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Keynote Speaker

Veronica Castro de Barrera, AIA

Founder + Principal Architect

VCdB Architecture & Art

Lead Campus & Mobility Planner

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The University of Texas at Austin

Veronica Castro de Barrera is a licensed architect and LEED Accredited Professional with nearly three decades of experience in civic, urban design, and multimodal transportation systems. She is registered with the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners. In 2024, she joined The University of Texas at Austin, where she leads planning initiatives in mobility and transportation, historic preservation, sustainability, and environmental graphics.

At UT Austin, Veronica chairs the Campus Design Review Committee and contributes to interdisciplinary education through mentoring students in engineering, architecture, and urban design. Her civic leadership includes service on multiple boards, including Design Austin, and she serves as Chair of the Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors, overseeing implementation of the voter-approved Project Connect transit program.

Her professional and research-informed practice spans mass transit, civic and institutional facilities, healthcare, education, public spaces, and public art. Her work has a global dimension, with experience in Mexico, Italy, and Denmark. Previously, she practiced at MWM DesignGroup, led the transit studio at KAI Enterprises focused on transit, active mobility, and placemaking strategies across five U.S. cities.

Veronica's contributions to the profession and humanizing cities have been recognized nationally, including the American Institute of Architects Honor Award for Community Service and being named a "Woman Who Moves the Nation" by the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials in Washington, D.C.

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Ben Pacho

Senior Transportation Planner

City of Mountain View

Ben is a Senior Transportation Planner at the City of Mountain View. He is an alum of the London School of Economics where he studied Regional and Urban Planning. In his current role, he oversees sustainable transportation policy efforts, including Transportation Demand Management (TDM), active transportation initiatives, transit planning, and multimodal mobility projects. Throughout his career, he has focused on advancing innovative transportation solutions and creating more accessible and sustainable communities in coalition with key stakeholders and partners.

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Cody Stone

Managing Engineer, Austin Transportation and Public Works

Austin

Cody Stone is the City of Austin Project Delivery Division Manager, overseeing a team of managers and technical leads in the Transportation and Public Works department. Cody has been with the City of Austin for five years, helping to deliver local mobility projects. These projects include corridor redesigns, intersection safety, urban trails, transit enhancements, urban streetscape, and regional project reviews. Prior to his work at the City of Austin, Cody managed and provided technical expertise on several major regional transportation infrastructure projects in Texas. Cody has a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Florida and a Master's degree in Transportation from the University of Texas.

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Darren Ujano

Supervising Engineer | Austin Aviation
Austin-Bergstrom International Airport

Darren Ujano, P.E., PMP, PTOE is the Aviation Supervising Engineer for Austin-Bergstrom international Airport (AUS) which is currently undergoing a $5.2 billion airport expansion. This airport expansion involves a new Arrival-Departures Hall, Central Utility Plant, Taxiways, and Concourses which will add at least 26 additional airline gates. Darren leads the Design Management and Engineering Sections which is charged with overseeing the design development of airport projects, which includes architectural and engineering designs, stakeholder engagement, coordination committees, and technical reviews across multiple disciplines.

Career-wise, Darren graduated with a Civil Engineering degree from The University of Illinois at Chicago. He has developed a solid background in engineering design and program management coming from a $3.7 billion Capital Improvement Program from The City of Chicago. He has also worked across several organizations, ranging from architecture firms to city departments, to design, build, and deliver a wide variety of projects.”

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Katherine Youngbluth

Senior Director, Long Range Planning

CapMetro

Katherine Youngbluth, AICP is a transportation program manager with more than 20 years of experience working on rail and transportation projects around our nation's Capital, throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and now in Central Texas. Katherine's most recent work was in the federal government, where she worked with rail, bus and multimodal government entities and corporations around the nation. In Virginia, Katherine helped to lead the freight and passenger rail program initiatives in Virginia, including the $2.3 billion Long Bridge rail expansion project and the Transforming Rail in Virginia program of projects. During Katherine's seasoned career, she has worked with numerous organizations around the District of Columbia region, including the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and local, regional and state entities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Her expertise includes project development, program management, environmental work, planning, grant and finance management, land use planning, real estate entitlements and inter-government relationships.

