

**Complete Streets: The Road to Safer, Healthier,
Livable Communities Workshop
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Speaker Bios

Tony Bizjak

Reporter

The Sacramento Bee

Tony Bizjak has been the Sacramento Bee's transportation reporter and Back-seat Driver columnist for five years. Prior to that, he covered Sacramento City Hall for the Bee, and worked as a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle. He lived, carless, in Paris for one year. He regularly bikes or walks on his two-mile commute to work.

Matt Carpenter

Director of Transportation Planning

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

Matt is the Director of Transportation Planning at SACOG where he oversees planning for transit, road and active transportation. Matt was the project manager for the award winning *Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035* – the first to include policies and strategies to implement complete streets. Matt received a Masters in Urban Engineering from the University of Tokyo and a Masters in City Planning with a Certificate in Urban Design from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

RoseMary Covington

Assistant General Manager,

Planning & Transit System Development

Sacramento Regional Transit District

Ms. Covington is Assistant General Manager for Planning and Transit System Development for the Sacramento Regional Transit District. Her previous experience includes director of community services for the St. Louis MPO; a member of the executive management team and deputy general manager for both the St. Louis and Cleveland transit systems; Northeast Ohio area manager for the Parsons Brinkerhoff planning and engineering firm; and Mass Transit Administrator, Associate Director for the District of Columbia.

Teri Duarte

Health Program Manager, Dept of Health and Human Services

County of Sacramento

Teri has a Master of Public Health degree and directs Sacramento County's WIC Program. For the past five years she has endeavored to improve public health through community design. She now serves part-time in the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District integrating public health principles into land use review.

Philip Erickson, AIA

President

Community Design + Architecture

Philip Erickson is an urban designer and architect with over 20 years experience in community and urban design. Phil's practice has a primary focus in reshaping auto-oriented arterials into multimodal thoroughfares. Reinvigorating disused commercial strips into vibrant mixed-use places.

Anne Geraghty

Executive Director

WALKSacramento

Anne Geraghty, Executive Director of **WALKSacramento** - a nonprofit pedestrian advocacy group founded in 1998, works with land use and transportation planners, school administrators, traffic engineers and elected officials to improve the walkability and pedestrian safety of streets, neighborhoods, schools and colleges in the Sacramento region. She is co-chair with Richard Haggstrom of the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan's Challenge 8 Committee focused on pedestrian safety issues. WALKSacramento provides the lead for the Sacramento Complete Streets Coalition, working to make the streets in Sacramento work for all users – including pedestrians, bicyclists, seniors and youth. Anne received her B.A. from San Jose State and Master of Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to WALKSacramento, Anne worked for the California Air Resources Board on transportation, land use and air quality issues.

Larry Greene

Executive Director

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

Larry Greene has a Bachelors Degree in Science Education from North Carolina State University, and Masters Degrees in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology and Human Resources Education from Boston University. He is a Past-President of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and serves as a permanent member on the CAPCOA Board of Directors. He serves on the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) Board of Directors as Co-Vice President and Co-Chair of the Global Warming Committee.

Bruce Griesenbeck

Principal Transportation Analyst

Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Mr. Griesenbeck has 20 years experience in transportation planning and travel demand modeling, working directly for public agencies and as a consultant. He is currently the Principal Transportation Analyst for SACOG, and leads the transportation forecasting and analysis team, and transportation monitoring team. Over the last three years, he has lead the development and implementation of SACOG's regional activity-based travel demand model, the first such model to be based on parcel-level land use data. He is also serving as an advisor to the National Cooperative Highway Research Program for NCHRP 08-61, and is a member of the Transportation Research Board "Travel Demand Forecasting" Committee. Mr. Griesenbeck holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Swarthmore College, and

master's degrees in Civil Engineering and in City and Regional Planning from U.C. Berkeley.

Peter Jacobsen
Consulting Engineer

Peter Jacobsen is a civil engineer, with a strong interest in the interconnection between transportation and health. He has published several articles in public health and engineering journals on walking and bicycling. He co-wrote the Pasadena Bicycle Plan.

Marsha B. Mason
Project Manager, Complete Streets Implementation
California Department of Transportation

As a registered Landscape Architect, Marsha has advocated for collaborative transportation decision-making and multimodal access since 1984. She managed the Transportation Enhancements program in California for eight years and co-founded *WALKSacramento*. Marsha helped craft Caltrans' Context Sensitive Solutions, Bus Rapid Transit, and Complete Streets policies, and eased employee transit pass purchase with the transit pass payroll deduction program. She has worked in Caltrans Divisions of Transportation Planning, Design, Mass Transportation, and at the California High Speed Rail Authority.

Mike McKeever, AICP
Executive Director
Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

Mike McKeever, AICP, was appointed Executive Director of SACOG in December 2004. Previously, Mr. McKeever was project manager of SACOG's Blueprint Project. Over his 20-year career in the field of planning, he has owned two private businesses that specialized in working with local governments on innovative multi-jurisdictional projects. Mike has been involved in many regional planning projects across the U.S. and he has been instrumental in developing cutting-edge planning techniques to integrate land use and transportation planning. He is a native of Nampa, Idaho and received his B.A. with Honors from the University of Oregon.

