



## **LEXTRAN STAFF QUALIFICATIONS**

**Fred Combs, AICP**

### **General Manager**

Fred Combs joined Lextran in 2016 and after serving as the Director of Planning, Technology, and Community Relations, became the General Manager in December 2023. During his time at Lextran, Fred helped secure roughly \$20 million in competitive federal grant awards to incorporate additional compressed natural gas, hybrid electric, and battery electric vehicles into Lextran's fleet, as well as upgrades to the compressed nature gas fueling and maintenances facilities. Fred's work on capital improvements to the Lextran Downtown Transit Center is currently in progress with anticipated completion in 2024. His leadership allowed for the completion of a Comprehensive Operations Analysis in 2022 that evaluated the alignment of resources and mobility needs in Lexington and helped frame future plans for the fixed-route system.

Fred's experience includes service as Lextran's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison Officer, member of the Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (LAMPO) Transportation Policy Committee, previous chair of the LAMPO's Transportation Technical Coordination Committee, and on the advisory board of Bluegrass Community and Technical College's Architectural Technology program. Fred is a certified planner as designated by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

**Chris Withrow**

### **Director of Maintenance**

Chris Withrow began with Lextran in 1999 after serving as a mechanic in the Marine Corps. Chris has heled multiple titles at Lextran including Mechanic, Maintenance Supervisor, Maintenance Manager, Parts Manager, and now serves at the Director of Maintenance. He oversees all daily operations in the maintenance department including vehicle maintenance, facility maintenance, and the parts department.

Chris has worked assisting in Lextran's fleet modernization moving from diesel vehicles to fully battery-electric and compressed natural gas vehicles and all associated training and infrastructure needs. He was directly involved in the procurement and installation of Lextran's fast charger located at the Downtown Transit Center in 2016 as well as long range charging infrastructure at the Loudon Administrative and Maintenance facility. Additionally, Chris supported the maintenance planning and construction of the Loudon Administrative Office that was completed in 2016. Over the last five years, Chris has been responsible for specifications for bus purchases and associated procurements. Currently, Chris is the maintenance expert for the ongoing compressed natural gas upgrades and associated maintenance facility renovation.

**Emily Elliott**

### **Director of Planning and Community Development**

Emily Elliott began working with Lextran in 2017 as the organization's Community Relations Coordinator, later stepping into the Director of Planning and Community Development. In her role at



Lextran, Emily oversees a team dedicated to building relationships with the community, implementing capital projects, marketing, and long-range planning, among other functions. Emily serves as the public information officer and manages communications with the media.

Emily's work to engage the community and demonstrate the value of the service has included work to secure competitive grant funds, implementation of service improvements across the fixed-route system from analysis and evaluation to internal and external communication of changes since 2017. Emily serves as a Lextran liaison with local elected officials to working on creating solutions for the community. Current capital work includes a compressed natural gas facility update, renovation of the Downtown Transit Center, and bus stop enhancements for improved accessibility.

Emily serves as the Chair of Access Lexington, the Mayor's Commission for People with Disabilities. She is also a voting member of the Lexington Senior Services Commission and Lexington Corridors Commission.