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Marisa Denker

Founder & CEO

Connect the Dots

Marisa is Founder and CEO of Connect the Dots, bringing over a decade of knowledge on stakeholder and public engagement practices. As a Fulbright scholar, she earned an MA in Design from Technological University Dublin and later received a Knight Foundation award for civic engagement. She currently teaches a course on Participatory Cities at the University of Pennsylvania, where she also earned her BA in Urban Studies & English. As Founder, she established CtD as a WBE/DBE firm specializing in strategic stakeholder and public engagement, serving clients based in sectors such as urban planning, transportation, community development, and more. She leads the vision and mission of a diverse core team to consult with intergovernmental and transportation agencies, local and state governments, and nonprofits to employ creative, innovative public engagement strategies. Outside of work, she enjoys exploring Philadelphia's amazing food scene, throwing clay on a pottery wheel, and strengthening her rock climbing skills.



Kammy Horne

Chief Executive Officer

MOBILITY
COMMUNITY
POSSIBILITY

Kammy Horne, AICP, is the Chief Executive Officer of Mpact. She brings experience with transit at every level of government and in both the private and public sectors as well as familiarity with Mpact and its programs.

Prior to joining Mpact, Kammy worked at VIA Metropolitan Transit in San Antonio as Senior Vice President for Development and Planning. She supervised multiple departments and led efforts to implement new projects under Keep San Antonio Moving, a voter-approved plan to improve transit. She brings national experience and insights gained working as a consultant with HNTB, AECOM and Michael Baker International. She also previously worked for the Federal Transit Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation.

Kammy is a cyclist and regular transit rider, including relying on transit for two years without a personal car in Texas. She worked on affordable housing issues as a Housing Commissioner for the City of San Antonio. She's been a speaker and attendee at Mpact Transit + Community conferences (formerly Rail~Volution) and participated in an Mpact:LAB MOVE Roundtable in San Antonio.

Kammy has held leadership positions at several national associations, including the American Public Transit Association (APTA) and Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS). She is a graduate of the WTS Executive Leadership Program and the ENO Transportation Senior Executive Program. She also participates in the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) and Latinos in Transit.

Kammy grew up in El Paso, Texas. She earned a Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Long Island University in New York. She currently lives in Austin, Texas.

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Sylvia Garcia-Garcia

Managing Principal

Connect the Dots

Sylvia leads the team with 18+ years of experience in cross-sector collaboration around social impact and community development, having a BA in Economics from Universidad de Monterrey, an MS in Strategic Thinking from Tec de Monterrey, and an MS in Management and Economics from Université Toulouse. Her commitment to social impact extends to her role as a Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania, where she teaches about the power of community participation in urban spaces. Previously, she worked as Advisor for the Office of Community Services at Garza García, Mexico and as Lead of Social Studies at FEMSA (Coca-Cola, Heineken). As Managing Principal, she specializes in Strategic Planning and People Management, while also serving as Principal in Charge of key projects; her forte is around welcoming and culturally accessible spaces and interactions. When she's not working, Sylvia may explore different art forms as inspiration and mindful practice.

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Chelsea McCullough

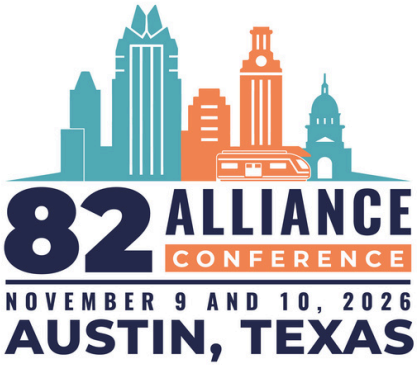
Founder

digi.city

Dr. Chelsea McCullough brings decades of experience working at the intersection of government, technology, and community-led innovation. Her work centers on bridging the public, private, social, and academic sectors—translating across these domains to build shared understanding around complex civic and social challenges. She focuses on fostering collaborative, co-created solutions and is particularly committed to shifting power so that communities can shape systems in ways that better reflect and serve the public good.

