

Electric Vehicle Working Group Members

Kelsey Owens
Senior Electric Vehicle Policy Advisor
Office of the Secretary – Office of Policy
Department of Transportation

Kelsey Owens is a senior electric vehicle (EV) policy advisor and environmental protection specialist for the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Office of Policy, where she develops policy and guidance for a broad range of transportation electrification and environmental topics. Prior to coming to DOT, she served as an environmental protection specialist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.

Kelsey holds a Master of Public Affairs and a Master of Science in environmental science from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University, where she majored in anthropology, African studies, and political science.

Michael Berube
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Sustainable Transportation and Fuels
Department of Energy

As the deputy assistant secretary for sustainable transportation and fuels, Michael Berube oversees the Vehicle, Bioenergy, and Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies offices within the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), as well as the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation. This portfolio focuses on research and development to increase access to domestic, clean transportation fuels and improve the energy efficiency, convenience, and affordability of transporting people and goods to support U.S. energy security, economic productivity, and competitiveness.

He brings more than 25 years of experience in the automotive industry to his EERE post, specifically in the areas of environmental compliance, energy and safety policy, product development, and marketing. He has worked on a broad range of EV, connected car, and advanced powertrain initiatives. Michael also led multiple environmental and energy initiatives within the Chrysler Corporation.

Michael has a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from MIT. He later returned to MIT as both a graduate student and researcher and received a master's degree in the Technology and Policy Program and a master's degree from the Sloan School of Management. He was recognized for his early work on corporate sustainability and led research for the MIT International Motor Vehicle Program.

Mark Dowd
Director for Zero-Emission Federal Vehicle Fleets
Council on Environmental Quality

Mark Dowd has extensive policy experience in transportation, technology, climate, and environmental matters. As a member President Biden's Sustainability Team at the Council on Environmental Quality, Mark is leading the effort to transition the largest fleet in the world to 100% zero-emission vehicle acquisitions by 2027 (light-duty) and 2035 (medium- and heavy-duty). He recently led an effort to transition the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to 100% acquisition of electric delivery vehicles by 2026.

Prior to joining the Biden-Harris administration, he served as the first chief innovation officer at New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), where he drove data initiatives and cutting-edge technologies across six MTA agencies.

Mark left the Obama-Biden administration in January 2017 to start the Smart Cities Lab, a nonprofit focused on carrying forward the work he did at DOT, where he was the architect of the Smart City Challenge. Both the Smart Cities Lab and the Smart City Challenge were committed to helping cities and communities use mobility as a solution to some of their most stubborn urban problems.

Before joining DOT, Mark was a senior member of President Obama's Auto Task Force, where he worked at the Treasury Department on the historic restructuring of General Motors and Chrysler. Mark also worked in the Obama-Biden White House at both the Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Management and Budget.

Mark received numerous awards for his work in federal service, including the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Gold Medal (EPA's highest award), awards from both the Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office (Southern District) for his work on the General Motors and Chrysler bankruptcies, and DOT's second highest award for the Smart City Challenge.

Crystal Philcox
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Travel, Transportation and Logistics
Federal Acquisition Service
U.S. General Services Administration

Crystal Philcox is assistant commissioner of the Office of Travel, Transportation and Logistics (TTL). In this role, she leads a full-service vehicle leasing program as well as services and acquisition solutions for governmentwide fleets, air travel, hotel and rental vehicles, freight, employee relocation, and emergency acquisition programs.

The Fleet program purchases nearly 50,000 vehicles annually to help agencies meet their missions. GSA's leased fleet consists of over 227,000 non-tactical vehicles that service more than 80 federal organizations. The ~\$7 billion Travel and Transportation program maintains four governmentwide Best-in-Class (BIC) contract solutions, including the popular City Pair air travel program and a governmentwide lodging contract. Smart buying in these programs creates over \$1 billion annually in cost avoidance for the government. The Emergency Management program works closely with FEMA during declared emergencies, leveraging established contracts and agreements for emergency purchasing.

Before moving to the Office of Travel, Transportation and Logistics, Crystal held leadership positions in the Office of Enterprise Strategy Management, the Information Technology Category, and the Technology Transformation Service at GSA. Before GSA, Philcox held various leadership roles at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), including in the Earned Income Tax Credit program, the Health Coverage Tax Credit program, the Compliance Data Analytics office, Tax Forms and Publications, and IRS's Affordable Care Act program office. She left in FY 2017 after three years as IRS's Chief of Staff.

