

# National Working Group

## Biographies, Contact Information, and Areas of Expertise

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### **Patti Clare**

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**Expertise:** Transportation (complete streets, policy); Resident Engagement;  
Planning/Land Use; Urban Design



Patti Clare has over 25 years of experience in the urban planning field, with a concentration in transportation, the public realm, and downtown and economic development. She most recently served as Deputy Director for Develop Louisville's Office of Advanced Planning within Louisville Forward, the city's agency for community and economic development. Ms. Clare led Metro's multi-modal transportation planning efforts and the Louisville Public Art Initiative. In her role with Develop Louisville, Ms. Clare served as a lead on the project management team for Move Louisville, the strategic, multi-modal transportation plan for Louisville Metro. Ms. Clare also served as a co-lead on the planning effort to launch a Bike Share program in Louisville. Previously, Ms. Clare served as a planner, senior project manager, and in a leadership role with the Downtown Development Corporation (DDC) from 2003 until 2011. Ms. Clare was a 2012-2013 Fellow of the Urban Land Institute's Daniel Rose Center for Public Leadership and is a 2012 recipient of the Kentucky Society of Architects of the American Institute of Architects' John Russell Groves, Jr. Citizens Laureate Award. She received a Masters in Arts from the Center for Urban Programs at Saint Louis University and a Bachelors degree from Bellarmine University in Louisville. Ms. Clare is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Planning Association. Ms. Clare serves on the board of directors of Walden Theatre in Louisville, and Kentuckians for Better Transportation.

**Clare De Briere**

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**Expertise:** Real Estate Development; Resident Engagement; Business/Landowner Engagement; Urban Design; Funding and Finance

Clare De Briere is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of The Ratkovich Company, whose mission is to profitably produce developments that improve the quality of urban life. In her career with the company she has overseen the acquisition, entitlement, planning development and/or disposition of millions of square feet of development. Clare is an active member of the Urban Land Institute, has been named on the Los Angeles Business Journal's Women Making a Difference list, and has been on the Real Estate – Southern California's Women of Influence list every year since 2003. She holds an undergraduate degree in history from the University of California at Los Angeles, and a graduate degree from the University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate.

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**Dan Eernisse**

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**Expertise:** Transportation (transit, land use and economic development around both light rail and bus rapid transit); Real Estate Development; Business/Landowner Engagement; General Expertise in Planning/Land Use, Resident Engagement, Urban Design, Health, Funding and Finance

As the City of Shoreline, Washington's Economic Development Manager, Dan Eernisse is charged with ensuring cohesive and business-friendly codes and policies within City Hall. He is responsible for embodying the city's positive message to the business and development community and serves as advocate for businesses and developers to city staff and agencies. He does this through initiatives that increase housing, jobs, and retail sales within the city. Dan joined Shoreline in 2010 after ten years serving in the private sector as project lead on over \$300 million of residential, retail, and mixed-use development. During that time, his team earned a prestigious 2020 Vision Award for collaboration with city leadership on a mixed-use suburban lifestyle center, Mill Creek Town Center. In 2009 Dan launched Lavoro Development, Inc., to provide real estate services and development to partners, investors and clients. Dan holds degrees in both business and theology, and he teaches real estate investing and business ethics at two Seattle-area universities.

**Aliza Gallo**

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**Expertise:** Transportation (working with small businesses in terms of transportation impacts); Real Estate Development; Resident Engagement; Business/Landowner Engagement; Planning/Land Use

Aliza Gallo is the Economic Development Manager for the City of Oakland, leading a team responsible for city-wide business attraction, retention and expansion efforts. She has played leadership roles in key Oakland’s business development initiatives: the citywide retail enhancement strategy, a targeted industry attraction program (Health Care & Wellness, International Trade & Logistics, Manufacturing – Specialty Food & Beverage, Green & Clean and Creative Industries). She is involved in several Specific Plan Teams, the Bus Rapid Transit District (BRT) Project, expansion of Business Improvement Districts, enhancement of the Oakland Business Assistance Center and two commercial corridor revitalization efforts: International Boulevard Sustainable Communities Project and the San Pablo Area Revitalization Collaborative. Aliza served as one of Oakland’s Fellows under the 2011-2012 Urban Land Institute (ULI) Daniel Rose Center for Public Leadership in Land Use Program. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Downtown Oakland and the Lake Merritt/Uptown District Associations and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Alameda County. Ms. Gallo holds a Masters of Urban Planning degree from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona.