Ronald T. Milam, AICP, PTP
Principal
Fehr & Peers, Roseville, CA

Ronald Milam is actively involved in a wide variety of project work but also finds time to co-lead the firm's research and development efforts and teach a course for the Institute of Transportation Studies Technology Transfer program at U.C. Berkeley entitled, "Managing Transportation and Land Use Interactions." Ron has an extensive background in travel demand model development and applications, traffic operations analysis, micro-simulation modeling, and transportation impact studies involving NEPA and CEQA. He has also published papers on a wide variety of transportation planning and traffic engineering topics and received recognition for his work that includes the Institute of Transportation Engineer's (ITE) National Past President's Award and best paper honors at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Conference on Planning Applications.

Meghan Mitman, AICP
Senior Transportation Engineer/Planner
Fehr & Peers, San Francisco

Meghan is a pedestrian safety specialist with experience in both technical and project management roles, as well as academic research. Her recent research on pedestrian safety within crosswalks has been published in two Transportation Research Record articles. Meghan's project- and policy-level experience with respect to pedestrian safety includes a key role as a pedestrian safety expert evaluator and project manager for the Office of Traffic Safety/ UC Berkeley Tech Transfer's California Pedestrian Safety Assessments Program. She is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Princeton University and is a national Eno and Eisenhower fellow.

Chris Morfas
Legislative Liaison
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

Chris works with legislators, agencies and interest groups to advance sound air quality and transportation policies in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C. In 2000 he was a co-winner of the first national pedestrian safety leadership award from America Walks in recognition of his role in creating the California Safe Routes to School program.

Tracy Newsome
Transportation Planner
City of Charlotte, North Carolina Department of Transportation

Tracy Newsome holds B.S. and M.A. degrees in Geography from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and a Ph.D., also in Geography, from The Ohio State University. She joined the Charlotte Department of Transportation in 2000, where her efforts focus on developing policies and plans that integrate land use and transportation. Most of her current efforts are devoted to developing and implementing Charlotte's guidelines for context-based complete streets.

Stephen Patek
Director of Community Development
City of West Sacramento

Stephen Patek is the Director of Community Development for the City of West Sacramento. The Community Development Department includes the Planning, Building, Engineering and Facilities divisions. He has been with the City in that capacity since 1990. Prior to coming to West Sacramento in 1989, he was with the City of Arcata, California for 14 years in a variety of roles including Economic Development Director and Community Development Director. Mr. Patek has a B. S. in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and an MBA from Humboldt State University.

Michael J. Penrose
Director

Sacramento County Department Of Transportation (SacDOT)

Michael J. Penrose was appointed Director of the Department of Transportation in 2008. He manages the day-to-day operations of the unincorporated area transportation system and oversees an annual operating budget of \$195 million and 350 employees. Mike holds a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from California State University, Sacramento and a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from San Jose University. Mike is a member of the International Transportation Engineers Association and a former member of the American Public Works Association and American Society of Civil Engineering. Mike has worked for Sacramento County since 1991.

Larry Robinson

Transportation and Land Use Coordinator

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

Larry's been an integral part of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District for almost two decades; working in the areas of transportation planning, legislative advocacy, and coordinating the District's Land Use and Transportation CEQA mitigation program. He currently serves on both the national Board of Directors and the Public Policy Council for the Association for Commuter Transportation and is the Association's current local chapter president. In his spare time, he likes to travel with his wife and hang out with his 5 grandchildren.

Ms. Jananne Sharpless

Consultant

Former Commissioner, California Energy Commission

Former Chair, California Air Resources Board

Ms. Sharpless has worked in the public policy arena for thirty-two years, including eight years as a regulator implementing the provisions of California's air quality laws and five years in the energy area. Ms. Sharpless served as a California Energy Commissioner between 1994 and 1991. She served as both Cabinet Secretary for the Environment and Chair of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) between 1985 and 1991 and continued her chairmanship of CARB until the end of 1993. She currently operates her own consulting firm, serves on a number of academic and non-profit boards and is on the Board of Directors of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

Jerry Way

Director of Transportation, City of Sacramento

Jerry has worked in the transportation field for over twenty-eight years with the City of Sacramento. He has served as the City Traffic Engineer, Street Maintenance Division Manager and since 2006 as the Director of Transportation.

Jerry is currently serving as the President of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Sacramento Chapter and in 2008 he served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Tree Foundation. He has a Business degree from California State University, Sacramento (CSUS).

Paul Zykofsky
Director of Land Use and Transportation Programs
Local Government Commission

Paul Zykofsky manages the Local Government Commission's land use and transportation programs and has been Director of the Commission's Center for Livable Communities since 1995. As director of the Center, he provides technical assistance to communities throughout the nation. He is co-author of documents on transit-oriented development and has edited documents on infill development, street design, traffic calming, smart growth zoning codes, compact development, revitalizing older suburbs and smart economic development.