TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

The Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) is seeking a Transportation Director to lead our innovative team working to improve the Portland Maine region’s transportation network. GPCOG hosts the area’s metropolitan planning organization, the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS). We pride ourselves in managing an excellent planning process with our eighteen very engaged municipalities, leading the region to apply the latest transportation planning practices and engineering and design standards. The MPO programs a $26 million annual portfolio of Federal Highway Administration-funded and Federal Transit Administration-funded projects. As Maine’s economic center, Greater Portland is an exciting region in which to work and live. Portland is a world-class small city as shown in many “top ten” lists during the past ten years.

The Transportation Director is a member of the senior leadership team that shapes the strategic direction of the agency. The position manages a staff of transportation, planning, civic engagement and engineering professionals and collaborates closely with the Planning Director and other GPCOG staff, who have expertise in data analysis, land use planning, economic development, and environmental sustainability. The Transportation Director serves our members, which include municipalities and transit agencies, the Maine Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority.

We seek a Transportation Director who has:

- Experience with the MPO process.
- Strong skills in capital project funding analysis and management.
- Extensive experience in staffing committees.
- Experience managing staff and directing project teams.
- Outstanding written and oral communication skills.
- An excellent understanding of federal highway and transit programs and regulations, with an emphasis on planning requirements and funding.
- An understanding of multi-disciplinary regional planning, pavement management and traffic signals, public transportation operations and planning, active transportation planning, and clean and smart technologies and practices.

Skills and abilities in the following areas are a plus:

- Strong public engagement and presentation skills.
- Experience with local government.

The successful candidate will also have at least 10 years professional experience, preferably an advanced degree in public administration, planning, engineering or a related field, a driver’s license, and the ability to attend night and weekend meetings as required.

We offer a comprehensive benefits package, competitive salary, and a fun, flexible and creative working environment. We are an equal opportunity employer, committed to representing the region’s diversity in our staff and creating a positive, inclusive workplace where all can thrive. People of color, veterans, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
Come join our team!

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume as one electronic document. The cover letter should include the candidate’s minimum salary requirements. No phone calls please. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, with review beginning April 13, 2020 and continuing until the position is filled to:

Ms. Victoria Pelletier at vpelletier@gpcog.org
Email subject line: Application for Transportation Director