Chelsea directs initiatives that prioritize the ethical design and application of emerging technologies (including AI) based on principles of collaboration, inclusion, equity, and transparency. She integrates this work across several domains. In her roles as the Founder of Digi.City and a Strategic Advisor to Smart Cities Connect, she convenes government and industry leaders to build cohesive ecosystems. As a researcher, she focuses on community-centered civic technologies including resident-centered engagement with city government. Chelsea is also an Instructor at Texas State University in Department of Political Science. Previously, she led initiatives to co-design AI-enabled smart hand tools with skilled trade workers with the City of Austin, the Texas AFL-CIO as part of Good Systems, a UT Grand Challenge on ethical AI.

Chelsea completed her PhD in Information Science from the School of Information and MA and BS degrees in Communication from The University of Texas at Austin. She is an NSF NRT Fellow in Ethical AI, a ZEIT-Stiftung Research Fellow with the City Science Lab in Hamburg, GE, a Simon Industrial & Professional Fellow at the University of Manchester (UK), a Marshall Memorial Fellow, and an Eisenhower Fellow.



Jocelyn Vokes

Vice-President, Community Engagement & Public Involvement



Bio Coming Soon!

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Julia Wean

Associate Vice-President

steer

Julia has experience in the transportation sector, specializing in Transportation Demand Management.

Julia joined Steer from the South Coast Air Quality Management District where she worked after completing her graduate degree in Transportation Planning from the University of Southern California. Prior to that she worked as TDM Program Manager for a transportation management association in Boston, supporting employers by providing and encouraging non-drive alone commute options for their employees.

At Steer, Julia leads the North American TDM Strategy market, helping both public and private-sector clients realize measurable VMT and trip reduction through behavior change policy and planning.

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Chris Austin

Director of Transportation

University at Buffalo

Chris Austin, PTMP, serves as Director of Parking & Transportation at the University at Buffalo, where he leads a comprehensive parking and mobility operation supporting the university community. Chris brings a broad perspective on the evolving role of campus mobility, with work focusing on advancing integrated mobility solutions, modernizing transportation services, exploring emerging technologies, spearheading fleet electrification efforts, and aligning parking and transportation strategies with broader institutional goals. He is also actively involved in UB's sustainability initiatives as Captain of UB's 10 in 10 committee committed to Zero Carbon Mobility, and is a past president of the New York State Parking and Transportation Association.

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Nancy Kobielski

Associate Director, Business Services and Communications for Parking and Transportation Services

University at Buffalo

Nancy Kobielski serves as Associate Director of Business Services and Communications for Parking and Transportation Services at the University at Buffalo. She oversees communications, customer service, business operations and strategy, budgeting and finance, human resources, parking permit registration, and transportation planning for university wide events. With more than a dozen years of experience in parking and transportation across higher education and healthcare, Nancy brings a deep understanding of operational excellence and strategic planning. She is passionate about improving campus mobility and leading new initiatives that create systems which work smoothly for everyone. Nancy lives in Western New York with her husband and two young kids, staying busy both on and off campus.

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Byron Prestridge

Manager for Sustainable Transportation, Transportation Services

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Transportation Services

Byron is manager for Sustainable Transportation for Texas A&M University providing alternative and multimodal transportation support across campus. Programs include shared micromobility, bike leasing, Level 2 and 3 EV charging, rideshare and weekend shuttle services. His team operates a service center providing education and maintenance for bicycles and other micromobility. Byron helps lead projects from the Mobility Master Plan and the Campus Master Plan to promote enhancements to services and existing infrastructure related to micromobility.