Philcox has a Bachelor of Arts in English literature from the University of Texas and an M.A. in English literature from George Mason University. She has a master's certificate in project management from The George Washington University. She lives in Oakton, VA with her husband and has two daughters.

David Haugen
Director, Testing and Advanced Technology Division
Office of Transportation and Air Quality
Environmental Protection Agency

David Haugen is the director of the Testing and Advanced Technology Division at EPA's National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, where he manages the testing activities that:

- Certify vehicles and engines meet federal emissions and fuel economy standards.
- Test in-use vehicles and engines to ensure compliance and support enforcement.
- Assess vehicle technologies for regulatory development.
- Analyze motor fuels, fuel additives, and exhaust compounds.
- Develop laboratory test procedures.

Prior to EPA, David worked for John Deere, Ford Motor Company, and the University of Minnesota. David earned degrees from the University of Minnesota, culminating in a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering.

Victoria Stephen

Director, Next Generation Delivery Vehicle Program Fleet Management & Electrification Strategy United States Postal Service

Victoria Stephen is the director of the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV) program in the Fleet Management & Electrification Strategy organization at USPS. She and her team lead vehicle design and engineering activities, a rigorous project management function, and contract support and execution to support the broad cross-functional preparation for the rollout of the NGDV program, a cornerstone in USPS's 10-year strategic plan. The team also leads the execution of the EV charging infrastructure development and deployment to enable the electrification of USPS's delivery fleet, working with stakeholders across the organization and beyond to "drive" program success.

Vicki served in a broad variety of executive roles within the Washington, D.C., area. In her previous position, Vicki was the director of emerging business technology. She and her team supported early-stage technology innovation evaluations, including the organization's relationship with a startup incubator in Silicon Valley, and led market test activities to pave the way for new potential USPS product offerings. She served as the lead executive for small business strategy development to help USPS launch new programs such as the Small Business Loyalty Program to better serve this crucial part of the American economy in a time of great change.

As the director of mailing services in the Product Innovation organization, Vicki and her team developed new mail products and integrated technologies to increase the effectiveness of direct mail. She worked with marketers, technologists, printers, and mailers through USPS's mailing promotions, encouraging the link between physical mail and digital experiences to drive response rates and business results. Vicki and her team also worked collaboratively with industry and educators using a public-private partnership approach to create college-level curriculum and innovation challenges around the use of mail and technology in integrated marketing, bringing the power of

mail to a whole generation of new users at over 100 colleges and universities and growing.

Vicki served as the director of brand shipping within the Marketing organization, working on national advertising and outreach initiatives. She led the Delivery and Retail Technology team in the Engineering organization, providing engineering, software, and IT portfolio support for USPS's retail equipment, delivery hardware, and carrier handheld devices. She also led the Material Handling Deployment team, managing complex, multi-equipment deployment programs, yielding millions of annual workhour savings in the field.

Vicki has worked in a variety of field and operational roles, serving as a plant manager and in operations support and industrial engineering roles, both at the field and area levels. She holds an MBA from the University of Chicago with concentrations in marketing, quality, and policy, and a B.S. in industrial engineering from the University of Iowa. She is a graduate of the Advanced Leadership Program and the Executive Development Program and holds an executive Lean Six Sigma Green Belt.

John Bozzella
President & CEO
Alliance for Automotive Innovation

John Bozzella, a veteran auto industry executive, is president and CEO of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (Auto Innovators). From 2014 until the establishment of Auto Innovators in January 2020, he served as president and CEO of the Association of Global Automakers, the trade association whose members included the U.S operations of international automobile and light-duty truck manufacturers that sold products in the United States.

Previously, John served as a senior operating executive for Cerberus Operations and Advisory Company LLC, where he worked with the firm and its portfolio companies on a range of public policy and economic development matters. He served as senior vice president of external affairs and public policy at Chrysler Group in 2009, and vice president of external affairs and public policy for Chrysler LLC from 2007 to 2009. In this capacity, he mobilized government support to significantly restructure Chrysler.

At Chrysler, John worked closely with the federal government and other automakers on a substantially advanced technology vehicle loan program and on the development of new fuel economy standards. In addition, he worked with state governments to gain funding for restructuring, training, and development.

