

Education

Master of Public Administration, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA, 1990. Emphasis: Public Policy and Legislative Relations. Transcripts and thesis work available upon request.

Bachelor of Arts, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 1988.
Major: Sociology; Minor: Political Science. Areas of Concentration: Public Policy Development, Social Theory and Comparative Politics. Served as Legislative Intern during last quarter for member of Washington State House of Representatives.

Experience

1999-Present: Transportation Policy Advisor, City of Bellevue. Provide ongoing policy analysis and direction to City Council, City Manager and Transportation Director concerning state, federal and regional transportation decision-making, positioning, and advocacy. Serves in a lead policy support role for decisions related to the I-405 Corridor Reconstruction Program, SR 520 Floating Bridge Replacement and HOV Project, I-90 Two-Way Transit/HOV project and Sound Transit's East Link (Light Rail) Corridor Project (including lead support to Bellevue's representative on the Sound Transit Board of Directors), King County Transit service and capital planning, Puget Sound Regional Council long-range planning, regional funding plans and state/federal legislation affecting regional transportation facilities, services and state growth management.

1998-1999: Executive Director, Washington Transportation Alliance. Responsible for the management and oversight of a statewide non-profit business and labor coalition seeking long-term, comprehensive transportation improvements in Washington State. Independently provided staff support to several standing committees, the Board of Directors and a Steering Committee comprised of Washington's most accomplished CEOs. Required on-going implementation of a statewide outreach program and ambitious legislative agenda that led to creation of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation with notable accomplishments in transportation financing and construction reforms. Also required sustained coordination with major transportation providers, their constituencies and business sector advocacy groups.

1997-1998: Program Development Coordinator; Transportation Systems Planning Division, City of Renton. Responsibilities required management and advocacy of Renton's Six-Year Transportation Capital Investment Program. Included internal and external coordination to fund and implement Renton's key transportation and economic development-related projects requiring ongoing communication and partnership-building with the Washington State Department of Transportation, King County, neighboring jurisdictions and Renton's major employers. Also required strategic policy and legislative planning to gain visibility and investment for Renton's transportation priorities, including staff support to major Puget Sound Regional Council committees.

1995-1997: Project Development Coordinator; Capital Programming & Intergovernmental Relations, Transportation Department, City of Bellevue. Responsibilities required providing department management, Council and City Manager's Office with strategic proposals and analysis on local, state and federal transportation policies and related legislation, including direct staff coordination with neighboring cities, King County, the Puget Sound Regional Council and neighborhood associations. Independently responsible for management of the City's \$20 million Transportation Grant Program and provided staff support to Citizen's Advisory Committee charged with steering a very sensitive highway project in Bellevue along SR 520.

1992-1995: Transportation Planner, Public Transportation & Rail Division, Washington State Department of Transportation. Served as state planning liaison to existing and newly forming transit authorities throughout Washington State; included implementation of statewide transit programs aimed at improving service and increasing funding. Required direct coordination with city and county elected officials, their staff, and citizen boards to facilitate and implement comprehensive transit plans. Also led the effort to develop a successful state Rural Mobility Grant Program that continues to receive high marks in the state legislature.

Experience Continued...

1991-1992: Associate/Financial Policy Analyst, Berk & Associates, Inc.
Specialized in financial and policy analysis associated with transportation and land use projects. Key projects included: financial revenue and costs projections for the Pierce County Comprehensive Transportation Plan, economic impact projections for City of Sea-Tac proposed development, analysis of fare structure for the Washington State Ferries, transit revenue/expenditure projections and alternative analyses for the Transportation Commission's Subcommittee on Public/Private Partnerships.

1989-1991: Fiscal Analyst, Washington State Department of Transportation.
Monitored federal and state transportation legislation and programs and prepared reports detailing the impacts and benefits to the agency's programs. Prepared executive policy reports outlining the status of federal accounts and draft policies governing the allocation of federal transportation funds related to the reauthorization of the federal transportation act.

1988-1989: Legislative Assistant, Washington State House of Representatives, House Committee on Health Care. Assisted in policy research, prepared legislative bill reports, amendments and other committee material.

Leadership, Achievement & Community Involvement

- **Advisory Board Member, (2007-present)** Women's Transportation Seminar Seattle/Puget Sound Chapter Board of Directors. Serving in a leadership role to help steer and advance the organization.
- **Advisory Board Member, (2006-present)** TransNow. Transportation Northwest at the University of Washington (TransNow) is a University Transportation Center (UTC) administered by the United States Department of Transportation through its Research and Innovative Technology Administration.
- **Board Member, Washington State Commute Trip Reduction Task Force (2005-present).** Appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire in August 2005; participated on legislative team that successfully advocated for new state law that enhances the existing Commute Trip Reduction program with a refined emphasis on land use/urban centers and measurable transportation system performance (CTR Efficiency Act); continues to play lead role in legislative relations.
- **Vice-President, Bellevue Arts Museum Board of Trustees (2003-2006),** Volunteer community advocacy and fundraising Chair of Bellevue Arts and Crafts Fair Oversight Committee.
- **Overlake Hospital Healing Arts Committee (2000-2004),** Volunteer position. Initiated development of the hospital's first-time healing arts program by creating new partnerships with local artists organizations. Continues to be a very successful program.
- **Leadership Training Award (2002),** National Leadership Training Program, Rutgers University; among 14 selected nationally across U.S. chapters of the *Women's Transportation Seminar*.
- **President (2000):** Women's Transportation Seminar Seattle/Puget Sound Chapter Board of Directors. Also served as Chapter's Vice-President, Marketing & Diversity Chair, and Legislative Chair since 1996.
- **Member of Year Award (1998),** Seattle/Puget Sound Chapter, Women's Transportation Seminar.
- **President (1996):** Friends of the Junction Neighborhood Association (West Seattle), Board of Directors. Instrumental in revitalizing California Avenue/Alaska "junction" business district through local planning collaboration with City of Seattle and affected stakeholders.
- **Achievement Award (1995):** Outstanding Service in Promoting Public Transportation, Washington State Dept. of Transportation.
- **Secretary (1994):** Community Transportation Association of the Northwest (special needs transportation organization), Board of Directors.
- **President (1992):** Governor's Executive Fellowship Alumni Association.

Professional Training Highlights

- **Effective Communication and Diplomacy,** 16 course hours, provided by City of Bellevue training program.
- **Effective Legislative Presentations,** 16 course hours, provided by consultant under contract with WSDOT.
- **Fundamentals of Consulting,** 24 course hours, Governor's Executive Fellowship Program.
- **Institute of Transportation Management; "Enhancing Management Skills: The Key to Effective Supervision"** 40 hours, Colorado State University, College of Business.
- **Effective Presentations,** 16 hours, provided under contract by City of Bellevue.
- **People Skills: A Strategy for Achieving Results,** 20 hours, provided under contract by City of Bellevue.
- **Influencing Others,** 4 course hours, Development Dimensions international; provided by City of Bellevue