenden County MPO, state legislative staff, & staff to the U.S. Congress. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University at Albany & a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Vermont. He is a member of several TRB standing committees, the New England Council, & the Alliance for Business Leadership.

→ **Jeff Quackenbush**



Jeff Quackenbush started with a degree in Surveying Engineering from the University of Maine & he has pursued a career in spatial measurement & database technologies. Since 1993, Jeff has worked in the fields of surveying, engineering, database management, & GIS. The last 21 years of employment has been spent doing GIS work within the MPO & the Regional Planning Office for Herkimer & Oneida Counties.

→ **Paul Ricotta**



Paul Ricotta, is a Principal Transportation Engineer at Caliper Corporation, who leads & manages projects to develop travel demand & wide-area micro-simulation models and other transportation applications, primarily in Caliper's TransCAD & TransModeler software platforms. He has over 25 years of experience in transportation modeling of all kinds & has instructed countless professionals in the productive application of travel demand & microsimulation models. He holds a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology & a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering & Mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

→ **Adam Ruder**



Adam Ruder is the program manager for New York State Energy Research & Development's (NYSERDA) Clean Transportation group. The Clean Transportation group focuses on developing & demonstrating new technologies, policies, & business models that support three key focus areas: electric vehicles, public transportation, & mobility management. Adam has led the implementation of Gov. Cuomo's ChargeNY initiative to advance electric vehicle adoption in New York State & he closely collaborates with other states & the federal government to jointly advance EV policies & programs. Before joining NYSERDA in 2008, Adam received a Master in Public Policy degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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→ **Paul Ruggeri**



Paul Ruggeri brings more than four decades of business development experience to StreetLight Data, where for the past 2 ½ years, he has served as Regional Director for the Northeast US. He works closely with public sector agencies to support their transportation planning & engineering initiatives. Prior to joining StreetLight Data, Paul spent nearly 15 years as the founder & manager of his own business development firm that provided outsourced sales services to a broad range of information technology companies. He began his career at IBM, where he worked as a systems engineer & as an account representative. Paul holds a Bachelors degree in Social Studies from Salem State University.

→ **Howard Slavin**



Howard Slavin is the Founder & President of Caliper Corporation. He has more than 30 years of experience in travel demand modeling, geographic information systems, & the development of software for transportation forecasting. Dr. Slavin initiated & has guided the development of all of Caliper's software products including TransCAD, MAPTITUDE, & TransModeler. He holds an AB degree from Yale College in Mathematics & Urban Studies, a Masters degree in Urban & Regional Planning from Harvard University, & a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge in England.

→ **James Stack**



James Stack has been the Executive Director of the Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) in Rochester, NY since January 2016. Prior to being appointed Executive Director, Jim served as the Assistant Director for 14 years & has been with GTC for nearly 20 years. Prior to GTC, James was a Transportation Planner for the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency in Bristol, CT. James has over 25 years of transportation planning experience. His transportation experience includes transit & corridor studies, area studies, data collection & management, project management, managing projects conducted by consultants, managing a capital program, & air quality analysis.

James was invited to discuss Strategic Divestment at an Executive Roundtable as part of NCHRP 19-14 Right-Sizing Transportation Investments—Methods for Planning & Programming & presented the topic at the AMPO Annual Conference in 2018. James holds a Masters of Public Administration from the State University of New York at Brockport & a Bachelors degree in Geography from the University of Connecticut.

→ **Dan Suraci, AICP**



Dan Suraci, AICP, Principal & Founder, Urban Cycling Solutions, is a nationally recognized expert on equitable mobility solutions & active connections to transit. His multidisciplinary portfolio includes projects ranging from the development of New York State's first active transportation & complete streets training for planning boards & municipal officials to a pilot wayfinding system in NY's Penn Station & a feasibility study of an extension of the Empire State Trail on Long Island. Dan also wrote APTA's national guide for Bicycle & Transit integration in collaboration with more than 30 transit agencies across the country. He holds a Masters degree in Urban Planning from NYU's Wagner School of Public Service & is an avid bike commuter & instructor.

→ **Russell Thielke**



Russell Thielke is the Chief of Pavement Management Systems for the New York State Department of Transportation & a licensed professional engineer. He graduated from the University of Buffalo in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering & started his career with NYSDOT in 1993. Russell has spent the last 21 years focusing on pavement materials, pavement preservation techniques, & pavement treatment selection. As the Chief of Pavement Management Systems, he is responsible for pavement management, pavement engineering, & pavement materials.

