

**Rodney Vaughn**

**Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Highway Administration**

Rod Vaughn is an environmental specialist for the FHWA Resource Center Environment Team. A civil engineering graduate of the University of Michigan in 1980, Rod worked in the Wyoming Division Office for 20 years before joining the Resource Center. Rod is the lead Resource Center contact person for Context Sensitive Solutions and is also involved with PEL, Document Quality, NEPA Process Management, Wildlife Connectivity, NEPA, and other areas. While in Wyoming, he had extensive experience in the Yellowstone and Teton National Park areas along with several national forests. Rod has held several positions along with his environmental duties including Right-of-Way, Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness, Scenic Byways, Recreational Trails, Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, Area/Operations Engineer, and was even a bridge designer for a while.

**Edward Parker**

**Assistant Division Administrator, FHWA – North Carolina Division**

Edward T. Parker is the assistant division administrator of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) North Carolina Division Office. He has been in his current position for four years and employed by FHWA for 20 years. Edward began his career on FHWA's two-year Highway Engineer Training Program. Upon completion, he went on to serve for five years as the assistant division bridge engineer in the Florida Division. He then served as the technical applications manager in the Georgia Division for eight years responsible for overseeing the Bridge, Safety, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and Research programs. Edward is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

**Nina Szlosberg-Landis**

**President, Circle Squared Media**

Nina Szlosberg-Landis is a civic leader with multiple involvements at all levels of government - local, state and national. She served three terms as an At-large member of the NC Board of Transportation representing environmental issues where she established and chaired the Board's Environment Planning and Policy Committee. Nina also served as Chair of the Board's Multi-Modal Committee and Chair of the Transit Subcommittee. In 2000, Nina founded and continues to serve on the board of the non-profit organization 'The Hillsborough Street Partnership' which successfully organized the community around the revitalization of a historic Hillsborough Street corridor in Raleigh, NC, and serves ex-officio on the Board of the Hillsborough Street Community Service Corporation, the board which oversees the activities of the Business Improvement District established as a result of the community's revitalization. And she serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, which promotes, inspires and

educates communities throughout the US and abroad on issues related to transportation, urban planning and walkability. In 2001, the NC Chapter of the American Planning Association named her "Citizen Planner of the Year" and she was named by the Raleigh News and Observer "Tar Heel of the Week." Nina served twelve years on the Triangle Transit Board of Authority which is tasked with transit planning for the region, and served on the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. In 2003, Nina was selected as one of ten Eisenhower Fellows in the United States. She studied transportation-land use policy in Europe, with an emphasis on environmental protection and sustainability.

Nina also serves as President of the Board for the NC League of Conservation Voters and its affiliated political action committee - spearheading efforts to identify and elect candidates for statewide office who support good transportation and land use planning and other issues of environmental significance.

She is also a communications professional with more than 25 years of experience in broadcasting, media production, community relations and social advocacy. She founded and is President of Circle Squared Media, a strategic communications consulting firm in Raleigh. As a local and national television correspondent, and later an independent producer she earned more than 100 awards for her work, including an Emmy for a television documentary produced about land use planning and transportation.

## **David King**

### **CEO and General Manager, Triangle Transit**

**David King** was named chief executive officer and general manager of Triangle Transit in 2006. He helps direct the activities of 175 employees which provide regional bus, vanpool and paratransit service to Durham, Orange, Wake, and surrounding counties. Before joining the agency, David worked for 33 years at the North Carolina Department of Transportation, most recently as its deputy secretary, responsible for the department's five multimodal divisions, including the Public Transportation Division and the Rail Division. He is board chair of Reconnecting America, an organization working to redefine national policies on intercity travel for a convenient, secure, financially viable and sustainable network. He also serves as a board member of the N.C. State Employees Credit Union. David holds a B.A. degree in economics from Davidson College and an M.B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill.