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About Us

MOVE Oregon was founded because there was a missing voice in the transportation field within the greater Portland metro region, as well as, the State of Oregon. That voice was one to advocate for transit. Our focus is on advocating for public transit, though our goal is to create transportation systems with a dynamic mix of everyday choices giving residents in urban centers the option to use transit, walk or bike to their destinations.

Staff

Katja Dillmann

Founding Director

Before joining Move Oregon, Katja worked for the former Mayor of Portland, as his Transportation Policy Advisor and then Director. Katja came to Portland from Washington DC where she worked for non-profit organizations. She has her law degree from Lewis and Clark and her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis. Her favorite bus line is the #4 and if not at her desk or in meetings, Katja can be found riding her bike around town or walking her dog Elizabeth.

Board

Bernie Bottomly

Vice President, Government Relations & Economic Development

The Portland Business Alliance

Bernie is an Oregon native, born and raised in Beaverton. He attended the University of Oregon where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science.

He served as District Administration for U.S. Congressman Les AuCoin for almost a decade with responsibility for natural resource, transportation and economic development policy. He also served for nine years as legislative director for Tri-Met with responsibility for state and regional legislative affairs, regional transportation and finance policy.

Prior to joining the Alliance, Bernie was the director of community services at Pacific Power with responsibility for community services in Oregon, Washington and California.

Among other assignments, he serves on the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation Budget Advisory Committee and Freight Advisory Committee and the Central City 2035 Technical Advisory Committee. He is the Alliance staff liaison to the Oregon Business Plan and is on the executive committee of the Columbia River

Crossing Coalition.

Catherine Ciarlo

Senior Project Manager

CH2M HILL

Catherine Ciarlo is a Senior Project Manager at CH2MHILL in Portland, Oregon. Prior to joining CH2MHILL she was the Transportation Policy Director in the Portland Mayor's Office (2009-2012) and served as the executive director of Oregon's Bicycle Transportation Alliance from 1998-2005. In each of these roles, Catherine has worked extensively on planning, funding and implementation of transit and active transportation projects.

Rick Gustafson

Executive Vice President, Shiels Oblatz Johnsen, Inc

Executive Director, Portland Streetcar Inc.

Mr. Gustafson is Executive Vice President of Shiels Oblatz Johnsen, a project management firm with offices in Portland and Seattle. Rick joined Shiels Oblatz Johnsen in 1987 and serves as a principal in the company. Rick holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics from Yale University and a Masters Degree in Urban Economics from Wayne State University. Rick participated in initial Portland Streetcar feasibility studies as early as 1990. Rick has served as the Chief Operating Officer for Portland Streetcar operations since its opening in 2001 and has also served as Executive Director since 2006. He has led numerous projects for streetcar development including new expansions for the Portland system, vehicle manufacturing, feasibility for other cities, and operational plans for many other cities, including streetcar projects in Los Angeles, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Detroit, Seattle, Boise, and the District of Columbia. He was also the lead consultant for the City of Portland in developing the Central City Transportation Management Plan.

Rick has had a wide variety of experiences and expertise in the urban transportation field. His initial education was as a Research Economist for General Motors Corporation where he explored travel demand theory and travel behavior. He published over 25 technical journal articles relating travel behavior modeling and projections. Rick moved to Portland, Oregon, his original home, and was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1975 serving on the Ways and Means Committee for two terms and Chairing the Transportation Subcommittee. In 1978, he was elected as Metro's first Executive Officer, a post he held until 1986. Rick was a key political leader in supporting the first light rail in Portland which has proven to be very successful.

David Knowles

Vice President and Area Manager

CH2M HILL

David Knowles is Vice President and Area Manager for CH2M HILL an international planning and engineering firm. David is passionate about cities and public transit. He works with transit agencies throughout the Northwest including Seattle which is investing heavily in new public transit options. Prior to becoming a consultant, David served as Director of Planning for the City of Portland, practiced law with the Davis Wright Tremaine firm and served two terms on the Metro Council, Portland's regional government.

