

## 20th Transit Citizen Leadership Academy Class (September 16-October 21, 2020)



**Adam Blair**

Adam Blair is a Senior Associate with EBP who specializes in analyzing investments in passenger and freight transportation. In recent years he has contributed to studies for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Greater Nashville Regional Council, Federal Highway Administration, and American Public Transportation Association, as well as several state departments of transportation. Adam also has direct transportation planning experience, having worked on long range transportation plans and mobility management efforts. Prior to EBP, Adam co founded an independent car sharing organization now owned and operated by Zipcar. He previously taught undergraduate courses in urban design and sustainable urban transportation at DePaul University in Chicago, and currently teaches courses in urban planning and urban studies at Tennessee State University in Nashville.



**Christine T. Bradley**

Christine, Director, in the Office of Government and Community Affairs, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, has an extensive career in both the public and private sector spanning more than 30 years. Prior to her current position, Bradley served as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Community, Neighborhood and Government Relations at Vanderbilt University; as the Executive Director of the Nashville Career Advancement Center, overseeing seven sites and the provision of services to more than 91,000 clients a year; and as the state director for a national health care firm, specializing in working with troubled youth and their families. In the early 90's she was appointed chief of staff for Mayor Phillip Bredesen, in Nashville, Tennessee during a time when the city was growing to include a new art museum, a professional football team, and a state-of-the-art arena. She also served on the cabinet for Governor McWherter as the first woman to head up the Department of Correction in Tennessee. In that capacity she implemented Total Quality Management, was able to obtain full accreditation status for the department, and received the first CEO award presented by the American Correctional Association. Ms. Bradley received a BS from Bowling Green State University, her master's degree from St. Bonaventure University and her doctorate degree in Educational Administration from Tennessee State University. A native of Ohio, she and her husband Mike have two children.



### **Rachael Bergmann**

Rachael is a graduate of Indiana University where she received dual Master's in Public Affairs and Environmental Science, with a concentration in Environmental Policy. She has a bachelor's degree from Emory University in Environmental Studies and Psychology. Prior to joining TDOT, Rachael worked for The Land Trust for Tennessee where she managed conservation projects, outreach, and community engagement in Southeast Tennessee. She has broad experience in planning and project management, working on research and with non-profits on issues including conservation and urban sustainability. Originally from South Carolina, Rachael has lived in Tennessee for five years where she enjoys crafting and spending time outside.



### **Sara Davenport**

My name is Sara Davenport and I am the Executive Assistant to Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto. I've spent almost 14 years working in both city and county governments and love what I do. Everyday is an adventure. I grew up in a very small community named Difficult, TN and attended an elementary school named Defeated. Despite the names, it was a wonderful community filled with great people. I reside in Lebanon with my darling husband of 11 years, Richard and our twin boys, Owen and Collin (6).



### **Hollie Gustafson**

I'm Hollie. A mother of 6, who joined the working world 5 years ago. In the time that I have spent numberless hours learning and exploring different avenues within the transit industry. I recently began exploring development and learning how the operations team here at WeGo functions. I am a person who believes there is always something to learn and a lesson with it if you pay attention. Personal growth is a huge development tool which I try to enhance everyday.



### **Lynn Maddox**

Lynn Maddox serves as the Special Projects Director and County Liaison for the division of Government and Community Relations: sustaining Vanderbilt's relationships with local, county, state, and national communities. Identifying and cultivating partnerships with community groups, nonprofits, for-profits, businesses, and governmental associates, in Nashville and the 10-county region to increase the effectiveness of Vanderbilt's outreach focusing on Vanderbilt's Mission and Vision and the alignment of the University's expertise, talent, and resources to help achieve the government's and community's priorities and needs in our

growing and changing region. Working with various colleges, universities, and not-for-profits Ms. Maddox has over twenty years of experience in management, development, business relationship building, sales and marketing, promoting organizations, competitive market positioning, and team leadership. A graduate of Tulane (BA) and Cumberland (MSP) Universities.



### **Brenda Perez**

I'm the new Community Engagement Coordinator at Walk Bike Nashville. I have a community organizing background with a focus on immigrant rights and labor rights. I recently completed my Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt University. Im excited to step into this position with Walk Bike Nashville and create opportunities for Nashville residents to shape their city.