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**Expertise:** Resident Engagement; Planning/Land Use; Health

Stuart Levin, MD, FACP, FCCP has been in full-time practice at Wake Internal Medicine Consultants in Raleigh since 1994. Dr. Levin works on and lives near Blue Ridge Road in west Raleigh, and founded the Blue Ridge Corridor Stakeholder Advisory Group in 2008 to coordinate planning in this strategically significant area. Following adoption of the District plan by the city of Raleigh in 2012, Dr. Levin became president of the Blue Ridge Corridor Alliance, a 501(c)3 dedicated to implementation of the plan. He also advocated for the process, which led to the grant to fund North Carolina’s first comprehensive Health Impact Assessment in conjunction with planning for the Blue Ridge Corridor. After obtaining his BA at Duke and MD at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Levin completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Yale University. He is board-certified in internal, pulmonary and sleep medicine and a clinical professor of medicine at UNC. Dr. Levin was a recipient of the 2014 UNC Clinical Preceptor Excellence in Teaching award for off-campus faculty.

**Brandon McGee**

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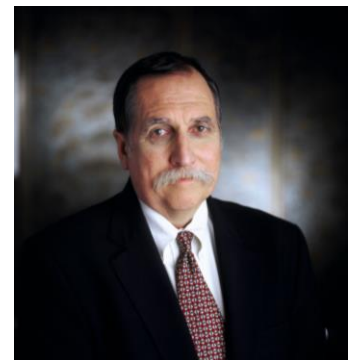
**Expertise: (to come)**

State Representative Brandon L. McGee Jr. is serving his second term in the legislature and represents parts of Windsor and Hartford. He is a member of the legislature's Education and Labor & Public Employees committees and serves as the Vice-chair of the Human Services committee. Rep. McGee is a native of Hartford and serves as Managing Director for Choice Programs at Capitol Region Education Council (CREC). He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Alabama State University and a Master's of Science in Management & Organizational Leadership from Albertus Magnus College. He is the co-founder and chief executive officer of Emergent Leaders Network (ELN), a boutique firm, which specializes in an innovative training and collaborative development, strategic planning and leadership and organizational development. In 2009, he became the youngest recipient to receive the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Community Award.

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**Ed McMahon**

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**Expertise:** Landscape/Green Infrastructure; Planning/Land Use; Urban Design;  
Bicycling

As the Senior Fellow for Sustainable Development, Ed McMahon leads ULI's worldwide efforts to conduct research and educational activities related to environmentally sensitive development policies and practices. He is also a senior staff adviser for ULI's Building Healthy Places Initiative, and is a sought-after speaker and thinker on health and real estate. He is currently at work on a major new report, Active Transportation and Real Estate: New Frontiers in Development, which will be released at ULI's Spring Meeting in Houston in May 2015. Before joining ULI in 2004, McMahon spent 14 years as the vice president and director of land use planning for the Conservation Fund in Arlington County, Virginia, where he helped protect more than 5 million acres of land of historic or natural significance. McMahon is also the cofounder and former president of Scenic America, a national nonprofit organization devoted to protecting America's scenic landscapes. Before that, he taught law and public policy at Georgetown University Law Center for nine years, and served in the U.S. Army, both at home and abroad. McMahon serves on several advisory boards and commissions, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Maryland, the Governor's Institute for Community Design, the Doris Duke Charitable Fund, and the Orton Family Foundation. He has an MA in urban studies from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a JD from Georgetown University Law School.

**James A. Moore, Ph.D., AIA, AICP, LEED AP, ENV SP**

Principal

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**Expertise:** Transportation (transit, bike infrastructure, pedestrian infrastructure, complete streets); Real Estate Development; Resident Engagement; Business/Landowner Engagement; Planning/Land Use; Architecture; Urban Design;

James Moore has over 25 years of technical and managerial experience and leadership in community planning, redevelopment consulting, architecture and urban design. As a Principal with Jacobs, he is helping lead the global growth of the company's urban design, redevelopment consulting and community planning practices. Prior to joining Jacobs in October 2014, James spent 14 years as a Senior Vice President with HDR, leading their community planning and urban design business unit. James has a deep understanding of the best practices in planning, urban design and real estate development, including the need to balance physical development and redevelopment with economic growth and socio-cultural advancement. He has particular expertise in organizing and managing complex urban redevelopment projects, including those focusing on sustainability, urban revitalization and/or transit-oriented development. James received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, and also holds degrees from MIT, including an MS in Real Estate Development. James is active locally and nationally with the AIA, APA, CNU, and ULI. A twenty-two year member of ULI, he is the past Chair of ULI Tampa Bay and the current chair of ULI's Urban Revitalization Council. He lectures and writes regularly on urban redevelopment, community sustainability, urban design, and related topics.

