

Kenzie Gleason

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Transportation planning professional with 21 years of experience and progressive responsibility working within the Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and Lexington's Planning Division.
- Senior-level experience managing projects and staff to develop and implement transportation plans & programs.
- Knowledge of the inner workings of Metropolitan Planning Organizations including their purpose, desired outcomes, work programs, products and federal regulatory requirements.
- Regional collaborator with established local, state and federal relationships to achieve the best possible transportation planning outcomes.
- Personal and professional commitment to urban planning principles and making the community we serve a better place for all.

EXPERIENCE

Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization / LFUCG Division of Planning / Transportation Section

Principal Planner, October 2017 – present

- Assist with daily oversight and management of a team of professional planners and administrative personnel.
- Assist with budgetary planning, procurement and financial reporting requirements for the Transportation Planning unit, including preparing and implementing the Unified Planning Work Program.
- Prepare meeting packets and presentations for the Transportation Policy Committee and other MPO committees.
- Lead special projects, internal teams and consultants to compete transportation studies and plans in collaboration with various stakeholders.
- Lead team to develop the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan including data and trends analysis, public outreach, financial projections and project prioritization.
- Direct staff overseeing major updates to the Transportation Improvement Program and modifications to the TIP.
- Coordinate with local planners on corridor land use and transportation plans, Comprehensive Planning and policy implementation, including drafting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.
- Communicate regularly with local, state and federal partners to ensure projects and programs are being planned and executed efficiently and collaboratively.

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Senior Transportation Planner, April 2013 – October 2017

- Served as Project Manager for the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, FY 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and Participation Plan.
- Directed public outreach efforts for the MPO including annual marketing campaign, web development/updating and social media platforms.
- Developed and managed competitive grant program for MPO sub-allocated Transportation Alternatives Program funds per federal guidance.
- Assisted with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement grant coordination.
- Oversaw Title VI and ADA compliance per federal requirements.
- Led the MPO multi-agency Project Coordination Team and represent the MPO on various internal and external committees.

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Senior Transportation Planner (Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator), April 2003 – April 2013

- Developed short and long-range capital improvement plans for bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.
- Maintained GIS databases of bicycle & pedestrian facilities, collisions and commuting patterns.
- Reviewed maintenance and capital improvement projects to recommend design treatments to improve bicycle & pedestrian safety.
- Developed community partnerships, programs and events to promote bicycling and walking.
- Acted as a media spokesperson for bicycle and pedestrian programs and projects.
- Prepared grants for bicycle and pedestrian programs and projects.
- Conducted workshops, summits and events to promote bicycling and walking.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, Lexington, KY

Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Conservation & Management, May 2002, Cum Laude