Brian Newman

Campus Planning, Development & Real Estate

Oregon Health and Science University

Brian Newman is the Director of Campus Planning, Development and Real Estate at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon. OHSU is the largest employer in the City of Portland with three campuses, approximately 14,000 employees, 3,900 postgraduate students in four schools, and over seven million square feet of facilities including two hospitals and several off campus outpatient clinics. In this capacity he works to achieve the University's strategic goals through overall management of facility and campus planning, land development, real estate leasing and third-party facilities management contracts. Brian has 20 years of professional experience as both a practitioner and policymaker in land use planning and real estate development. He has assisted local governments and private developers in creating land use, transportation, and community facility plans. His policymaking experience includes over seven years as a local and regional elected official. Brian has a bachelors degree from Willamette University and a masters degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a Truman Scholar and a Marshall Memorial Fellow. Brian lives in southwest Portland with his wife Jennifer and their three children.

Art Pearce

Senior Capital Project Manager

City of Portland Bureau of Transportation

Art Pearce is a Senior Capital Project Manager with the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation. For 14 years Art has worked on a variety of transportation projects focused primarily on transit corridor development and neighborhood revitalization. Recent projects include the planning and implementation of Portland's South Waterfront District and the Portland Aerial Tram. In 2009 Art led the planning and funding for the reconstruction of SW Moody Street including a \$23 million dollar "Innovation Quadrant" TIGER Grant award.

Art is currently representing the City of Portland on the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail Project and the Portland Streetcar system and lead staff for pursuing the design and funding for numerous street, streetcar and pedestrian/bike infrastructure projects.

Art has a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Portland State University and a Bachelors Degree in Urban Studies from the College of Wooster.

Chris Rall

Northwest Field Organizer

Transportation For America

Chris Rall is the Pacific Northwest Field Organizer for Transportation For America, the largest most diverse coalition working on transportation reform today. Chris works with the national campaign to keep partners and allies apprised of developments on transportation policy and opportunities in DC. Before his present position, Chris co-founded Green Wheels, a local transportation advocacy organization in Humboldt County,

CA, and served as Policy Director for the Healthy Humboldt Coalition where he advocated for smart growth in Humboldt County's general plan update. He lives in Portland.

Rob Sadowsky

Executive Director

Bicycle Transportation Alliance

Rob Sadowsky joined the BTA as executive director in June 2010. Previously, Rob served as Executive Director of the Active Transportation Alliance in Chicago, Illinois for six years from 2004 to 2010. He has more than 25 years of non-profit advocacy and management experience working on issues of affordable housing, community economic development and transportation policy. He serves on the board of the Alliance for Biking and Walking and the Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium.

Val Solorzano

Owner

Chick of All Trades, LLC

Val Solorzano is the owner of C.O. A. T. Flagging, a spin off from her original company Chick Of All Trades, LLC. Before starting her own company she worked in the private sector for many years. Val took being downsized from the corporate world as an opportunity and decided to throw her hat in the ring of contracting. In 2005 she started a "Honey Do" company, followed by C.O.A.T. Flagging in 2006. C.O.A.T. Flagging's first project was on the Portland Transit Mall. Today that little company has projects in Washington and Oregon, with an eye toward expanding into other states next year. Val's interest in this movement is getting transportation to those who need to get around, freeing folks from being dependent on others. Val earned her business degree from Eastern Oregon University.

Pamela Treece

Executive Director

Westside Economic Alliance

Pamela (Pam) Treece was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. She received her undergraduate degree at Portland State University and her Masters' degree from Lewis and Clark College. She has taught High School Health and Physical Education, she was one of four physical directors that opened the Metro YMCA at Duniway Park, developed her own business "Fitness Concepts" and was a regular on KATU's AMNW. She moved to the corporate sector and worked for Pacific Power for 21 years retiring as the vice-president of external affairs. Treece is currently the executive director of Westside Economic Alliance.

Treece has served on many non-profit boards and currently is on the Oregon Sports Authority Foundation board. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Commerce Bank of Oregon.

Treece has competed in several marathons and triathlons; she also enjoys skiing, cycling, golf, reading and she is an accomplished knitter.

