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Joseph Bovenzi	Genesee Transportation Council	Joe Bovenzi is the Program Manager for Management and Operations Planning at the Genesee Transportation Council. He started with GTC in September 2010. His background is in urban and regional planning. Joe handles operations planning activities including development and implementation of the Regional Transportation Systems Management and Operations Strategic Plan, facilitation of interagency coordination committees and initiatives, updates to the Congestion Management Process and Regional ITS Architecture, and transportation infrastructure resiliency and adaptation planning tasks. Joe is a graduate of the I-95 Corridor Coalition Operations Academy and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.
Neil Burke	Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization	Neil Burke is the Program Manager for the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization and leads the development of transportation plans, public involvement processes, and project prioritization efforts for projects throughout Iredell, Mecklenburg, and Union Counties. He has held previous positions with a municipal government, transportation consulting firms, a transportation research institution, and a state department of transportation. He holds a Master of Science degree in Transportation from Iowa State University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and Urban Planning from University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Mr. Burke holds an AICP and a Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) certifications.
Andrew Canon	Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization	Andrew Canon is the Director of Transportation Planning for the Hidalgo County MPO. Andrew has been serving in this capacity for the last 15 years and has been honored to serve on several state and national committees. Andrew is a current AMPO Policy Committee member and served as a previous Chairman of the Policy Committee. Andrew lives in McAllen Texas with his beautiful wife of 25 years, Julia and they both are very active in the motorcycle community where Andrew is a National VP for American Bikers Association, and Andrew and his wife work with several philanthropic causes.
Ken Cervenka	United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration	Ken Cervenka is a Community Planner at the Federal Transit Administration, Office of Planning. His major responsibilities include technical assistance to MPOs, transit providers, and other agencies interested in preparing transit rider "on-board" surveys and transit ridership forecasts, plus encouraging the use of a multimodal performance-based planning approach. Prior to joining FTA in 2007, Ken worked as the travel forecasting manager at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the MPO for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He has also worked as a transportation engineering consultant and university researcher, and has a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.
Ron Chicka	Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council	Ron has served as the Director of the Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC), the MPO for the Duluth – Superior metropolitan area since 1998. He began with the MIC in 1995 as a Senior Planner. Prior to this he was employed with the City of Janesville (WI) Planning Department as the MPO Coordinator from 1990 to 1995. Ron has a Master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Kansas (specialty in transportation and land use) and an undergraduate degree in Geography from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He is a member of the American Planning Association and is certified by American Institute of Certified Planners. Ron has presented the MICs work at a number of regional, state and national conferences/workshops including (at the national level): AMPO, Transportation Research Board (TRB) and the National Association of Development Organizations.
Drew Cooper	San Francisco County Transportation Authority	Drew is a Senior Transportation Modeler at the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. His recent work includes research on the effects of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) on congestion and transit ridership. He is also leading a research program with the goal of quantifying the effect of specific travel demand management (TDM) measures on reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT). He has a Masters Degree in Transportation Engineering from the University of Washington and an undergraduate degree in Mathematics from the University of Texas.

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Kerrie Davis	Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization	Kerrie Davis is the Transportation Planner for DARTS MPO, in Albany, GA. Davis was previously a regional planner with the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission where she worked with communities on the development of comprehensive plans, housing assessments, grant writing and facilitation. Davis is a graduate of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development and was recognized as one of Southwest Georgia's '40 Under 40.' Davis is a native of Morgan, GA. She graduated from Paine College in Augusta, Georgia with a degree in History. She continued her studies at Albany State University with a master's degree in Public Administration. Davis and her husband, Stanley, and their three children; Hanson, Zachary and Noah live in Lee County and attend Mt. Zion.
Jonathan Ehrlich	Metropolitan Council	Jonathan Ehrlich is the manager of travel modeling and research at the Metropolitan Council. He has been at the Council for 12 years and has 20 years of experience in transportation forecasting and data collection.
Steven Elmer	Metropolitan Council	Steve Elmer has been a Planning Analyst for the Metropolitan Council since 2009 and has more than 25 years' experience in multimodal transportation planning in Minnesota and Washington state. He currently leads the Council's long-range modal planning efforts for bicycle and freight transportation; he has developed and managed several regional planning studies leading to designated networks, priority corridors, and new policies in the Council's regional Transportation Policy Plan. Steve holds a Master's degree in Urban & Regional Planning from the Univ. of Iowa, and a B.S. degree in Natural Resources from the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison. Steve lives in Saint Paul and regularly commutes by bicycle and transit.