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Melissa Miklus

Director of Healthy Communities

RK&K

Melissa is a Landscape Architect and Director of Healthy Communities at RK&K. Her passion is working with communities to create healthier places through context sensitive planning and design. With experience from large scale master plans and greenways to prominent urban plazas and streetscapes - her projects effectively combine classic design principles with modern awareness, addressing infrastructure with innovative sustainable alternatives to craft spaces that stimulate positive social interaction and purpose. Melissa's focus on human-centric design enhances transportation projects by engagement communities through rich, dynamic, and clear presentations and activities. She sits on the Council for the East Coast Greenway and Board of The Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks & Landscapes.

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Lois DeMeester

CEO

DS&MG
The Destination Sales & Marketing Group

Lois R. DeMeester is the Founder and CEO of The Destination Sales & Marketing Group, Ltd (DS&MG). Since its inception in 1992, DS&MG has become the leader in the field of transportation demand management, transportation grant administration, and program development. Lois has lead the company from a two person operation to its current status as a national entity with 40 employees who are passionate experts with core competencies in business-to-business, business-to-consumer, and business-to-government relationship management.

In 1998, Lois founded Arlington Transportation Partners, a group committed to assisting Arlington employers attract and retain top-notch workforces by assisting executives in the implementation of highly valued transportation benefit programs. In 2010, she founded Mobility Lab, recognized today as an innovative transportation and research think-tank focused on best practices in mobility management, moving people instead of cars. Lois serves as the Executive Director for Bike Arlington and Walk Arlington and she and the rest of her team of DS&MG experts also provide brand strategy, market research and analysis, TDM, sales, marketing and communications services for Capital Bikeshare, DC Circulator and goDCgo; ATP's partner organization and TDM counterpart in Washington, DC. Her leadership of Arlington Transportation Partners has helped Arlington County achieve its vision of becoming a national leader in sustainable transportation and smart growth that it is today.

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Jennifer Toole

President

TOOLE DESIGN

Jennifer Toole is the founder and President of Toole Design. She has over 30 years of experience planning and designing multimodal transportation systems. A certified planner with a degree in Landscape Architecture, Jennifer has a strong background in urban design and a keen understanding of how to design streets that work for all users. She has been involved in numerous projects of national significance for the Federal Highway Administration, AASHTO, and NHTSA, and was awarded the 2008 Professional of the Year award by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. In the fall of 2023, Jennifer was inducted as a Fellow to the American Society for Landscape Architects.

Jennifer served as the Principal Investigator for the 2012 Edition of the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities and has co-authored Complete Streets guidelines for Dallas, TX and Boston, MA. She served as an expert on bicycle and pedestrian design for the Mayor's Institute on City Design, and as a co-author of the Landscape Architect's Guide to Washington, DC.

Jennifer is a bike commuter and an active member of the Takoma Park, MD community, where she participates in a walking school bus with her daughter.

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Dottie Watkins

President & CEO

CapMetro

Dottie Watkins first began her transit career in 1994 – driving buses part-time while she attended the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to her current role she was the agency's Deputy CEO, and before that Chief Customer Officer/Chief Operating Officer, and before that, CapMetro's Vice President – Bus Operations and Maintenance. She has been responsible for all aspects of the agency's contracted bus operations through active monitoring of service quality and contract compliance.

Dottie holds a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Texas and a Master of Business Administration from St. Edward's University. A native Austinite, Dottie regularly enjoys trips to the pool with her daughter and plays French Horn in a local community band.

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Courtney Menjivar

Principal, TDM Team Manager

Galloway

Courtney Menjivar helps businesses, developers, and communities navigate the increasingly complex challenges of transportation, parking, and tenant satisfaction with a focus on accessibility and connectivity. She is a recognized expert in transportation demand management (TDM), a discipline which works with existing infrastructure to reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, giving more transportation choices to commuters and raising the value of real estate developments by building customized multimodal systems.