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Julie Tolar, GISP, is the Director of Service Planning at Regional Transit Service (RTS). A native of Rochester, NY, she graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1998. Julie then worked as a GIS Analyst at the Town of Penfield from 1999 to 2014, before joining RTS as a Transportation Planner in 2012. She took on the role of Director in 2016. Since joining RTS, Julie has been involved in many interesting projects, including the launch of the RTS Transit Center, a Vanpool Feasibility Study, & the redesign of bus routes in Webster, Brighton, & the 19th Ward. She has also been serving as the Project Manager for Reimagine RTS since the project's inception in early 2017. Julie resides in Brockport with her fiancé, her 10- & 13-year-old sons, & her dog.



Jan Vink is an Extension Associate with the Program on Applied Demographics at Cornell University. Jan holds a Master's degree in Econometrics from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. For over 10 years, Jan represented New York in the Federal State Cooperatives with the U.S. Census Bureau on Population Estimates & Projections & is currently elected to the steering committee. He also plays an active role in the New York State Data Center network. Jan developed the Program's website, which hosts a wealth of data & data visualizations. Regularly Jan publishes reports on demographic & other trends in New York State & is interviewed frequently by newspaper & other media regarding those trends.



Nicole Waldheim, is a Senior Associate at Cambridge Systematics (CS) with over 15 years of experience in Transportation Safety Planning (TSP), including the integration of safety into planning, & the development of safety plans. Prior to CS, Nicole was Administrator of the Jacksonville MPO in North Carolina, working extensively with local jurisdictions on a range of activities, including safety. In her position before that, she was the Senior Program Manager at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations for six years, giving her extensive knowledge on MPO planning practices, policies, & processes. Nationally, Nicole has completed extensive research & implementation related to integrating safety into the transportation planning process & the development of performance-based safety plans. She co-authored research for the National Cooperative Highway Research Program on Institutionalizing Safety in Transportation Plans, led a full-day FHWA workshop for Department of Transportations, MPOs, & local jurisdictions on safety plan development, & recently presented at the TRB Safety Management Mid-Year meeting on the general concepts related to integrating safe systems into the transportation planning processes.



Jamie Winders is Director of the Autonomous Systems Policy Institute (ASPI) at Syracuse University & Professor of Geography in the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs. ASPI focuses on the technology, policy, & social implications of autonomous systems & their applications. In her work as ASPI director, Jamie brings together faculty & students from across Syracuse University to offer interdisciplinary insight into the policies, regulations, & varied uses of autonomous systems, from driverless vehicles & pilotless ships to unmanned aerial vehicles. Through ASPI, Jamie also works closely with key stakeholders in industry, government, non-profits, & wider communities impacted by or associated with autonomous systems. Jamie is known for her interdisciplinary work on international migration, as well as her contributions to geography's engagements with race, labor, & social reproduction. She is Editor-in-Chief of the International Migration Review, the flagship journal in migration studies, & Associate Editor of cultural geographies. Much of her research focuses on the interactions between changing patterns of immigrant settlement & racial/cultural politics, especially in the context of new immigrant destinations in a domestic & an international context. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky & joined the Syracuse University faculty in 2004.

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→ **Benjamin Woelke**



Benjamin Woelke is a social entrepreneur & health & community infrastructure analyst & has spent more than a decade leading & impacting a range of community development projects to improve the quality of life & the vibrancy & wellbeing of communities. His efforts have centered on managing projects rooted in main street advocacy, placemaking, & regional tourism initiatives through his company, Slow Road, & more recently community development, & planning through his role at Common Ground Health.

Once known as the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency, Common Ground Health is one of the United States' oldest & most effective regional health planning organizations & continues to serve the Finger Lakes region of New York State as its health roundtable with its headquarters in Rochester, NY. Over the past several years, Benjamin has led the agency's work in advancing health informed decision-making through his authorship & publication of three Health Impact Assessments focused on transportation, land use, & housing throughout Common Ground Health's nine county region. Benjamin continues to lead the Health Impact Assessment work at Common Ground Health & seeks to identify opportunities to advance & integrate a Health in all Policies approach within non-traditional health sectors that include economic & community development, planning, land use, & transportation.

Benjamin earned his Master of Science from the Center of Multidisciplinary Studies at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in 2013 with concentrations in Public Policy, Tourism, & Marketing & has been recognized as a distinguished alumni & "Difference Maker" from the RIT School of Individualized Study (SOIS).

Benjamin also currently serves as an advisory member for the International Society of Health Impact Assessment (SOPHIA) & sits on the Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) transportation sub-committee.