From 2005 to 2007, John spent two years with DaimlerChrysler Corporation as vice president of external affairs and public policy for the Americas. John was with Ford Motor Company from 1994 to 2005 in positions in public policy, government and community relations, and labor relations.

Prior to joining the automotive industry, John served as New York City's director of state legislative affairs under Mayor David N. Dinkins. He began his career in public policy as the director of legislative and political action for the United Federation of Teachers. John is a graduate of Cornell University.

Rakesh Aneja
Vice President and Chief of eMobility
Daimler Truck North America

Rakesh has leadership responsibility for Daimler Truck North America's (DTNA's) eMobility organization. In this role, he finds purpose in building and leading global, high-performing teams driven to deliver sustainable, socially responsible, and customer-centric eMobility vehicles and their supporting ecosystem. Rakesh has more than 25 years of diverse professional and educational experiences related to commercial vehicles spanning multiple countries—the United States, Germany, and India.

Rakesh serves on DTNA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Council and as executive sponsor for DTNA's Women's Interactive Network and STEM Employee Business Resource Groups. He also serves as board chair for Downtown Boxing Gym, a not-for-profit organization with the mission to empower Detroit students to be productive members of society through education, athletics, mentorship, and intervention. Rakesh received his Master of Science in mechanical engineering from Purdue University and his Bachelor of Technology in mechanical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology.

Denise Gray
Head of External Affairs and Government Relations
LG Energy Solution Michigan Inc.

Denise Gray is the head of external affairs and government relations of LG Energy Solution Michigan Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of lithium-ion battery maker LG Energy Solution Ltd., a South Korean corporation. Former positions include president and board of director member, LG Energy Solution Michigan Inc. Tech Center. In that role, her team developed battery solutions for automotive and non-automotive applications. She had overall responsibility for strategic direction, engineering, and business development.

Prior to her LG positions, Gray served as vice president of electrification powertrain engineering at AVL List GmbH in Austria, where she was responsible for leveraging AVL's global capability to provide electrification engineering services to the automotive industry. Prior to that, Gray was vice president of business development for an electrified powertrain battery startup company in California; in this position, she targeted China's new energy vehicle market. The majority of her 30-year professional career was spent at General Motors, where she spearheaded efforts in vehicle electrical and powertrain systems controls and software, including battery systems. Denise holds a

B.S. in electrical engineering from Kettering University and a master's in engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Nadia El Mallakh

**Vice President, Clean Transportation and Strategic Partnerships
Xcel Energy**

Nadia is the vice president of strategic partnerships and clean transportation at Xcel Energy. In her role, Nadia designs and leads the company's efforts to identify and create partnerships focused on innovative solutions for customers and achieving other Xcel Energy strategic priorities. Nadia also oversees the clean transportation team at Xcel Energy.

Prior to this role, Nadia led the development and implementation of Energy Future Collaborations at Xcel Energy, which allow communities and Xcel Energy to partner on key community priorities including economic development, sustainability, environmental objectives, and smart city technology deployments. She first joined Xcel Energy in 2007 to practice real estate law, leading the real estate legal team. Before joining Xcel Energy, Nadia was in private practice at several international law firms including Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

Nadia holds a master's degree in city planning, a J.D., and a B.S. in conservation and resource studies, all from the University of California at Berkeley. She is a member of the California and Colorado bar associations and serves on the board of directors for the Public Education and Business Coalition. The *Denver Business Journal* has named Nadia a "Top Woman in Business" and included her in its "Who's Who in Energy" list since 2017.

Danielle Sass Byrnett

Senior Director

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Danielle Sass Byrnett is senior director of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Center for Partnerships & Innovation (CPI). She leads this technical assistance team focused on identifying emerging challenges and connecting the 54 state public utility commissions with expertise and strategies to navigate their complex decision-making. CPI builds relationships, develops resources, and delivers training across the full range of energy issues facing utility commissions—from transmission to distributed energy resources, including electrification, natural gas infrastructure, cybersecurity, resilience, and much more.

While at NARUC, Ms. Sass Byrnett launched, co-led, and facilitated the Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning between NARUC and the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), the NARUC Grid Data Sharing Collaborative, the NARUC-NASEO Distributed Energy Resources Integration & Compensation Initiative,

and other multi-stakeholder path-setting efforts in addition to overseeing members-only working groups on EVs, microgrids, performance-based regulation, and demand flexibility.

