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**Transportation Manager**  
*Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments*

With over 10 years of experience in transportation planning and engineering Nick seeks out opportunities for innovation, and is proven at implementing challenging projects that build organizational capacity. From transit projects to bikeway design to housing policy, his work and passion for livable communities spurs his desire to shift mode choice away from single occupancy vehicles.

### EDUCATION

**M. Community & Regional Planning**  
University of Oregon, 2014

**B.S. Civil Engineering w/ Environmental Concentration**  
University of Vermont, 2008

### CURRENT POSITION

In his current role, Nick manages an array of transportation programs, including two MPOs and a regional transit board. Managing five staff and an annual budget close to \$1 million, Nick grew the department through program expansion and discretionary grants to nearly double the operating budget.

A working manager, Nick is currently the project director or project manager for six long and short range transportation planning projects.

### RECENT + NOTABLE PROJECTS

**Empower Benton County Low Income e-bike Pilot (ongoing).** The Corvallis Area MPO and Cascades West Transportation Options partnered with Benton County Economic Development to successfully apply for a grant to provide subsidies for e-bikes to low income residents (defined as below 80% area median income) within the county. The program provides \$1200 to purchase an e-bike and Meltzer is overseeing the program evaluation.

**OSU/LBCC Mobility Hub Design (ongoing).** Nick successfully wrote a grant to design two mobility hubs at Oregon State University and Linn Benton Community College. Each location is served by at least three local, regional and long-distance routes, and are less than 3 miles from city transit stations. As project director, he oversaw procurement, and helps staff with day to day tasks.

**Seamless Transit Experience (2020).** Meltzer successfully wrote a grant to integrate eight transit agencies across three counties in the Cascades West region. Through centralized information, real time bus information and mobile ticketing, passengers can travel “seamlessly” across the region. The public launch occurred in April, 2021.

**Circle Boulevard Road Diet, Corvallis, OR (2020).**

Nick developed a white paper and research plan for the City of Corvallis, to assist in their first road diet and pilot evaluation. The pilot was approved by City Council and is expected to become final

**Multimodal Network Connectivity in Corvallis and Albany MPOs, Oregon (2019).** Meltzer successfully wrote a grant to pilot the implementation of the new FHWA Guidebook on Multimodal Network Connectivity in Corvallis and Albany MPOs. Utilizing bicycle level of traffic stress and sidewalk quality and completeness, Nick demonstrated the lack of connections between the two urban areas.

**Lyndon US-5 Buffered Bicycle Lanes, Lyndon, VT (2015).** Initiated as a change order after the project had gone to construction, Nick designed the first buffered bicycle lanes on a state highway in Vermont and oversaw the construction. He went on to develop statewide design guidance on the use of bicycle lanes on state highways, inspired by that project.

## PRESENTATIONS, SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

### *Recent Presentations*

**FHWA Virtual Public Involvement Webinar; Panelist** — October 5, 2021

**Smaller but not Left Out: Making Technology Work in Small Cities**— 2020 Urbanism Next Conference

**The Unpaved Road to Housing Affordability: What Role Does Technology Play?** –53<sup>rd</sup> Annual ISOCARP World Congress/2017 Oregon American Planning Association Conference

**The Silent Majority: Better Decisions Through Better Data**—2015: New England Bike Walk Summit

### *Service*

**Panel Member;** NCHRP 08-149 Impacts of Active Transportation Network Gaps —Nick was appointed to serve on as a panel member to explore the short- and long-term impacts of closing bicycle and pedestrian network gaps, which include economic, social, and public health factors.

**Policy Coordinating Committee Member;** Oregon Transportation Plan Update — Nick was selected to serve on the policy committee to update the Oregon Transportation Plan, the first update to Oregon’s long-range transportation plan in 20 years. The committee recommends final adoption of the plan to the Oregon Transportation Commission

**Bicycle Representative;** Oregon Mobility Advisory Committee—2021 to present: Nick was appointed by the Oregon Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee to represent bicycle stakeholders on the MAC, which is authorized in statute to approve changes to highways that align with freight routes

**Contributor;** FHWA Every Day Counts 5; Virtual Public Engagement Case Studies. 2020

**Contributor;** NCHRP 02-27 Making Targets Matter. 2019

**Contributor;** FHWA Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks, 2015. FHWA Achieving Multimodal Networks: Applying Design Flexibility and Reducing Conflicts, 2016.

## PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Transportation Planner, Corvallis Area MPO (Jul. '18 – Jan. '20)**

Nick was hired as the only full-time staff person for the MPO, after the founding Executive Director retired. His experience led to his promotion as transportation manager, the role he currently holds.