→ **Stanley Young**

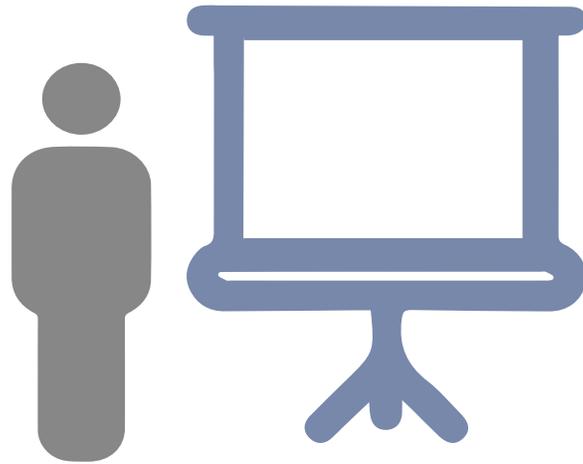


Dr. Stanley Young is the lead for Advanced Transportation and Urban Science at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado. He serves as the Department of Energy technologist-in-city for the Columbus Smart City program, as well as the Urban Science pillar lead for the SMART Mobility initiative. Previous appointments include the Kansas Department of Transportation, University of Maryland Center for Advanced Transportation Technology, the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, and volunteer with the United States Peace Corps in Cameroon, West Africa.

→ **Tanya Mooza Zwahlen, AICP**



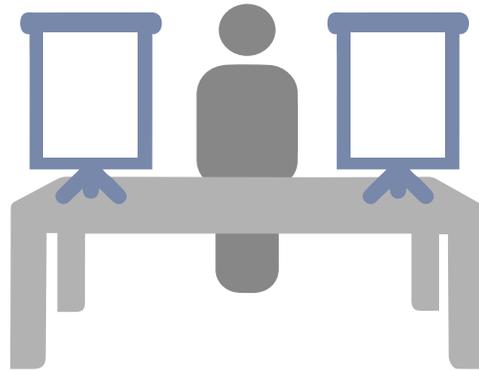
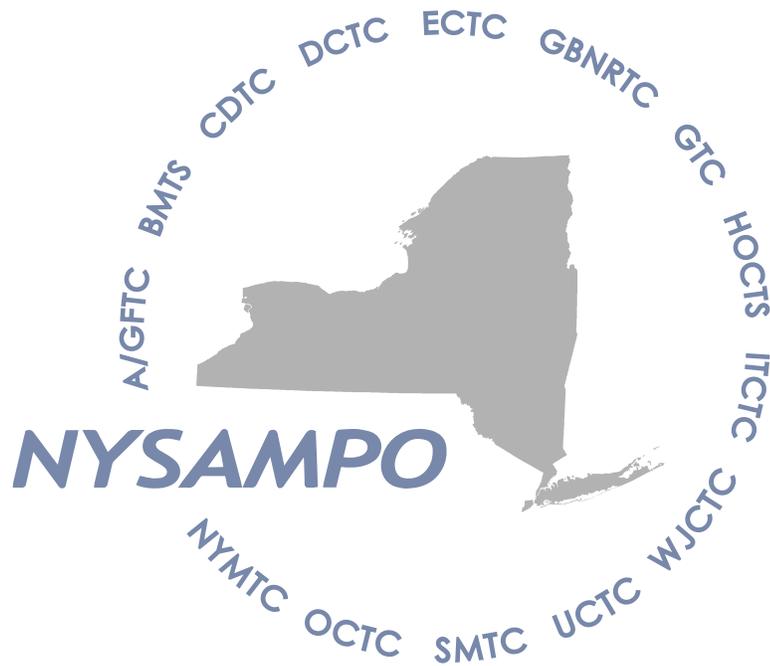
Tanya Mooza Zwahlen, AICP, is Principal & Owner of Highland Planning. She has 17 years experience in the fields of planning & community development. Her public engagement work has included transit system redesigns, the design & construction of corridor transportation projects, comprehensive plans, neighborhood plans, downtown redevelopment plans, parking studies, freight studies, statewide housing & transportation plans, & park redesign projects. Since 2012, Ms. Zwahlen has managed NCHRP & ACRP synthesis projects for the Transportation Research Board. In 2017 & 2018, she taught an FTA course regarding all-hazards transportation recovery across the nation. Ms. Zwahlen received a Masters degree in City & Regional Planning from Cornell University in 2003. She has served on the Board of Directors of the South Wedge Planning Committee for eight years & was a member of the City of Rochester Environmental Commission from 2008-2016.



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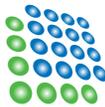
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