Prior to joining NARUC, Ms. Sass Byrnett served in DOE-EERE and the EPA's Climate Protection Partnerships Division. During this time, Danielle launched the Better Buildings Residential Program Solution Center, led the development of national residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) guidelines, and managed the Better Buildings Neighborhood Program—a \$500-million initiative to expand energy efficiency upgrade programs across 32 states. In all these roles, Ms. Sass Byrnett supported state environmental and energy agencies in expanding their clean energy policies and programs through facilitated workshops, direct technical assistance, national- and state-level analyses, and newly developed resources.

Ms. Sass Byrnett has authored and edited dozens of publications. She was a 2014 finalist for a C3E award in the government category. She is a member of the board of directors for the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy and Smart Electric Power Alliance's Research Advisory Council; she also previously served on the Alliance to Save Energy's Active Efficiency Steering Committee. She holds a master's degree in public policy from Duke University and a bachelor's degree in biology from Swarthmore College.

Dr. Dean Bushey
Senior Vice President, Sustainability
TravelCenters of America

Dr. Dean Bushey is the senior vice president of sustainability for TravelCenters of America (TA). He has over 30 years of business, academic, and military leadership experience in energy, transportation infrastructure, and mobility as a business leader, computer scientist, educator, pilot, and autonomous systems expert.

In his current role, Dean leads and directs eTA, a new business unit dedicated to delivering sustainable and alternative energy to the marketplace with a focus on partnering with the public sector, private companies, and customers to facilitate the greening of the transportation industry. Additionally, he is charged with developing TA's environmental, social, and governance strategy. Finally, Dean is responsible for providing leadership to the broader organization to ensure it adapts to changes and opportunities relating to EVs, hydrogen fuel systems, and other alternative energy sources to ensure TA occupies a leading role in this transition toward non-fossil fuels in the passenger and truck transportation industries.

Dr. Bushey is a nationally recognized expert in autonomous, connected, electric, and shared transportation systems across air, rail, freight, trucking, and shared system modalities. He has leadership experience in autonomous vehicles, served as a senior consultant to several large municipalities on their intelligent and connected

transportation systems, and was instrumental in shaping the Department of Defense's worldwide autonomous and connected advanced flight systems.

Before joining TA, Dean served as the vice president of Hitachi's North American Environmental Business Division, where he was responsible for commercial development and business strategy across multiple verticals, emphasizing sustainability, environmental solutions, EVs, and alternative energy. He was also the general manager of Voyage, a self-driving car startup that deployed self-driving vehicles to The Villages in Florida.

Before that, Dean served as a professor of computer science and the director of the Advanced Mobility Institute at Florida Polytechnic University in Lakeland, Florida, as well as a professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He also served as a senior management consultant to a nuclear engineering firm in Richmond, Virginia. In 2013, he retired from the U.S. Air Force after 25 years of service, as a full colonel, where he had extensive transportation, unmanned systems, aviation, and leadership experience. During his distinguished career, he led international collations in autonomous systems and joint flight operations. He is a command pilot with over 4,500 hours of aircraft command flight experience, including instructor pilot qualifications and experience in seven different aircraft.

A 1988 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, Dean also holds a master's degree and Ph.D. in computer science from Clemson University.

Douglas Greenhaus
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Environment, Health, & Safety
National Automobile Dealers Association

Greenhaus represents dealer interests before federal agencies such as EPA, DOT, and the U.S. Department of Labor. He advises and counsels members and staff of the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) on federal regulatory matters, is the author of numerous trade publications and educational materials, and frequently speaks at industry engagements. Before NADA, Greenhaus worked for the EPA and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He has a B.A. in political science/environmental studies from the University of Vermont and a J.D. from George Washington University.

John Giles
Mayor
Mesa, Arizona

John Giles was elected mayor of Mesa, Arizona, in 2014 and began his second full term in January 2021. Building on the foundation of his first term, his key areas of focus include 5Es: economic growth, education, environment, equality & compassion, and emergency response.

Mayor Giles oversees a growing economy that has added tens of thousands of new jobs, over \$7.9 billion in new capital investment, and employers like Apple, Amazon, ElectraMeccanica, Google, and Meta. His advocacy for a community that is healthy at every level led to the development of Mesa's Climate Action Plan. Building on the city's history of implementing sustainable practices, the goals of the plan include achieving carbon neutrality, using 100% renewable energy, and diverting 90% of waste from landfills by 2050. In keeping with these goals, Mayor Giles is a champion for building an infrastructure that makes EV ownership more attainable, and for testing innovative technologies that reduce our impact on the environment.