Andrew Emanuele	United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration	Andrew Emanuele is a Community Planner with FHWA, serving in the Minnesota Division Office. After receiving a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs, he joined FHWA's two-year Professional Development Program (PDP) in 2014. This opportunity provided training assignments with Caltrans, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and WILMAPCO, an MPO in Delaware. Andrew's current work focuses on MPO and State-level planning, Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL), Transportation Performance Management (TPM), and ADA Transition Planning. In 2018, he was named FHWA Planner of the Year. All his free time is spent cleaning up after eight-year-old twins.
Grace Gallucci	Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency	Grace Gallucci is the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Greater Cleveland and has nearly 25 years of finance and planning experience in the transportation field. Her prior positions include working for the Chicago Regional Transportation Authority where she was Chief Financial Officer and Senior Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Performance Management, and also for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority as Director of Office of Management & Budget.
James Garland	United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration	James Garland is the Team Leader for the Planning Capacity Building Program in FHWA's Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty. James has 17 years of multi-modal planning experience on the transportation planning process. He managed the SHRP2 Capacity program with a \$25M budget, and prior to this, he was a New Starts Team Leader with FTA, where he led the development of rail projects in Los Angeles, Portland, San Diego, and Seattle. James serves on TRB's Standing Committee on Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Programming and is the Chair of TRB's Subcommittee on Megaregions. James holds a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Columbia University in New York, and a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Studies and Public Policy from Dillard University in New Orleans.

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David Haynes	Atlanta Regional Commission	David Haynes has been with the Transportation Access and Mobility Group of the Atlanta Regional Commission since June 2001. In his current role as the Long Range Planning Manager, he is responsible for overseeing development of the Regional Transportation Plan for the 20 county Atlanta metropolitan planning area and coordinating those efforts with other agency initiatives. The group he manages works directly with city, county, state and federal agencies, transit operators, elected officials, consultants and the public to define regional goals, policies and priorities for transportation funding. Prior to joining ARC, he worked in the private sector as a transportation planning consultant with the firms of PBS&J and Day Wilburn Associates. David earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from Auburn University.
Jen Higginbotham	Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization	Jen Higginbotham holds a Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development from Ball State University. She has been involved in a wide variety public and private planning projects throughout her career. Within the private sector, her experience ranged from creating downtown plans for small towns of 1,000 people to comprehensive plans and land use ordinances for communities of more than 100,000. She was accepted into the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) in 2009. Jen's work with the Indianapolis MPO has focused on transit, bicycle, and pedestrian planning, community involvement for a variety of projects, and creating the MPO's complete streets policy. She now oversees the MPO's planning section, overseeing the update and implementation of the Long Range Transportation Plan, along with other projects.
Cole Hiniker	Metropolitan Council	Cole is the Manager of Multimodal Planning at the Metropolitan Council. He has specific expertise in transit and land use planning and the LRTP. Cole has worked with all levels of government at all stages of transit planning in the region. He has a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.
Paul Hubbman	East West Gateway Council of Governments	Paul is the Senior Manager of Corridor and Long Range Planning at East West Gateway Council of Governments in St. Louis, Missouri. Paul practiced architecture and urban planning/design in the private sector for 18 years prior to joining EWG in 2010. Primarily, Paul is involved with regional transit and roadway corridor studies, transit oriented development assessment and planning, and has managed the Great Streets Initiative program for the past nine years.
Gloria Jeff	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Gloria J. Jeff, AICP is an experienced transportation executive, engineer and planner. She is currently serving as Project Director – Rethinking I-94 for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. She has also served as: Principal Planner at the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO); Deputy Administrator and Associate Administrator for Policy - Federal Highway Administration; Department Director and Deputy Director for Planning - Michigan Department of Transportation; General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation; and Vice President and District Transportation Planning Manager – Parsons Brinkerhoff. She has represented and lead United States Government delegations in international settings. She has served as the Program Manager for the James E Clyburn University Transportation Center Summer Transportation Institute. Ms. Jeff holds a BSE and MSE in Civil Engineering and a Master of Urban Planning from the University of Michigan. She is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, American Planning Association, and several community organizations. Ms. Jeff is chair of the TRB Committee on Environmental Justice Issues in Transportation, is an active member of the Transportation Research Board standing committees and is a resource on transportation policy issues and policy development.