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**Jim Murley**

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**Expertise:** Transportation (transit, policy, TOD); Resident Engagement; Planning/Land Use; Funding and Finance

Jim Murley has spent over three decades working on public policy issues important to Florida. Jim served as Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs under Governor Lawton Chiles. He was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to serve as Chair of the Florida Energy and Climate Commission. Jim spent over 10 years with Florida Atlantic University overseeing research on urban and environmental issues. Jim currently holds the position of Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. In that capacity he led an effort for the seven counties in Southeast Florida to develop a Regional Prosperity Plan. Jim is on the Board of Directors for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and the Steering Committee for Miami-Dade Beacon Council's One Community One Goal project. He is former Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Sea Level Rise Task Force and serves on the Broward County Climate Change Task Force. He is a contributing author for two chapters in the forthcoming National Climate Assessment; Southeastern United States Region and Coastal Zone Development. He was recently named to the South Florida 100 by the Sun Sentinel newspaper to provide weekly input on regional issues impacting Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Jim is a graduate of Leadership Florida and a Fellow in the National Academy for Public Administration.

### **Khanh Nguyen**

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**Expertise:** Health; Philanthropy (other funding sources)

Khanh Nguyen is the portfolio director for the Colorado Health Foundation. In this role, she leads the Healthy Living philanthropy team that focuses on reducing Colorado's obesity rate by investing in nonprofits throughout the state. Previously, Nguyen served as a consultant for various local foundations including the Denver Foundation, Piton Foundation, and Caring for Colorado Foundation. Prior to consulting, she served as a program officer and director of the Colorado Grants Program for the Daniels Fund. Nguyen has a bachelor's from the University of Denver, master's of arts from the University of Colorado-Denver, and a law degree from the University of Denver. She currently serves on the Governor's Rural Health Care Grants Council. Nguyen was admitted to the Colorado Bar in fall of 2003 (currently inactive) and was a 2004 American Marshall Memorial Fellow. She currently serves on the boards of Denver Afterschool Alliance and the Mile High Community Loan Fund.

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**Expertise:** Transportation (complete streets, policy); Resident Engagement; Business/Landowner Engagement; Planning/Land Use

Alysia Osborne is a Planning Coordinator in the Long-Range Planning Division for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department which provides planning services for the City of Charlotte and the unincorporated areas of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Alysia's main responsibilities with the Planning Department include developing land use policies, community engagement tools and implementation strategies for various planning initiatives. She specializes in coordinating complex problem solving initiatives for business corridors, leading/conceptualizing development plans for the transit station areas along our new light rail system and for neighborhoods throughout the Charlotte community. Alysia has over 10 years of private and public sector planning experience in the fields of zoning, environment, transportation and land use planning. She has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science/Pre-Law from Tougaloo (Too-gah-loo) College and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning with an emphasis in Environmental/Land Use Law from Jackson State University. She has been involved with the Urban Land Institute since 2010, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners of the American Planning Association.

**Matthew Roe** (NWG Lead)

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**Expertise:** Transportation (bike infrastructure, pedestrian infrastructure, complete streets, safety, traffic management, and performance measurement); Urban Design

As Director of the Designing Cities Initiative, Matthew Roe leads the organization's work with city professionals across North America, developing design guidance, training practitioners, and facilitating the NACTO peer networks. Matthew is an urban transportation planner with nearly a decade of experience in planning and implementing great streets. At the New York City Department of Transportation, Matthew helped introduce an evidence-based approach to the Department's globally recognized street design programs, leading a safety planning and research team. He is most proud of having implemented or shaped dozens of major street redesign projects through the High-Crash Corridor Program, a multi-year, multi-office effort that transformed over 80 miles of thoroughfares into pedestrian and bicyclist-friendly streets. Matthew led the 2010 New York City Pedestrian Safety Study and Action Plan, one of the nation's first research-based safety plans, and contributed to the 2013 Making Safer Streets report. His academic publications focus on the causes of pedestrian injuries in urban settings, and safety evaluation of street redesigns. Matthew holds a Master of Science in Urban Planning from Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Social Studies from Wesleyan University.

**Skye Duncan** (NWG Backup)

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**Expertise:** Transportation (pedestrian infrastructure, complete streets); Planning/Land Use; Architecture; Urban Design; Health

Skye Duncan is the Director of the Global Designing Cities Initiative, a multi-year program that will develop a Global Street Design Guide and work with cities on street and public space design around the world. Skye is an urban designer with over a decade of experience in architecture, urban design, planning and landscape architecture, and comes to NACTO after seven years working as a Senior Urban Designer at the New York City Department of City Planning in their Office of the Chief Urban Designer. There, she offered her design expertise to help shape sites of all scales across the city and collaborated with multiple agencies and organizations to make New York City a more sustainable, resilient, livable and healthy city. Skye contributed to the NYC DOT Street Design Manual and helped develop much of the Planning Department's innovative work relating to public health and the built environment. She was a contributing author to the award-winning Active Design Guidelines (2010) and led a team to produce the well-received 2013 publication Shaping the Sidewalk Experience. Skye has worked professionally as an International Urban Design Consultant in Brazil, Colombia, Canada and New Zealand, and has been an Adjunct Associate Professor at Columbia University in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation for the past seven years. She graduated as a Fulbright Scholar at Columbia in the Master of Science in Architecture and Urban Design program and has a Bachelor of Architecture with Honors from Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