Giles brings renewed focus and attention to Mesa's downtown, resulting in the new Arizona State University Media and Immersive eXperience (MIX) Center with cutting-edge programs and a budding creative economy with new businesses, restaurants, and entertainment options.

Building Mesa's workforce through strategic education initiatives is also a high priority for Mayor Giles. He spearheads the Mesa College Promise, which provides qualified graduates with a free community college education. He also chairs the Arizona Mayor's Education Roundtable.

Mayor Giles is chair of the Immigration Task Force for the U.S. Conference of Mayors board of trustees and is a member of the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. He is also the immediate past chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments and vice chair of the Mayor's Alliance to End Childhood Hunger.

Born and raised in Mesa, Mayor Giles earned degrees from Brigham Young University in political science and Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, where he is now an adjunct professor. He practiced law in Mesa for nearly 30 years before working full-time as mayor. Mayor Giles is a marathoner and triathlete who has completed two full Ironman competitions, 20 marathons, and four Boston Marathons. Mayor Giles and his wife Dawn have been married for more than 35 years. They have five children and eight grandchildren.

Kofi Wakhisi, Esq., AICP **Atlanta Regional Commission**

Kofi is a team leader within the Transportation Access and Mobility Group at the Atlanta Regional Commission. Kofi's team includes several transportation planners who specialize in active modes, transit capacity expansion, freight and logistics, transportation systems management and operations/transportation technology, livability, data management, and transportation equity. Kofi has participated in numerous Transportation Research Board (TRB) research panels and is the current chair of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Technical Committee. Kofi holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and a Master of City and Regional Planning from Georgia Tech, as well as a law degree from Georgia State University. He is a member of the Georgia Bar and American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Joung Lee
Deputy Director-Chief Policy Officer
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

Joung Lee leads the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO's) transportation policy work with Congress, federal agencies, and partner organizations. He also provides strategic support to AASHTO's board of directors, Transportation Policy Forum, and Strategic Management Committee, along with other member-led committee and council leadership teams.

In advancing AASHTO's policy and management agenda, Joung coordinates development and implementation of AASHTO's strategic plan, directs and develops activities to support the AASHTO president's emphasis areas, and conducts priority initiatives identified by the association's elected leadership, board of directors, and executive director.

Joung began his career with the Federal Highway Administration in 2000 before joining AASHTO in 2007. He founded Young Professionals in Transportation International in 2008, served as a former chair of the Road Gang, a D.C.-based highway policy society, and is a member of the Cornell Program in Infrastructure Policy advisory board. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Pennsylvania.

Cassie Powers
Chief of Staff
NASEO

Cassie Powers leads program staff covering regional coordination, state energy planning, transportation policy, and other initiatives. Ms. Powers also provides research, analysis, and facilitation support for state energy offices on transportation and clean energy issues and acts as a resource on state, local, and federal transportation policies.

Prior to NASEO, Ms. Powers was an EV program coordinator with Georgetown Climate Center and worked with state governments to support the development of EV policies and programs. She has a Bachelor of Arts in environmental policy and government from the College of William and Mary and a Master of Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia.

Laura Chace
President and CEO
ITS America

Laura Chace was named president and CEO of ITS America in August 2021. Previously, she served as the association's chief operating officer (COO). In her role as COO and now as president and CEO, her focus is to promote policies that advance the development and safe deployment of intelligent transportation technologies throughout the United States in support of safer, greener, smarter mobility for all.

Chace has extensive experience in strategic planning, operations, communications, and advocacy, as well as a proven track record of implementing complex initiatives with strong engagement and collaboration among stakeholders. As COO, she led operations across ITS America with a focus on technology's ability to save lives and reduce crashes on U.S. roadways, reduce congestion, minimize transportation's carbon footprint, and provide seamless mobility and transportation choices for all Americans. Chace serves on the external advisory board for DOE's SMART Mobility Lab Consortium under EERE.

She is passionate and speaks often about the need to include more female and diverse voices in the transportation workforce to create better outcomes for all who use the transportation system. Chace is a founding member of the MobilityXX initiative, which is focused on increasing the number of women in transportation by 10% in 10 years.

