

Lynn Peterson, Secretary of Transportation, Washington State Department of Transportation

Lynn Peterson was appointed secretary of transportation in February 2013. She manages an agency of 6,600 employees, with responsibility for 18,600 lane miles of highway, 3,700 bridges, general aviation airports, passenger- and freight-rail programs, and the Washington State Ferry system – the nation’s largest.

Before joining WSDOT, Peterson served as the Oregon Governor's Sustainable Communities and Transportation policy advisor. She is the former chair of the Clackamas County Commission and a nationally recognized transportation and land-use integration expert. Peterson also worked as a transportation consultant and as a strategic planning manager for TriMet, Portland's regional transportation agency; was a transportation advocate for 1000 Friends of Oregon; and a transportation planner for Metro, the regional government for the Portland metropolitan area.

Peterson holds a bachelor of science in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and two master’s degrees from Portland State University, in civil and environmental engineering and urban and regional planning.

Dan Mathis, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration – Washington State Division

Dan Mathis, PE is the division administrator for the Washington Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Olympia, Washington. He is responsible for overall coordination, stewardship, and oversight in delivering the Federal-aid Highway funds, to the State of Washington. He has been in this position since July 2001. Mathis joined FHWA in 1979 and has worked in Wisconsin, Oklahoma, California, Washington DC, Iowa, and Illinois prior to coming to Washington State.

A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mathis attended Moorhead State University in Minnesota and received a bachelor of science in civil engineering from North Dakota State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in California and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

R. Keith Moore, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Highway Administration

Keith Moore is a twelve year veteran at the FHWA, with over ten years in headquarters and approaching two years at the Resource Center. His FHWA experience includes planning and environment and his duties range from providing training to technical assistance to project development. Prior to FHWA, Keith worked for over 15 years in planning, traffic analysis, economic development and transit planning at various agencies in Maryland, Virginia, New York, and Michigan. He was also an adjunct professor in the graduate program at the Old Dominion/Norfolk State University.

Moore studied economics at Howard University as an undergraduate and did his graduate studies in urban planning, public policies, and civil engineering at Virginia Tech and the University of Michigan.

Amalia Leighton, Director, Civil Engineer, Planner, SvR Design Company

Amalia Leighton, PE, AICP is a director, civil engineer, and planner at SvR Design Company in Seattle. She has significant experience in managing planning efforts as well as implementation projects. From master plans to feasibility studies, Leighton has partnered with municipal agencies and their stakeholders to prepare transportation planning documents that emphasize mobility, social equity, and community enhancement. Clients who have worked with Leighton value her emphasis on implementation. Her experience encompasses leading complex teams with specialty subconsultants such as bicycle and pedestrian planners, health and walking specialists, social equity stakeholders, and urban designers specializing in sub-area or land-use policy. Leighton is a registered engineer and holds a bachelor of science in civil engineering from the University of Washington. She is vice chair of the Seattle Planning Commission.

Erika Conkling, Senior Planner, City of Renton, WA

Erika Conkling, AICP has been working in community and economic development for the last 12 years. After graduating with a master's degree in geography from the University of California, Berkeley, she returned to her home state of Washington to work in land use planning. Her work has been wide ranging and includes such diverse topics as: defining agricultural lands, siting industrial development, neighborhood planning, updating the Shoreline Master Program, and community revitalization. Managing projects with complex issues, a large group of stakeholders, and the need for extensive public involvement are her specialty. Conkling works as a senior planner for the City of Renton and is currently working on Renton's Comprehensive Plan update and the Sunset Area Revitalization Program. Her work on the Sunset Area Revitalization Program has been awarded a 2012 VISION 2040 Award from the Puget Sound Regional Council and a 2013 Governor's Smart Communities Award from the State of Washington.

Peg Staeheli, Founding Principal, SvR Design Company

Peg Staeheli, ASLA, PLA, LEED AP is a founding principal with Seattle based SvR Design Company, an integrated practice that blurs the lines between landscape architecture, civil engineering, and applied ecology. Staeheli has been active in facilitating the design industry shift to an integrated discipline approach to planning, design and maintenance. She has presented at national conferences on pedestrian mobility, accessible design, and green infrastructure systems. Staeheli is a registered landscape architect and LEED Accredited Professional who holds a bachelor of science in landscape architecture from Washington State University. She is a member of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, the Washington State Route 99 Tolling Advisory Committee, the American Public Works Association National Subcommittee on Sustainable Transportation, and is affiliate director, AIA Seattle.

Pasco Bakotich, Director and State Design Engineer, Development Division, Washington State Department of Transportation

Pasco Bakotich is the Washington State Department of Transportation's director and state design engineer of the Development Division. He directs and manages Design, Environmental, Bridge, Real Estate, GeoMetrix, Printing and Consultant Services offices. He provides technical expertise statewide and partners with the Federal Highway Administration regarding policy, standards, and financial participation in transportation projects. He also provides and ensures statewide consistency in the design of transportation projects. Throughout his 27 years at the WSDOT, Bakotich has served in a variety of key department positions, including, project engineer, project development engineer, assistant planning engineer, and assistant region administrator. Bakotich earned a master's in engineering management and a bachelor of science in civil engineering, from Saint Martin's University (Lacey). He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Washington.

Elaine Clegg, Projects Coordinator, Idaho Smart Growth

Elaine Clegg began working on transportation/land use issues as a citizen advocate. She was named co-director of Idaho Smart Growth at its founding, becoming project coordinator in 2004 after her election to the Boise City Council – where she still serves. Clegg serves on numerous boards at many levels including: MPO and transit boards regionally, Association of Idaho Cities statewide, and the Association of MPO's and National League of Cities Transportation policy steering committee nationally. Her experience as an advocate and as a nonprofit and elected leader bridges diverse stakeholders.

Clegg has long worked on transportation policy and facilitated a statewide coalition of Idahoans advocating serving all users during reauthorization of ISTEA in 1998 with then Senator Kempthorne and for TEA-21 in 2003-2005, obtaining Senator Crapo's support as co-sponsor for Safe Routes to School. From 2011-13 Clegg has worked directly in 15 Idaho communities assisting them in developing policy and infrastructure action plans for safe walking and biking and for implementing Safe Routes to School through both policy and program.

Brian Dougherty, Senior Transportation Planner, Seattle Department of Transportation

Brian Dougherty is a senior transportation planner with the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) Bicycle, Pedestrian and Neighborhood Programs group. Dougherty has been the lead planner for eleven road diets that have been implemented throughout the city. He is currently in the planning stage for an additional road diet that is expected to be implemented in 2013. Dougherty also manages SDOT's Safe Routes to School program, which makes engineering improvements to the walking and biking routes to Seattle schools. Prior to joining SDOT in 2008, Dougherty was chair of the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board. He has a bachelor of arts from Marlboro College.

Shelley D. Richards, Environmental Program Manager and Associate, HDR Engineering

Shelley Richards, PE, HDR Engineering. Shelley has 17 years of experience in the environmental and transportation fields and has been with HDR for 11 years. She is an environmental program manager and associate with HDR. Part of her responsibilities include the environmental management for the Oregon Bridge Delivery Program. Richards oversees program, design and construction oversight staff – operating throughout the state including materials and contamination oversight and facilitating reuse and recycling opportunities. She is also responsible for the CS3 Program (Context Sensitive and Sustainable Solutions) and Gorge Aesthetics. She works closely with all the local, state and federal regulatory agencies. Richards is a Registered Professional Engineer (PE) in Oregon and Washington and holds a bachelor of science from Washington State University in civil engineering, a master of science from Portland State University in civil (geotechnical) engineering as well as an International MBA.