

Michael Morris, P.E., Director, North Central Texas COG

Michael Morris has been on staff in the Transportation Department of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, since 1979. Mr. Morris became the Director in 1990. As Director of Transportation, Mr. Morris is also responsible for coordinating plans, programs, and projects to improve mobility and reduce vehicle emissions. Mr. Morris received his Masters in Civil Engineering from State University of New York at Buffalo in 1979 and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas. Several groups including the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and the Texas Transportation Commission have recognized him. He is also a member of the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee.

Kathy Daniel, Air Quality Specialist, U.S. DOT, Federal Highway Administration

Kathy Daniel is an Air Quality Specialist with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Planning and Environment and is FHWA's project manager for "It All Adds Up to Cleaner Air," an initiative to raise public awareness about the connection between transportation choices and air quality. Since 1980, she has worked on air quality issues for several organizations, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Academy of Sciences, World Resources Institute, National Park Service, Chemical Manufacturers Association, and the President's Council on Environmental Quality. Kathy has a Master's degree in Environmental Sciences and Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Sherry B. Ways, U.S. DOT, Federal Highway Administration, AICP

Sherry B. Ways is a Transportation Planner with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration in Washington, DC. She has more than seven years of transportation planning and policy experience, including services to government, private, nonprofit, and international organizations. Ms. Ways has managed or participated in projects involving professional transportation planning capacity building for transportation planners, environmental justice and Title VI Civil Rights transportation issues, scenario planning for long-range transportation planning and integrating health and physical activity considerations in the transportation planning process. Ms. Ways also worked on transportation access issues for women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa.

Juanita Wieczorek Executive Director, Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Juanita Wieczorek, Executive Director of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization, was the MPO's first employee and has spent the last seven years setting up the region's metropolitan planning process. Prior to 1994, Ms. Wieczorek was a transportation planner for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in Philadelphia. While at DVRPC, Mrs. Wieczorek worked on a wide variety of projects, acquiring a diverse background in metropolitan planning issues. Ms. Wieczorek is a graduate of Frostburg State University, with additional study at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Rowan University, and the University of Delaware.

Paul Hamilton, Chief Planner, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Lansing, MI

Mr. Hamilton has over 23 years of experience as a regional planner and has been the lead transportation planner at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission since November, 1985. Prior to joining the staff at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Mr. Hamilton worked as a transportation and environmental planner for approximately four years at the Ada Planning Association in Boise, Idaho, where he specialized in transit and air quality planning. Mr. Hamilton was the Director of the Environmental Studies Center at the University of Oregon for approximately two years prior to his tenure at the Ada Planning Association. Mr. Hamilton received his B.S. degree summa cum laude in Environmental Studies and Political Science from Western Michigan University in 1976 and holds a Master of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Oregon in Geography, Political Science and Urban and Regional Planning.

John Poorman, Staff Director, Capital District Transportation Committee, Albany/Saratoga Springs, NY

John has been engaged in transportation planning with the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) for the past thirty years, and has served as its Director since 1981. In addition, John serves as Chairman of the New York State Metropolitan Planning Organization association (NYSMPO) and as a past Vice-Chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). He has also served on the Transportation Research Board's Executive Committee; on the Eno Transportation Foundation's Board of Advisors; and on the National Research Council's Surface Transportation Environmental Cooperative Research Program (STECRP) Advisory Board. John has been honored by NYSDOT (1988), the NYS County Highway Superintendents (1989); and was named "Ally of the Year" in 2003 by A Regional Enterprise to Support Empowerment (ARISE). John received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Haverford College and his Master of Science in Transportation from Northwestern University.

Jienki Synn, Senior Transportation Planner, DVRPC, AICP

Jienki Synn [Gin-key Sin] is a Senior Transportation Planner at Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) in Philadelphia, PA, for the past three and half years. His current duties include updating the regional long-range transportation plan, long-range financial plan development, and transportation conformity demonstration. Mr. Synn has expertise in transportation demand modeling, Geographic Information Systems for Transportation, and transportation network analysis. Prior to DVRPC, Mr. Synn spent three years as a Transportation Planner at the City of Charlotte, NC, Department of Transportation. Mr. Synn graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, CT, and holds a Masters degree in Urban Planning and Graduate Certificate in Intelligent Transportation Systems from the University of Michigan. Concurrently, to his work at DVRPC, Mr. Synn is also a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pennsylvania in the City and Regional Planning Department.