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Erin Kinne	Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization	Erin Kinne is the Project Development Planner for the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO), the MPO for the Charlotte, NC urbanized area. Erin manages the MPO's portfolio of discretionary-funded capital projects and local jurisdiction planning projects. Her recent focus has been on developing a unified process for allocating discretionary funds and on improving project-data tracking. Erin serves as the staff lead to the organization's Project Oversight Committee, and as the interim secretary to CRTPO's Technical Coordinating Committee. Prior to her work with CRTPO, Erin resided in Albany, NY, where she worked for NYS Homes & Community Renewal—NY State's housing agency—for eight years. She administered NY Main Street program funds, which support statewide downtown-revitalization planning, mixed-use building renovation projects, and streetscape enhancement projects.
Kim Korejko	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission	Kim Korejko is DVRPC's Manager of Data Coordination. Kim is responsible for establishing and implementing planning data policies, standards, organization, and innovation of data at the enterprise level. Her work also involves researching and improving the way DVRPC discovers and shares planning data between departments, member agencies, and the public. Prior to this role, Kim worked in DVRPC's GIS department, where her work was featured in Volume 26 of the Esri Map Book. Kim graduated summa cum laude from Rowan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Geography and a specialization in GIS.
Jonathan Lupton	Metroplan	Mr. Lupton has worked at Metroplan, the MPO for the Little Rock region since 1993. He directs Metroplan's publications, including its annual report and twice-yearly Metrotrends newsletters that chronicle demographic, housing and economic trends in the Little Rock region. Mr. Lupton has also taught evening classes in geography at Arkansas State University and Pulaski Technical College. He is married to Cynthia Lupton and together they are raising a teenage daughter.
Craig Lyon	Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions	Craig is the Transportation Planning Manager for the Municipality of Anchorage's Planning Department. Craig has served as the Coordinator for AMATS since July 2003. Prior to that he worked as a legislative aide in the Alaska Legislature. He oversees the professional planning staff of AMATS. During his tenure with AMATS he has worked to increase citizen involvement in transportation planning by coordinating the creation of a Freight Advisory Committee, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and a revamped Citizens Advisory Committee. He holds a BA in Government from Norwich University and a BA in Elementary Education from UAA. A lifelong Alaskan, Mr. Lyon serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization, as the Secretary and current AMPO President and served many years on the AMPO Policy Committee
Geoffrey Maas	Metropolitan Council	Geoffrey Maas is the MetroGIS Coordinator at the Metropolitan Council in St. Paul, Minnesota. MetroGIS is an award-winning, inter-agency initiative which brings together partners in local, regional, state and federal government as well as interests in the non-profit, utility, real estate and academia to maximize their investment in GIS through data sharing, defining needed datasets, developing data standards and working on inter-jurisdictional projects. He has 20+ years of experience in the fields of planning, GIS, cartography and information design. Additionally, he serves as adjunct faculty at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs teaching GIS and Data Visualization. Geoff holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from the UW-Eau Claire and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Minnesota.
Molly McCartney	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Molly McCartney is the Director of Program Management within the Office of Planning, Program Management and Transit at MnDOT-Metro District. Molly's work includes managing the Metro District's four-year capital construction program and 10-year capital investment plan, and coordinating regional planning and programming with the Minneapolis/St. Paul MPO - the Metropolitan Council. She has worked for MnDOT's Metro District since 2012, as well as MnDOT's Government Affairs Office. She has prior experience as a planner for the City of Minneapolis, non-profits, and consulting. Molly has a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from the Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota, as well as a graduate certificate in Transportation Studies.

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Keith Mensah	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Keith Mensah is a Senior Transportation Planner in the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Policy Planning Unit who has helped launch and coordinate the Advancing Transportation Equity Initiative. In addition to equity initiative, Keith also coordinates MnDOT's Connected and Automated Vehicle Scenario Planning workshops. Prior to MnDOT, Keith worked at the Saint Paul Port Authority as a grant writer. In 2015, Keith obtained his masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his Bachelor of Arts in Metro Urban Studies from Augsburg College in 2011.
Harlan Miller	United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration	Harlan is team leader for the Planning Stewardship and Oversight Team in the FHWA's Office of Planning. He has been with FHWA for 30 years and is responsible for the development and implementation of Federal regulations and guidance on transportation planning. He is also responsible for efforts to integrate operations, environment, safety, and performance management into the transportation planning process. Prior to working in the headquarters office, Harlan worked in the FHWA Missouri and Utah Division Offices. Harlan has an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois and a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University.
