## Conference Abstract

Our conference this year will focus on preparing to solve our transportation challenges by studying and understanding future trends. Although we often look to history to help gain perspective on the future, we must continually look to changing trends, attitudes, and political environment to best prepare for the future.

The annual conference is a great way to continue your education and network. We know you will enjoy our presenters and the venue. We also look forward to interacting with each of you at our monthly luncheons and yearly events throughout 2015!
Lynn Peterson was appointed CEO, aka Secretary of the Department of Transportation, in February 2013. Peterson oversees an agency of 6,600 employees, with responsibility for 18,600 lane miles of highway, 3,700 bridges, general aviation airports, passenger- and freight-rail programs; and the Washington State Ferry system, the nation’s largest. Before joining WSDOT, Peterson served as the Transportation Policy Advisor for the Oregon Governor. She is the former chair of the Clackamas County Commission (CCC). She is a nationally-recognized transportation/land-use integration expert. Prior to serving on the CCC, Peterson worked as a consultant and as a strategic planning manager for TriMet, Portland’s transportation agency. She was also the chair of the Oregon 2020 Fund and a transportation planning director for the TriMet Transportation Planning Corporation. Her work has been featured in the Business Oregon and she holds a BBS in Civil and Environmental Engineering from University of Wisconsin - Madison, and Masters degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering and Regional Planning from Portland State University.

Lane Beattie is the president and CEO of the Salt Lake Chamber; a position he has held since 2013. He can rightly be called Utah’s “business leader.” Under his direction the Chamber has embraced a new era of business leadership that blends the best of a traditional chamber with top-notch and powerful business advocacy. During his tenure at the helm of Utah’s largest and longest-standing statewide business association, the Chamber has strengthened its voice on the issues that matter most to our business community. These include transportation, retooling our health system, improving education and expanding international business. The Chamber was also the driving force behind Downtown Rising, a movement to enhance Utah’s Capital City that supported unprecedented development in the State’s central business district. Today under Lane’s leadership, the Chamber continues to support pro-business policies that will provide enduring benefits for the state economy. Lane enjoys golf and skiing, and raises quarter horses. He and his wife, Joy, have three children and grandchildren—seven boys and two princesses.

Michael Allegra has more than 38 years of experience in the transit industry. Allegra began his career in 1976 as a transportation engineer for Utah’s Wasatch Front Regional Council. Three years later, he joined the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) as a planner/engineer. Over the course of his career, he worked through nearly every aspect of the UTA organization, directing the planning, funding, design, and construction of UTAs rail system and overseeing a program which expanded UTAs system to include the addition of 140 miles of rail in just over a decade. This extensive expertise culminated in his selection as UTAs transportation engineer for Utah’s Wasatch Front Regional Council. Three years later, he joined the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) as a professional musician for over 30 years. She taught school for seven years in Davis School District and was then entrepreneur and manager of a small business. She is a Senior Planner and Economist at Economic Development Research Group. Mr. Duncan brings over 12 years of experience in transportation planning, economic forecasting and evaluation, modeling, GIS and policy analysis. His extensive experience as a part-time youth soccer referee.

Brad Agle, PhD, is a Professor of Ethics and Leadership in the Marriott School of Management at Brigham Young University. Dr. Agle is an active researcher concentrating on business ethics, stakeholder management, CEO leadership and religious influences on business. His writings appear in the top academic journals in management and ethics, and are highly cited. He recently co-authored the book “Research Companion to Ethics Behavior in Organizations: Constructs and Measures” and is currently writing “Business Ethics: A Field Guide.” He is a recipient of multiple research and teaching awards, including Distinguished Professor of the Year honors. He has provided training to organizations including Alcoa, Ceska Sporitelna, BSI Standards, and American Airlines. He has also worked as a consultant for the Minnesota DOT, the City of Charlotte, NC and URS/BRW, Inc. He holds a MRP in Economic Development and Transportation Planning from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and an MBA from the University of Minnesota.

Bradford R. Houston is currently the Manager of Architectural Design for the Temple Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and holds a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame. His directive is to bring a greater sense of timelessness to temple design by restoring the principles of classical architecture. Prior to standing Notre Dame’s Temple Square, he began an independent planning and design consultancy in 1999. He received his Master of Philosophy in Land Economy from Cambridge University where he worked with the Buccleuch Groveson Estate of the Duke of Westminster. His dissertation examined the developmental methodology utilized in the creation of Belgravia, one of London’s most beautiful Georgian neighborhoods.

Chandler Duncan is a Senior Planner and Economist at Economic Development Research Group. Mr. Duncan brings over 12 years of experience in transportation planning, economic forecasting and evaluation, modeling, GIS and policy analysis. His extensive experience as a part-time youth soccer referee.