With 20 years of experience in research, planning, analysis, and community outreach in Australia, Canada, and the United States, Courtney helps communities modernize their approach to transportation and guides businesses through regulatory frameworks that are changing the nature of how the commercial real estate sector manages transportation. She leads teams that identify and implement new transportation sources in order to lower costs, reduce the need for parking, and leverage transportation for competitive advantage.

Courtney and her team help developers and other CRE sector enterprises optimize their business models by integrating technology-based solutions, bridging the “last-mile” connection, and tapping into underutilized transportation amenities, such as:

- Designing and implementing a comprehensive communications, wayfinding, and marketing program for a major transit-oriented, mixed-use community undergoing redevelopment which features the largest shopping center in the Washington, DC region. This program built multimodal transportation choices and internet-based communications systems into the existing network, earning a “Best Workplace for Commuters” award.
- Conceptualizing and implementing multimodal transportation programs for both established and growth-stage technology companies undergoing major office relocations.

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Kyle McDonald

Vice-President - Development

brandywine REALTY TRUST

Kyle McDonald joined Brandywine in 2022 and serves as the Vice President of Development for the Austin region, where he plays a lead role in new development. He has over 20 years of experience in the real estate development and construction industry.

Prior to joining Brandywine, Kyle served as the Senior Regional Vice President for American Campus Communities where he was responsible for several of the company's largest urban developments.

Kyle led the development for the Rise School of Austin, the Boys & Girls Club of Austin's Home Club, and is a member of Urban Land Institute (ULI) Austin. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management Information Systems (MIS) from The University of Oklahoma.

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Jim Watson

Senior Transportation Planning Project Manager

Galloway

Jim Watson, AICP, is a Senior Transportation Planning Project Manager in Galloway & Company's Bethesda, Maryland office with more than 20 years of experience in transportation planning and engineering. He serves in business development and project management roles and has managed transportation and parking studies for public and private clients in 17 states as well as the District of Columbia, US Virgin Islands, and Canada. His work has included the development of transportation impact studies, transportation demand management plans, campus and area-wide parking and transportation plans and studies, and local government transportation plans. Earlier in his career, he managed a county commuter services division in suburban Atlanta that operated a 60-route vanpool program and coordinated vanpool expansion throughout the metro Atlanta region.

Jim holds a Master of Arts in Transportation Policy from George Mason University and a Bachelor degree from Auburn University. He is an AICP-certified planner and is active in APA, ITE, CREDA, and other professional organizations. Jim brings a practical view of how transportation decisions can shape development and how development can shape mobility.

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Sean Garretson

Founder & CEO

PEGASUS

Sean Garretson, AICP, is the founder of Pegasus Planning & Development, an Austin firm specialized in economic, affordable housing and mixed-income development and consulting for about 25 years. He also serves as Board President of the Chestnut Neighborhood Revitalization Corporation in East Austin, the nonprofit developer of The Ivory, a 53-unit mixed-income community in East Austin. Before founding Pegasus, Sean worked in urban and regional planning across the U.S. and in international development, including Peace Corps service in Burundi.

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Doug Teator

Director, Multi-Modal Group

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Douglas is a transportation engineer with over 18 years of experience, specializing in multi-modal and non-motorized transportation engineering and planning. His expertise includes pedestrian safety, accessibility and connectivity studies, complete streets, and mass transit infrastructure planning. Douglas has also managed multidisciplinary projects such as mobility hubs, integrating various modes of transportation with buildings, parks, and landscaping.

He leads a team of engineers and planners who use data-informed approaches to enhance transportation efficiency, safety, and mobility. Douglas has successfully helped agencies secure state and federal funding and has overseen the implementation of multiple statewide, award-winning projects.

