

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN GUIDANCE WEBINAR

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Danielle Blackshear is a transportation specialist with the FHWA Office of Human Environment. She provides leadership and technical assistance to transportation practitioners to advance multimodal transportation systems planning and specializes in equitable and accessible mobility innovation and public involvement. She also leads the U.S. DOT Micromobility Working Group to track micromobility research and activities across the Department and provide a forum for exchange. As the National Scenic Byways Program lead, she provides program and policy direction for the designation of roads to the collection of America's Byways® and over \$40 million in National Scenic Byways discretionary grants. Blackshear received her bachelor and master's degrees in urban and environmental planning from the University of Virginia.

DARREN BUCK

Darren Buck is the Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Coordinator in the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Human Environment, and oversees a variety of projects to research and promote safe, comfortable and complete networks for bicycle and pedestrian travel. Prior to this, Darren managed the Complete Streets program at the City of Alexandria, VA, and was a bicycle and bikeshare planner at the District of Columbia Department of Transportation. Darren is a 2012 graduate of Virginia Tech's Urban and Regional Planning program, and has an MBA from the University of Maryland.

CHRISTOPHER DOUWES

Christopher Douwes is a Community Planner with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Washington DC. He has managed the [Recreational Trails Program](#) (RTP) since 1992, [Transportation Enhancement](#) activities since 2003, [Transportation Alternatives](#) since 2012, and has assisted with [Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities](#) since 1992. He manages contracts for research, technology development, technical assistance, and training for trail and bicycle and pedestrian-related activities. Christopher received his Masters of Science in Transportation from Northwestern University in 1990.

BERNADETTE DUPONT

Bernadette Dupont is a Civil Engineer and serves as a Transportation Specialist at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). She joined the Office of Human Environment's Livability Team in 2022. She provides leadership and technical assistance to transportation practitioners to advance active transportation. Prior to her working for FHWA Headquarters, Bernadette served for 22 years in the Kentucky Division and was responsible for planning, developing, implementing, coordinating, and managing national technology, and information exchange in three disciplines: Planning, Freight and Operations, and Natural and Human Environment. She was also an NHI Instructor co-teaching a Freight course. Bernadette holds a MSCE, BSCE, BA in Telecommunications and an Environmental Systems Certificate from the University of Kentucky.

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MACK FROST

Mack Frost serves as a Transportation Specialist in the Office of Planning on the Oversight and Stewardship Team. Prior to his position in the office of Planning, Mack was a Planning and Environmental Specialist in the Virginia Division office for 9 years. During his time in the Division Office he has coordinated with FTA on numerous program areas including; TMA Certification Reviews, CMAQ, Conformity, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, Environmental document review, and Fiscal constraint determinations. As a Transportation Specialist, Mack has program responsibilities in the areas of Planning and Environmental Linkages, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, Environmental Justice, Public Involvement and Freight Planning.

ELIZABETH HILTON

As the Geometric Design Program Manager for the Office of Preconstruction, Construction and Pavements in the Office of Infrastructure at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Elizabeth provides expertise in the program areas of geometric design, design for individuals with disabilities, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, context sensitive and performance-based practical design. She serves as the FHWA liaison to the AASHTO Technical Committee on Geometric Design.

BARBARA McCANN

Barbara McCann serves as the **Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Safety** in the FHWA. She co-leads the FHWA Complete Streets initiative, one of FHWA's key activities for the National Roadway Safety Strategy. She participates in strategic activities to advance safety in delivery of FHWA's programs, including new programs under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Prior to joining DOT in 2014, Ms. McCann served as the founding Executive Director of the National Complete Streets Coalition, developing and advancing the adoption of policies nationwide that prioritize the design and operation of streets to be safe for all users

SHARI SCHAFTLEIN

Shari Schaftlein has 37 years of public service spanning tribal, state, and federal governments and nonprofit. She has held leadership positions in the FHWA Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty for 19 years. Currently as Director of the Office of Human Environment, she supervises three teams with responsibilities for: financial oversight of the Office research program; advancing multimodal connectivity by addressing bicycle and pedestrian networks, mobility innovation, environmental justice and equity, community impacts, and economic development; accelerating project delivery through application of context sensitive design principals; implementing the Transportation Alternatives, Scenic Byways, and Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Programs; and, administering procedures and standards for modifying the National Highway System and the Strategic Highway Network.