Chace brings 15 years in trade association management to her new role, having previously worked at USTelecom and the American Trucking Association. Early in her career, she served in the Clinton administration at the U.S. Department of Justice and in the White House. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Colgate University.

Kevin Gotinsky
Top Administrative Assistant
EV Strategies Department
United Auto Workers

Kevin was born in Warren, Michigan, on April 21, 1973. He graduated from Warren Woods Tower High School in June 1991. After graduating high school, he was hired with Chrysler Cooperation as a quality control operator in 1991. In 1995, he enrolled at Macomb Community College in the auto body design associate degree program, attending through 1997.

In 1997, Kevin changed directions when he was accepted in the United Auto Workers (UAW)/Chrysler Electrical Apprenticeship Program. After completing the apprenticeship program and receiving his UAW journeymen's card in 2000, Kevin decided to further his electrical education in pursuit of a state journeymen's license that he acquired in 2004. Two years later, he acquired a state master's license, along with an electrical contractor's license that same year.

With a love for the electrical trade, perhaps being passed down from his father, also an electrician, Kevin has had a desire to help other electricians and skilled trades personnel further their knowledge and education by becoming a UAW skilled trade training coordinator in 2002. In this role, he was responsible for setting up and coordinating technical training for more than 350 skilled trades personnel for new technology training, launching training, and assisting more than 45 electricians expand their knowledge and acquire state journeymen and state master's licenses.

In 2018, Kevin was given an opportunity to become an electrical instructor at the UAW-Fiat Chrysler NTC, which has allowed him to continue doing what he enjoys by helping our workforce grow their knowledge. One of the most rewarding opportunities Kevin has had was delivering an electrical class for the “School to Work” program offered to local Hazel Park High School students.

In 2021, Vice President Cindy Estrada appointed him as a UAW international service representative to work in the apprenticeship and skilled trades as an instructor to teach trades. Gotinsky was selected by UAW President Shawn Fain as one of his top administrative assistants to head the EV Strategies Department in March 2023 to lead in the EV industry.

Kevin is a person with strong family values, married for nearly 23 years, with four kids ranging from 14 to 21 years old. Kevin enjoys watching and supporting his kids academically and with the sports they participate in. Kevin also enjoys exercising, traveling, and being outdoors.

Mike Roeth

**Executive Director, North American Council for Freight Efficiency
Principal, NA Freight, Rocky Mountain Institute**

Mike has worked in the commercial vehicle industry for over 35 years, is the executive director of the North American Council for Freight Efficiency, and is the trucking lead for Rocky Mountain Institute. Mike’s specialty is brokering green truck collaborative technologies into the real world at scale. In October 2021, Mike was named an Industry Influencer by FleetOwner and awarded the prestigious SAE 2020 L. Ray Buckendale Lecturer and manuscript author in 2020. He has a Bachelor of Science in engineering from the Ohio State University and a master’s in organizational leadership from the Indiana Institute of Technology.

Roeth served on the second National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on Reducing Fuel Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles; is a DOE merit reviewer; and was past chairman of the board for the Truck Manufacturers Association. He understands the customers, operations, and intricacies of the commercial vehicle industry, having held various positions with Navistar and Behr/Cummins.

Barak Myers

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Barak N. Myers, MBA, is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and resides on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina. Mr. Myers currently serves as the transportation/strategic planner for the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, where he works on long-range planning efforts that include both transportation infrastructure and transportation safety, along with various other areas

such as land use, community development, and utilities. Mr. Myers also serves as one of the chief grant writers for the tribe.

Mr. Myers is also the sole owner of Raven's Fork Consulting Inc. (RFC). RFC is a 100% Native-owned company providing long-range strategic planning and implementation, grant writing expertise, project management services, and grant program implementation. RFC is an EBCI- Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) certified company.

Mr. Myers has served in many capacities for EBCI in Cherokee, North Carolina. His most recent position for the EBCI was as the ethics officer, where he oversaw the enforcement of the tribe's code of ethical behavior for all tribal officials. During his tenure Mr. Myers created policies and procedures and implemented the strategic plan for the ethics department. He also obtained his certification as a leadership professional in ethics and compliance.