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Carrie Frattali

Senior Architect

SOWINSKI SULLIVAN

Carrie Frattali is a Senior Architect at Sowinski Sullivan Architects, where she collaborates with multidisciplinary teams to deliver transportation design projects across the country. She specializes in helping public agencies establish, implement, and sustain a cohesive identity through design, improving operational efficiency and the passenger experience with an emphasis on accessibility. Her design philosophy balances speed with rigor, using a structured workflow and highly organized, targeted research to move projects efficiently from inquiry to informed design decisions. Her expertise spans the full project lifecycle, from early planning and design through construction and project management. Carrie holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Marywood University and a Master of Science in Advanced Architectural Design from the University of Pennsylvania.

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Rosanne Lubeck

Principal Transportation Planner

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Rosanne Lubeck, AICP, brings extensive experience in transportation planning, public engagement, and economic development. Rosanne has collaborated with city, state, and transit agencies on multi-modal infrastructure, transit-oriented development (TOD), and safety planning, including Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plans and Vision Zero planning and implementation. Her planning practice is grounded in a decade-long career in advocacy and public relations, informing a strategic, community-centered approach to project delivery focused on high-quality communications, detailed project management, and innovative participatory processes.

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Kevin Rockey

Director of Design

SOWINSKI SULLIVAN

Kevin Rockey is the Director of Design for Sowinski Sullivan. Over his 10+ years in the field, he has had the opportunity to gain experience in all phases of the construction process, from master planning and conceptual design development to construction document preparation, construction administration, and inspection. Since joining the firm, Mr. Rockey has worked on multiple transportation projects and demonstrated expertise in both developing designs and managing various design teams. Currently, Mr. Rockey oversees the architectural design process for the firm.

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Lisa Kay Schweyer

Transportation Demand Management Service Line Lead & Project Manager

Foursquare ITP

Lisa Kay Schweyer joined Foursquare in 2023 and serves as the Foursquare ITP's TDM Service Area Lead. Her transportation career began in 2003, helping commuters and employers learn about transportation options as manager of the regional CommuteInfo program in southwestern Pennsylvania. When she started, she did not know an SOV from HOV. Still, she knew transportation was a barrier for people to jobs, healthcare, community resources, etc.

Lisa Kay joined the Traffic21/Mobility21 University Transportation Center at Carnegie Mellon University in 2018. She supported researchers studying technology and artificial intelligence to improve mobility for people and goods.

After being elected to serve three consecutive terms, Lisa Kay ended her service as a member of the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) Board of Directors at the end of 2025. She led the establishment of the ACT Belonging and Engagement Committee in 2021, and continues as a member to this day. In 2020, she was part of the inaugural cohort who beta tested and earned the ACT's TDM – Certified Planner designation. Lisa Kay is also a former member of the TRB TDM Standing Committee, and helped lead the paper review process for several years. She brings a unique perspective on how transportation connects people to life.

In 2025, she was awarded the ACT Chapter Champion Award. In 2020, Lisa Kay received the Cribs for Kids Women of Achievement Award. In 2019, she received ACT President's Award for Extraordinary Service, and in 2016, Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association's Superstars of Transit: Distinguished Service Award for Community Service.

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Wendy Duren

TDM Program Manager

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Wendy Duren brings with her 25 years of experience working in the Travel Demand Management industry and is the TDM Program Manager for the Twin Cities' Metropolitan Council Regional TDM program.

Working within the Metroplitan Transportation Services Multimodal Team, she provides strategic direction, policy guidance and formulates effective partnerships that support mode shift to sustainable travel behaviors.

Before joining the Council, Wendy was the COO and Program Director for Destination Sales & Marketing Group designing award winning TDM programming for Arlington County, VA under the Arlington Transportation Partners brand. During her tenure she led the employer services team and expanded programming to include Multifamily Residential Communities, Commercial Properties, Visitor Services, TDM for Site Plan Development and the first TDM for Schools program that focused on teacher and staff travel.