Richard Perrin	T.Y. Lin International and Past AMPO President	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 and transportation projects, and assists clients' critical transportation infrastructure needs by identifying funding and implementing outcome-based management. A seasoned professional, Mr. Perrin served as the Genesee Transportation Council's executive director for 12 years, successfully leading all federally-funded transportation policy, planning, and investment in New York's nine-county Rochester/Finger Lakes Region. Perrin 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 and was Chairman of the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations for five years. His talents and experience include project and organizational management, strategic planning, revenue optimization, capital programming and project tracking, and governmental, community, and media relations. Mr. Perrin has provided testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives' Highways and Transit Subcommittee and input to the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee on federal transportation policy and 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 and his Bachelor's degree from St. John Fisher College. In addition, he has completed the Wharton Transportation Executive Program at the University of Pennsylvania.
Steven Peterson	Metropolitan Council	Steve Peterson, AICP, is the Manager of Highway Planning at the Metropolitan Council, the MPO for the Minneapolis-St. Paul region. He co-managed the Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study and helps program nearly \$100 million per year of federal transportation funds that come to the region. Previous to working at the Metropolitan Council, he worked as a consultant doing transportation planning projects across the Midwest. Steve has an undergraduate degree from St. Norbert College in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.
Jeremy Raw	United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration	Jeremy Raw, P.E., is a Community Planner in the FHWA Office of Planning where he coordinates research and deployment of data collection and analysis techniques and modeling for transportation planning, as well as planning applications for national data sets. His work areas include data collection, analysis and modeling for bicycle and pedestrian transportation; planning for connected and automated vehicles; scenario planning; and developing strategic planning models. Jeremy holds degrees in philosophy, literature, engineering, and city planning, and gets to use them all in his job.

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Kris Riesenber	United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration	For the last 5 years, I have served as the Technical Services Team Leader in Minnesota. My team has diverse program responsibilities including Planning, Performance Management and Asset Management. Since joining FHWA in January 2007, I have held planning and environmental positions in Alaska, Delaware, and Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division. I worked with WILMAPCO and Dover MPOs in Delaware, and Anchorage and Fairbanks MPOs in Alaska. Prior to joining FHWA, I spent seven years at the Iowa Department of Transportation as an Environmental Planner facilitating and completing the NEPA process.
Melissa Roberts	Atlanta Regional Commission	Melissa Roberts is the Community Engagement & Equity Manager for the Atlanta Regional Commission's Transportation, Access & Mobility Group. Melissa has been developing community-building events in the public and non-profit sector for 15+ years. At ARC, Melissa is responsible for conducting community engagement in support of The Atlanta Region's Plan, a long-range plan for the Atlanta metro region looking out to the year 2050. Through her role at ARC, Melissa serves as a member of the Transportation Research Board's Public Involvement and Metropolitan Policy Committees. She is also a member of the AMPO Public Involvement Working Group. She holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Delta State University.
Alan Rodenstein	Houston Galveston Area Council	Working 3 1/2 years for the Houston-Galveston Area Council as a Senior Planner, Alan has changed the emphasis of the CMAQ Commuter and Transit Pilot program in several areas in order to broaden its scope while working closely with transit agencies. He has also worked with largest provider, METRO in partnering on commuter projects. The changes are largely based on 25 years experience running his own consulting firm and as an administrator for three transit agencies across the country. Alan has a BA from McGill University with a B.A. in History and Political Science and the University of Wisconsin with a Masters in Public Policy. Originally from Boston, Alan lives in Houston with his wife of 17 years, Lou Ann and their dog, Farfel.
Jake Rueter	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Jake Rueter is a Multimodal Planner in MnDOT's Office of Transit and Active Transportation. His work at MnDOT focuses on statewide bicycle and pedestrian planning, where he is the project manager on MnDOT's District Bicycle Plans and Statewide Pedestrian System Plan. Jake earned a Masters of Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a focus on the intersection of land use and transportation planning. He lives with his wife in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood of Saint Paul where they care for vegetable gardens and a small flock of urban chickens on their backyard farm.
Mark Sarmiento	United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration	Mark is a GIS Planning Specialist at the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C., with almost 25 years experience with GIS, working with geospatial data, and enabling transportation agencies to become more effective through these technologies. For the last 10 years he has concentrated on providing capacity building resources that highlight the noteworthy efforts by transportation agencies to apply GIS and use geospatial data in the work that they do. He has a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a Master's of Engineering in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia.