**Associate Planner, The Urban Collaborative (Apr. '17 –Jun. '18)** As an associate planner, Nick helped with all stages of project delivery and document preparation including GIS mapping, spatial analysis and report formatting.

**Assistant Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, Vermont Agency of Transportation (Jun. '15 – Jan. '17)** Oversaw 25 bicycle/pedestrian capital projects, supervising the development process from conception through to construction. Also wrote design guidance and assisted in statewide bike/ped program needs.

**Planning Associate, Community Service Center (Oct. '13 – Jun. '15)** As a project manager, Nick managed budgets, communicated with clients and was actively engaged in project delivery through facilitating meetings and administering surveys.

**Civil Engineer, Vermont Agency of Transportation (Jul. '08 – Jul. '12).** Nick was involved with all aspects of project delivery on over 30 road and bridge projects ranging in value from \$20,000 to \$7.2 million. In addition to project design and construction oversight, Nick served on technical committees and managed research projects

**Lead Instructor, Hurricane Island Outward Bound School (2006-2015).** Since 2006, Nick instructed teenagers and mentored new staff in teamwork, facilitation and leadership during backpacking and canoeing expeditions.

## OTHER PROJECTS

### **Corvallis Area MPO 2043 Regional Transportation Plan (expected 2022).**

Nick is the project manager for this 20-year long range transportation plan. In accordance with federal regulations, Nick managed the planning process for a region expected to grow over 30% in the next 20 years, and he successfully incorporated a plan to manage the growth without roadway expansion. He oversaw the public involvement, modeling, project development, and report writing.

### **Albany Area MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan (Expected 2021)**

As the project director for the region's first bicycle and pedestrian plan, Meltzer developed the scope of work, oversaw the day to day tasks, and provided strategic direction for staff, consultants and elected officials.

### **Albany Transit System Transit Implementation Strategy (2021)**

As the project director, Nick wrote the scope of work, oversaw contractor procurement, and provides strategic advice on a service planning project that implements the mid-term scenario outlined in Albany Transit Systems Long Range Plan.

### **Pedal Corvallis Bikeshare Re-Organization, Corvallis, OR (2021).**

After the bikeshare vendor closed and claimed bankruptcy, Nick oversaw the legal process to make a claim, negotiate for transfer of ownership, and maintain communication with local stakeholders. At the same time, he directed the development of a new bikeshare plan for the region.

**99W Transit Feasibility Study (2020).** Meltzer successfully wrote a grant to evaluate the feasibility of long distance, rural transit along the 99W in Oregon. The project stretches across multiple cities, counties and transit agencies and would connect the three largest cities in Oregon. After leading the feasibility study, the project is approved for pilot operations in 2022.

**Corvallis Area MPO VMT Reduction Performance Measures (2020).** In accordance with Goal 12 and the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR), Meltzer led the Corvallis Area MPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee through the development of alternative measures to track the reduction of single occupancy vehicles and in turn, greenhouse gases and vehicle miles traveled.

**Electric Bus Study, Corvallis Transit System, Oregon (2019).** As part of an annual workplan, Meltzer managed and helped write a policy paper on implementation of electric buses in Corvallis, Oregon. Using literature reviews, stakeholder interviews and comparative analysis, the paper outlined implementation considerations and challenges for the agency.

**Inclusive Transportation Planning in Lincoln County, Oregon (2018).** Nick managed a project to assess the current and desired level of inclusion in transportation planning efforts in Lincoln County. Utilizing outreach efforts that specifically targeted older adults and people with disabilities, the final report illustrated current challenges and opportunities to better engage with disadvantaged populations.

**S Willamette Street Road Diet Evaluation, Eugene, OR (2015).** As part of a city council mandated pilot study, Nick developed a research plan to study and evaluate the economic and behavioral impacts of road diets along a commercial corridor in Eugene, Oregon. Managing the initial data collection, he oversaw bike/pedestrian counts, intercept surveys, and business recruitment efforts.

**Downtown Parking + Circulation Study, Ashland, OR (2014).** As part of a downtown circulation and multi-modal study in Ashland, Oregon, Nick led a team that analyzed parking utilization data with extensive public engagement to determine long term solutions for parking, bicycle travel, and wayfinding improvements.

**Railroad Square Bridge Foundation, Newport, Vermont (2012).** Nick oversaw the design and construction of 5 foot diameter, 160' long drilled shafts in Newport, Vermont. After construction concerns arose, he was responsible for verifying field conditions and in turn, approving an additional \$300,000 required to complete the project.

**VT-122 Slope Stabilization, Lyndon, Vermont (2011).** After severe rains reduced an overweight truck route to one lane in Lyndon, Vermont, Meltzer analyzed, developed design details and oversaw the construction of a \$375,000 slope remediation project to fast track the re-opening of road.