She also volunteered in her home community as a member and chair of the Parks, Trails and Beaches Committee. During her tenure, she assisted the city on securing a Hennepin County Youth Sports grant to improve amenities at their largest park and received commitment to use general funds for a Bike Feasibility Study. That project continues to shape discussions on how connections in the community can be supported.



Kate Harrington

Outreach & Engagement Director

movability

Kate has been with Movability for seven years and has overseen outreach, engagement, and communications. She is currently the Outreach & Engagement Director. Kate has a background as a reporter and ran her own communications business before starting with Movability in 2019. She has worked for the Austin Business Journal and as a freelance reporter, with work published by PBS News Hour, USA Today, the Dallas Morning News, and the Texas Tribune. Kate has an undergraduate degree from Colby College in English and a master's degree in Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin. A native New Englander, she has lived in Austin since 2002 and enjoys gardening and hiking with her husband and son.

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La Shawn Martin

Project Manager, Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program

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La Shawn Martin is an experienced transportation demand management and public policy professional with WSP USA. She is currently serving as the Project Manager for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program. For more than two decades, she has been collaborating and coordinating with various types of regional stakeholders in the San Francisco Bay Area, including the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Air, FastTrak©, and hundreds of major private and public businesses to create and maintain customized and applicable alternative commute plans for both employers and individuals. La Shawn holds a BA in Sociology and an MPA in Public Policy with a concentration in Management.

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Sam Hersh

North America E-Mobility Director

ARCADIS

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Brian Gettinger

SVP - Growth, Americas

GLYDWAYS

Brian Gettinger is a nationally recognized leader in next-generation transit and infrastructure delivery, bringing nearly 20 years of experience across engineering, construction, and business development. As SVP of Growth for Glydways, Brian is at the forefront of deploying autonomous mobility systems that are reshaping how cities think about cost-effective, rider-friendly transportation.

His career spans roles as a consultant, engineer, developer, contractor, and strategic advisor—most notably with Flatiron Construction and The Boring Company—where he advanced innovative transit projects including BRT, LRT, APMs, gondolas, and autonomous vehicle networks.

Brian is a passionate advocate for transit technologies that reduce capital costs, unlock private investment, and elevate the rider experience. A registered Professional Engineer in California, Texas, and Missouri, he holds a Civil Engineering degree and an MBA from the University of Missouri–Kansas City, where he was also a national scholar-athlete in basketball.

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Tucker Ferguson

Austin District Engineer

Texas Department of Transportation

Tucker Ferguson, P.E., is the district engineer for TxDOT's Austin District.

Appointed Austin District Engineer in 2019, Ferguson is responsible for the management, direction and administration of all planning, design, construction and maintenance, and operations programs for nearly 9,500 miles in the 11-county region of central Texas (Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Gillespie, Hays, Lee, Llano, Mason, Travis and Williamson counties).

Ferguson leads the Austin District's $10 billion portfolio, including the most significant reconstruction of I-35 in over half a century. The multi-billion-dollar Capital Express Program will add one to two non-tolled high-occupancy-vehicle lanes from SH 45 North to SH 45 Southeast, remove the upper decks near downtown Austin, widen bridges and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Prior to leading the Austin District, Ferguson served as the Beaumont District Engineer from 2011 to 2019, and prior to joining TxDOT in 2011, Ferguson enjoyed a 22-year career with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in a variety of roles, including serving as the district engineer in the Harrisburg and Allentown districts, as well as statewide director roles for Construction and Materials, and Maintenance and Operations.

Ferguson graduated from the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, where he received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering technology in 1988. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas and Pennsylvania and has served on numerous American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials technical committees and task forces.