Bill Schaefer	Madison Area Transportation Planning Board	Bill Schaefer has been Director/Planning Manager for MATPB since 2010, where he develops the work program and budget, leads the agency's planning activities and staff, and formulates transportation plans, policies, and programs. He has served on the staff of the Madison Area MPO for twenty years. Prior to joining the MPO staff, he directed the land use/transportation programs for two different environmental organizations. He has also worked as a land use attorney. He has a Master's degree in Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst and a Law degree from the University of Michigan

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Kimberly Slaughter		As a senior vice president and HNTB's transit/rail market sector leader, Kimberly Slaughter develops and directs strategies that enhance HNTB's services to transit agencies across the country. She is a recognized industry leader with 30 years of comprehensive experience in delivering innovative multimodal solutions that achieve agency aspirations and enhance local communities. She specializes in planning, policy development, project funding and Federal Transit Administration best practices for capital investment grant requirements. Throughout her career, Slaughter has been appointed to several professional association boards and committee leadership positions including the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, the American Public Transportation Association and Women's Transportation Seminar. Slaughter holds a Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning and a Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of Texas at Austin.
Daniel Studdard	Atlanta Regional Commission	Daniel Studdard, AICP, is a Principal Planner at the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). In this role, he works with local governments, GDOT, FHWA, the private sector, and other organizations to conduct long range federally required transportation planning for the Atlanta region. Mr. Studdard leads ARC's freight planning program and is also part of the project management team for ARC's TSMO/ITS Architecture plan. Prior to joining ARC in 2014, he spent about a decade doing transportation planning and traffic studies for consulting companies, as well as three years in the communications field. Mr. Studdard is President Elect of the Georgia Chapter of APA, has a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Georgia Tech, and a BA in Journalism from the University of Georgia.
Nicole Sullivan	Metropolitan Council	Nicole Sullivan is a Data Scientist at the Metropolitan Council. She enjoys delving deep into processes and immersing herself in the situations which she is studying in order to gather and incorporate all the facets of data necessary not only to answer the questions presented - but also to ask the correct questions in the first place.
Hally Turner	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Hally Turner is a planner with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). She graduated in 2013 from the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health with a Master of Public Health (MPH). Hally previously worked at the Council on Crime and Justice, Ramsey County Community Corrections, American Academy of Neurology, and Washington County. Each position focused on incorporating public health into policy making. With Washington County, Hally's work included planning transitway projects and assessing transportation needs for people with disabilities and older adults. Her current work with MnDOT in statewide planning includes advancing equity in transportation, planning for connected and automated vehicles, and coordinating updates to and implementation of the 20-year statewide multimodal transportation plan.
Mackenzie Turner Borgen	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Mackenzie Turner Borgen's role as MnDOT Metro District Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator involves collaborating with internal staff and local partners to ensure adopted transportation plans are implemented along and across MnDOT's roadways, while working to mitigate instances where MnDOT's system may be an active transportation barrier. Prior to MnDOT, Turner Borgen's transportation career includes several years serving the City of Minneapolis and experience in transportation demand management. Her enthusiasm for active transportation was sparked while growing up in small towns of southeast Minnesota, where her personal childhood freedom and independence was formed by adventuring all over town on foot and by bicycle. Turner Borgen holds a Master of Urban and Regional Planning and a B.A. in Geography from the University of Minnesota.

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Linda Vela	Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization	Linda Alvarado-Vela is the Planning and Public Involvement Program Manager for the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. She leads a team of professionals to increase awareness of the MPO's various planning initiatives including active transportation planning, environmental planning, safety performance management, and congestion management. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of the Incarnate Word. Linda is bilingual in English and Spanish and has over 20 years of experience in facilitation, community relations, public involvement, and urban planning. Throughout her career, she has organized and moderated public meetings, facilitated public workshops and design charrettes, developed print and web-based outreach materials, coordinated press coverage, and targeted public outreach to under-served communities. In her years working as a private consultant, she led strategic planning efforts and conducted research for over 40 plans and studies in Texas and around the country. Linda is also a leading member of the Public Involvement Committee of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.
Jim Wild	East West Gateway Council of Governments	Jim is the Executive Director of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for St. Louis, which represents the 2.6 million residents of the city of St. Louis and the surrounding seven counties in Illinois and Missouri. Jim started at East-West Gateway in 1993 as a transportation analyst and held a variety of positions before his appointment as executive director in 2015. In addition to transportation, East-West Gateway developed and manages OneSTL, the region's sustainability plan, provides local government, research and environmental services, and through its St. Louis Area Regional Response System coordinates planning and response for large-scale critical incidents. Jim received his Bachelor of Science in Community and Regional Planning from Iowa State University.