### **A. Randolph**

I have never owned a car. My primary transit has always been a combination of bicycle and public transit. In Nashville, I have taken this to the next level by joining multiple advocacy organizations to try to improve how others and myself get around. With Walk Bike Nashville, I started as another policy advocate showing up at council hearings and discussing why we need to do better - most memorable is when we fought to fund sidewalks and the "Sidewalk Bill" in 2017. Since then I have become an instructor for them teaching people to ride bikes for the first time and teaching people how to safely ride on the street. Years ago, I found Music City Riders United (MCRU), the local bus rider advocacy group. With them I have contributed in various ways: outreach, street and council advocacy,

and more. Previously, we surveyed bus riders of ways WeGo/MTA needed to improve. For that survey I built and managed the database in Google. Now, I work for TDOT Multimodal, especially funding buses.



**Kristen Rice**

Kristen has over 12 years of experience in project management in transportation and traffic engineering. Her experience includes design and construction of safe and accessible infrastructure for all road users, as well as managing the operations and maintenance of traffic signals and related infrastructure. Additionally, she has experience in intelligent transportation systems, highway safety engineering, and transportation planning. As the Transportation/Traffic Engineer for the City of Lebanon, she manages the daily operation of traffic in the City recommending and implementing solutions. Kristen is a Registered Professional Engineer in Tennessee, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee. She lives in Lebanon with her husband and two young sons.



**Regina Santana**

I attended TTU in Cookeville where I received my civil engineering degree. During college, I interned at TDOT in Bridge Inspection and Repair for a couple of summers. I've worked for the City of Lebanon a little over 24 years now, most recently as the Engineering Services Director. I am a licensed civil engineer. My team and I oversee all aspects of engineering and stormwater for the City. I am also the Middle Branch Director for TCAPWA (Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association). On a personal level, I've been married for 27 years & have 3 grown sons.



**Jonathan Smith**

I am a Transportation Engineer for Barge Design Solutions with over 16 years of professional experience in traffic engineering, operations, and safety improvements.





### **Ron Smith**

I am currently the President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Security Officer for Enbright CU, a credit union with branch locations in Middle Tennessee. I have over twenty-five years of experience in the financial services industry, including experience in Collections, Recovery, Lending, Security and Management. I serve as a board member for CUNA (Credit Union National Association) and Volunteer Corporate Credit Union where he also serves as Treasurer and Chair of the ALCO Committee. I have also served on the InfraGard Board for the Tennessee Chapter and is the previous board chairman of the Madison Rivergate Chamber of Commerce board. I am a member of the Nashville Rotary, various local chambers and is a Mason in Middle TN. I belong to a Nashville CEO Roundtable. I was born and raised in So. California and moved to Middle TN 13 years ago. My wife and I have four horses and used to do amateur rodeo in California.



### **Susan Steffenhagen, AICP**

A Nashville native, I graduated from Georgia Tech with a B.S. in Business Administration – Operations and Supply Chain Management and a Certificate in Land Development in 2016. I then moved to Memphis, earning a Master of City and Regional Planning and Certificate in GIS from the University of Memphis in 2018. During this time, I was a Graduate Assistant with the Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA). My Capstone was A Transit-Assisted Evacuation Framework for Carless Populations in West Memphis, Arkansas.

Since May 2018, I have worked in TDOT's Long Range Planning Division – Air Quality Planning Office. My work has mainly centered around administration of the CMAQ Program, TDM efforts, revamping the State's Swipe and Ride Program, and Alternative Fuel Corridor Planning. I am an active member of the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT), serving on their Professional Development Committee. I am also YPT-Nashville's Vice Chair of Administration, and an active member of TAPA.



### **Matt Shearon**

I am a middle Tennessee native working and living in Nashville. I graduated from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2011 and was employed by Lose Design in 2012. My professional interests include pedestrian infrastructure and recreational design. In my personal time I can be found enjoying the outdoors by bike, kayak or on foot.



**Chris Turner**

I was born in Nashville, TN and raised in Goodlettsville. My undergraduate is in Business Administration from MTSU. I have worked for TDOT since 2016 and the Multimodal Division since 2017. My hobbies include hiking, tennis, playing guitar, kayaking and canoeing.