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Jason King

Principal, Architecture & Urbanism

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Sharmilla Mukerjee

EVP, Chief Strategic Planning and Development Officer

CapMetro

Executive Vice President, Chief Strategic Planning and Development Officer - Sharmila Mukherjee, AICP is a transit executive and industry leader with over two decades of progressive urban transportation planning and project management experience in private and public sectors. At CapMetro, she manages service planning, short and long-range planning, ridership analysis, regional transportation coordination, transit-oriented development, federal discretionary grants strategy and delivery, and offers one of the guiding voices in the Project Connect, Austin's high-capacity transit system expansion program. Prior to joining CapMetro, Sharmila held leadership positions at an international engineering and infrastructure consulting firm.

Sharmila serves on Board of Trustees of the TransitCenter, a national think-tank and on Board of Directors of Austin's own, the Leadership Austin. Sharmila holds a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning with specialization in Transportation Planning from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Graduate Certificate in Traffic Engineering Methods from Northwestern University. Sharmila is the 2017 graduate of Leadership APTA and 2016 Eno Transit Leadership (Mid-Manager) Program.

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Mike Rogers

Assistant City Manager

Austin

Michael Rogers is a seasoned executive leader with over 33 years of experience driving innovation and operational excellence in public administration, economic development, and public works. His extensive career spans leadership roles in municipalities of various sizes, where he has successfully overseen large-scale budgets, infrastructure projects, and organizational transformations.
Prior to joining the City of Austin, Michael served as Assistant City Manager for the City of Fresno, California, providing strategic leadership across key city departments, including Airports, Transportation, Economic Development, Convention Center, and Emergency Preparedness. In this role, he played a pivotal part in developing Fresno's $2 billion FY25 budget and spearheaded initiatives that facilitated thousands of jobs through economic development efforts. He also collaborated with federal partners on the expansion of Fresno Yosemite International Airport, enhancing connectivity for millions of passengers annually.

Michael's career includes serving as City Manager for Tracy, California from 2021 to 2023, Deputy City Manager for the City of Glenn Heights, Texas from 2020 to 2021, Director of Transportation for the City of Dallas from 2017 to 2020 and Director of Transportation for the City of Raleigh, North Carolina from 2016 to 2017. Michael's tenure and experience in local government reflect his commitment to fostering vibrant communities through effective governance, strategic planning, and stakeholder collaboration. His ability to align municipal operations with strategic outcomes has earned him recognition as a results-oriented leader dedicated to public service excellence.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering from Lawrence Technological University and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a concentration in Transportation Engineering from Michigan State University. Additionally, he completed a Fellowship in the County Leadership Institute at New York University's Graduate School of Public Service, and achieved the prestigious Public Works Leadership Fellow (PWLF) certification.

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Amanda Barlow

Principal Consultant and Co-Founder

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With leadership experience across human services, public agencies, and private sector operations, Amanda brings a practical and strategic approach to helping organizations grow, improve, and better serve their communities.

Over the course of her career, Amanda has led initiatives focused on organizational restructuring, systems improvement, stakeholder alignment and the development of professionals and teams through training, mentorship and leadership support.

Amanda is best known for her ability to connect people, align operations with purpose-driven goals and lead with both strategy and empathy. She brings a strong understanding of how to navigate complex systems and build trust across teams.

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Steve Wheeler

Senior Partner

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Steve Wheeler is a Senior Partner at CelWell Services, where he leads strategy and partnerships for the OneCommute suite of applications. OneCommute is a leading provider of enterprise transportation demand management (TDM) and employer engagement platforms serving MPOs, TMAs, consulting firms, employers, property operators, and cities across the United States.

A member of the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) since 2013, Steve is actively involved in several ACT regional groups, including the TMA Council and Employer Council. His work focuses on helping public agencies and employers implement scalable, data-driven commuter benefit and mobility programs.
Steve collaborates closely with Salesforce partner ecosystems nationwide to support employer benefit programs and integrated TDM solutions. He also works with the University of South Carolina interns and projects teams, contributing to initiatives that connect technology and workforce development.

Outside of work, Steve enjoys exploring cities and trails by electric bike and scooter. He is also deeply engaged in applied AI, working with large language models and agent-based solutions.