**Ken Schwartz**

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**Expertise:** Transportation (transit, complete streets); Resident Engagement; Planning/Land Use; Urban Design

Ken Schwartz is a Senior Vice President and Practice Leader for Planning at VHB, an integrated planning and design services firm headquartered in Watertown, Massachusetts, with 23 offices throughout the east coast. He is responsible for the strategic direction of the firm's land use planning, design and public outreach efforts. An award-winning NCI Charrette Planner with over 30 years of experience, Ken has worked with dozens of cities and towns, public agencies, institutions and private developers, leading projects through the community process while building a shared vision for large and complex redevelopment areas. Ken's recent work includes a feasibility study for adding a second commuter rail station in Bridgeport, Connecticut; a first-ever transportation corridor study for Aquidneck Island in Rhode Island, a comprehensive plan for the Town of Watertown, Massachusetts; and a TOD vision plan for a multi-block area adjacent to the busy Ronkonkoma Train Station on Long Island. He is currently working on the joint development planning and permitting for the expansion of South Station in Boston. Ken holds a bachelor's degree in geography from Clark University and a master's degree in urban and environmental planning from Tufts University.

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**Christopher A. Smith**

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**Expertise:** Planning/Land Use; Architecture; Urban Design; Health

Christopher Smith is a senior program officer in the Healthy Living philanthropy area at The Colorado Health Foundation. He is engaged in projects and initiatives that promote healthy schools and communities throughout the state and is leading a cross-functional team to refine the Foundation's healthy communities/built environment program area. Prior to joining the Foundation in 2012, he managed affordable housing programs for City and County of Denver in the Office of Economic Development. Christopher serves on the Denver Planning Board as well as the boards of Denver Bike Sharing, operators of the B-Cycle system, and Radian, a nonprofit community design center. He has previously served on the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission. Christopher is a licensed Colorado architect and graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Detroit (Mercy).



**Gary Toth**

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**Expertise:** Transportation (transit, bike infrastructure, pedestrian infrastructure, complete streets, policy); Planning/Land Use; Urban Design

Gary Toth is an experienced leader with substantial expertise in transportation engineering and planning, particularly the integration of transportation with land use planning and CSS. During his thirty-four years of project management experience within the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), Gary became known for his collaboration and facilitation skills, and was one of the architects of the transformation of NJDOT to a stakeholder-inclusive process and a national leader in Context Sensitive Solutions since 1998. He possesses extensive understanding of design flexibility, sound engineering and practical design. He understands approaches to culture change in state DOTs and what makes them tick. One of his many fortes is the ability to broker conversations between transportation practitioners and stakeholders. Since leaving NJDOT, he has done extensive work in Complete Streets and Network Planning and has helped communities around North America, Brazil and Abu Dhabi rethink their approach to public investment in Transportation. He was instrumental in the creation of the Smart Transportation Guide for Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and the National Model Street Design Manual for Living Streets; each of these focus on how to use transportation to support Placemaking and build communities. The Context Sensitive Solutions and NJ Future in Transportation programs that Gary helped lead focused on redirecting NJDOT's Transportation philosophy from simply moving people and goods towards the higher societal goal of improving quality of life, economics and Placemaking. He is one of the leading experts in the country on how to engage DOTs via the transportation planning, funding, project development and design processes to achieve sustainable and livable outcomes. He summarized his insight in a 2009 book – the Citizen's Guide for Engaging Transportation Professionals.

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**Expertise:** Health

Matthew Trowbridge is a physician, public health researcher, and associate professor at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Dr. Trowbridge's academic research focuses on the impact of architecture, urban design, and transportation planning on population health outcomes. Dr. Trowbridge also currently leads a partnership between the U.S. Green Building Council and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focused on leveraging the market transformation capacity of the green building industry to promote nation-wide investment in healthy communities. Dr. Trowbridge is board certified in both general pediatrics and preventive medicine and obtained his medical and public health training at Emory University.

**Michael Wojcik**

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**Expertise:** Transportation (transit, bike infrastructure, pedestrian infrastructure, complete streets, policy); Real Estate Development; Landscape/Green Infrastructure; Resident Engagement; Business/Landowner Engagement; Planning/Land Use; Architecture; Urban Design; Funding and Finance; Government Policy

Michael Wojcik is a City Council member for the city of Rochester MN as well as a 2015 board member for the National League of Cities. Michael is the chair of the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development (CED) committee. He specializes in community development, finance, and multimodal transportation. Michael's preferred modes of transportation are walking and biking. Michael helped to pass the state of Minnesota's first Complete Streets policy in 2009. He holds Masters Degrees in Engineering and Business Administration from the University of Minnesota.