Prior to his position in the ethics department, Mr. Myers served as treasurer for the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE) board of advisors. This board oversaw the implementation of the master plan and strategic plan for both casino properties of the EBCI. During his tenure he worked on the opening of the new Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel. Mr. Myers also oversaw three of the largest distributions to the tribe in the 20-year history of Harrah's Cherokee Casinos.

Prior to his appointment to the TCGE board of advisors, Mr. Myers served as the manager of the Cherokee Department of Transportation. In his tenure as manager, Mr. Myers oversaw the completion of more than 30 roadway and bridge projects, as well as an increase of funding by 250%. Mr. Myers oversaw the completion of a long-range transportation plan update for the EBCI on two different occasions, a roadway safety audit of key intersections on the reservation, and the completion of several tribal transportation improvement plans.

Mr. Myers also oversaw all funding requests and grant submissions for the Cherokee Department of Transportation, including funding from the Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal Transit Administration, North Carolina Department of Revenue, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Federal Lands Highway – Emergency Relief on Federally Owned Roads, and Federal Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Myers helped obtain more than \$65 million in funding while at the Cherokee Department of Transportation.

Mr. Myers serves on several different boards and committees dealing with transportation in Indian Country. He is currently the chairman of United South and Eastern Tribes Transportation Committee, the Eastern Region Representative on the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee, and the Eastern Region Representative on the Intertribal Transportation Association. Mr. Myers has also served on the Tribal Transportation Safety Subcommittee and the Tribal Transportation Issues Committee at TRB. He currently serves as a friend of the committee. He is also a

member of the Transportation Subcommittee for the National Congress of American Indians. Mr. Myers is a member of the American Planning Association both nationally and for the local North Carolina state chapter.

Mr. Myers earned a master's degree in business administration from Western Carolina University. His studies focused on financial management, quantitative business analysis, statistical analysis and data configuration, project management, and strategic management and planning. He also earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Carolina University. His studies focused on financial management and planning, marketing research, and marketing management. Mr. Myers is currently enrolled at the University of Tennessee studying for a master's degree in civil engineering with a concentration in transportation and infrastructure.

Henrik Holland
Global Head of Prologis Mobility
Prologis

Henrik Holland serves as global head of Prologis Mobility. In this role, he is spearheading the growth of Prologis' EV charging business, enabling customer fleet electrification through leading-edge, turnkey mobility solutions.

Prior to joining Prologis in 2021, Henrik served as COO for Shell Greenlots, where he built and led the Customer Solutions and Operations team. Previously he spent 18 years at Shell, holding a variety of commercial and operational roles in the renewable energy space, including spearheading electric mobility corporate development activities for Shell New Energies and leading the company's acquisition of Greenlots. He was the founder of Shell's Connected Energy group, serving as its business development and products lead and developing a pipeline with more than 100 MW of customer-sited distributed energy projects.

Henrik started his career in new energies in venture capital by leading Shell Ventures' efforts in cleantech investing in 2013 and has held positions at the Northeast Clean Energy Council, Greentown Labs, and Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. He is currently a Techstars startup mentor and serves on New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's investor advisory board.

Charles T. Brown
Founder and Managing Principal
Equitable Cities LLC

Charles T. Brown is a force to be reckoned with in the world of urban planning, policy, and research. As the founder and managing principal of Equitable Cities LLC, he has dedicated his career to advancing transportation, health, and equity across the world. With 20 years of public and private sector experience, Charles is an award-winning expert in planning and policy, known for his groundbreaking studies on the role of race and racism in transportation and mobility.

A military veteran and recipient of the Mississippi Commendation Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Charles holds a Master of Public Administration and graduate certificate in urban and regional planning from the University of Central Florida. He is also a certified instructor with the League of American Bicyclists, received a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Professional Designation from the National Institute on Crime Prevention, and is an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

In addition to his work at Equitable Cities, Charles is an adjunct professor at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. He has also served as an instructor for the National Transit Institute, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and the Walkability Action Institute, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Charles is a former trustee with the Urban League of Essex County (New Jersey) and a member of the board of directors with America Walks. He is also a member of the TRB Pedestrian Safety Committee, TRB Bicycle Transportation Committee, and Region II Healthy Equity Council.

Charles is a sought-after keynote speaker and workshop leader, known for his electrifying presentations on transportation, health, and equity. His work has been published in several international journals and featured in numerous national and local media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Guardian*, VICE, Streetsblog, and Bloomberg CityLab.

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