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**GLYDWAYS**



**Brian Gettinger**  
**SVP, Growth Americas**

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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**Marie-France  
Laurin**  
**Independent Consultant**  
**MFL Consulting**

In recent years, Marie-France discovered a passion for the AV and new mobility world, driven by creating strategies, empowering teams, and uniting visions to bring them to life. She believes mobility should be integral to urban and regional development, with community involvement at its heart. She has experience with mobility trends, technologies, and market providers, fostering synergy and collaboration. By promoting combined solutions, we can make mobility accessible, affordable, and impactful for everyone, enhancing quality of life and addressing diverse needs through strong partnerships.



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**Syed Mehdi**  
**Vice-President, Airport Planning**

Mr. Mehdi has more than 28 years of experience in airport management. Most recently, he was Chief Enterprise Asset Management Officer for San Antonio International Airport where he led the organization's Strategy, Performance Management, Employee Development and Engagement, Procurement, Business Opportunity & Diversity (DBE/ACDBE) and Innovation functions. Mr. Mehdi has also worked for Modalis Infrastructure Partners as Airport Planning Consultant and for Landrum & Brown as Managing Consultant – Planning. Previously, he was Head, Airport Safety and Aviation Security for Civil Aviation Affairs in the Kingdom of Bahrain and also served as Director, Commercial Air Service, Marketing & Public Relations for Bahrain International Airport.

Mr. Mehdi received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Osmania University. He went on to earn his master's degree in Airport Planning & Management from Loughborough University. Mr. Mehdi is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

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**Ben York**  
**CEO of East Bank**  
**Development Authority**

Ben York is a 2005 graduate of Tennessee Technological University with a BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Ben obtained his professional licensure in 2013 with the State of Tennessee. He began his career in private practice working at a civil site engineering firm and a geotechnical and material testing firm. In 2011 he began his career with Metro Nashville in the Public Works Department, then the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multi-Modal Infrastructure (NDOT). He has worked in and managed the Development Section at MPW/NDOT during his time with the agency. Ben has been assigned to the East Bank Program Management (EBPM) Team since 2021. With his background of proven success and imminent familiarity with the work on the East Bank, Ben was named the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the newly formed East Bank Development Authority (EBDA). The EBDA team has been tasked with the visioning, planning, coordination, and program management of the 550 acre East Bank redevelopment area. Ben is a native Nashvillian and is married to his wife of 23 years, Patricia. They have two teenage daughters Tori and Addison.