Suzanne T. Cooper, AICP, Principal Planner Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Ms. Cooper has twenty years experience with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. As a planner she reviewed large-scale documents such as Developments of Regional Impact. Now as Principal Planner she manages the DRI review process, overseeing the

review of about 80 new projects. Since 1993, as the Principal Environmental Planner, she was responsible for the Agency on Bay Management and all Council involvement in environmental issues. Ms. Cooper has also held positions as: a Botanist for the Cross Florida Barge Canal Re-Study; as an Environmental Specialist for Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission; and as a Botanist for the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, a Heritage Program of The Nature Conservancy. Ms. Cooper received her B.A. in Biology and M.A. in Botany both from the University of Southern Florida. She has also been an AICP member since 1987.

Joan Rohlfs, Chief Air Quality Planner for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Joan Rohlfs is the Chief of Air Quality Planner for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and has been with the COG for sixteen years (COG). She is staff director for the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC), a multistate planning body for the Washington, DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area for the one-hour ozone standard. Ms. Rohlfs is project manager for Clean Air Partners, a public-private partnership to promote voluntary actions to clean up the air in the Baltimore-Washington region. Ms. Rohlfs graduated from Stanford University, holds an MPA from New York University, and an MS in Environmental Science from Johns Hopkins University.

Pete Hathaway, Deputy Executive Director, Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Mr. Hathaway has served as Deputy Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments since July 2001. Mr. Hathaway is responsible for developing policies for regional planning activities including transportation, environment, land use, and housing. In addition, he oversees preparation of the regional transportation plan, programming of funds for implementation, and regional forecasting and analysis. Prior to joining SACOG, Mr. Hathaway worked for 16 years at the California Transportation Commission, four years at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and seven years at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Mr. Hathaway is a graduate of The Union College in Schenectady, New York and is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

John Swanson, Transportation Planner, MWACOG

Since 2000, Mr. Swanson has been a transportation planner at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWACOG) where he is responsible for public involvement programs and publications related to transportation. He has held various positions at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) and the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) in 1990-1992 and later in 1998-1999. From 1994 to 1996, John was stationed in Romania working for the U.S.-based National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) where he managed programs designed to foster collaboration between citizens and public officials in Romania's emerging democracy. John also worked for Congressman Peter Visclosky from 1985 to 1988, as a legislative assistant responsible for transportation. He has a Masters degree in public administration from the London School of Economics (1993), a

BA from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh (1985), and a diploma from the Plekhanov Institute in Moscow (1989).

Robert Goo, Federal Lands and Activities Team Leader, Smart Growth Team Co-lead

Mr. Goo has worked for the Environmental Protection Agency for the past seventeen years. Currently he is working in the Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Nonpoint Source Control Branch, on such issues like: Transportation and Water Quality; Rural/Forest Road Management; Federal Lands Management; Smart Growth and Water Resources; Coastal Zone Management as well as many more issues. Much of Mr. Goo's work focuses on building partnerships with other federal agencies, non-profit organizations, industry associations and organizations that represent state and county governments to promote the development and implementation of strategies and tools to better protect and restore water quality. Mr. Goo has participated in numerous rulemakings and has written both technical and programmatic guidance on topics such as urban runoff management and the development of onsite disposal system programs. Previously Mr. Goo worked for Washington University in Saint Louis on Neuro-biomedical imaging and at the University of Michigan on cochlear prosthesis research.

Mark Simons - U.S. EPA, Office of Transportation and Air Quality

Mark has worked in EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality for twenty-three years and has served in a number of capacities. In the 1980's, he worked in EPA's vehicle emissions and fuel economy testing programs, supporting regulatory and research programs. Since 1990, Mark has served as a specialist in transportation and air quality planning and policy, where he is broadly responsible for the Clean Air Act technical and policy provisions related to transportation planning, transportation control measures, and the integration of transportation and air quality modeling. He has provided expertise and technical support to numerous local, state and national committees undertaking a wide range of air quality and transportation planning activities.

Tom Kane, Executive Director, Des Moines Area MPO

Tom has served as the Executive Director for the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization since 1991. Prior to this he served ten years as the MPO Director in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tom is also the Program Coordinator for Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRTPA) since 1994. Besides serving the many committees, subcommittees, working groups, and roundtables involved with the Des Moines Area MPO and the CIRTPA, Tom is involved with a multitude of additional organizations and committees dealing with transportation issues, such as his involvement with the National Association of Regional Councils, Board of Directors, Executive Directors Committee, and Transportation Working Group and various initiatives within the state of Iowa. Tom holds a BA from St. Cloud State College, MN, a Master of Arts from the University of Akron, OH, and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.