

Co-Chairs:



Sen. Chuck Winder

Senator

Idaho State Legislature

Chuck is a member of the Idaho Senate serving his third term as an Idaho State Senator representing east Meridian and west Boise. He also serves at the Idaho Senate Assistant Majority Leader and is active on Transportation and State Affairs Committees. Chuck attended the College of Idaho where he earned a B.A. in

Political Science and Pre-Law.

Following graduation, Chuck joined the U.S. Navy where he served for four years on active duty as a Naval Aviator and for eight years on inactive reserve. Chuck and his wife Dianne started The Winder Company, a commercial real estate brokerage in May of 1979. In January of 2012, Chuck joined the local office of Grubb & Ellis, which then became the Boise office of Cushman and Wakefield Commerce. Chuck currently serves as the Director of Cushman and Wakefield.

Chuck and Dianne have been married for forty-five years. They have two children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Bruce Agnew

Director

The Cascadia Center

Since 1993, Bruce Agnew has been the Policy Director of Seattle-based Discovery Institute's Cascadia Center. The Cascadia Center is a strategic alliance from Vancouver, BC, to Eugene, Oregon, promoting high speed passenger rail, Interstate-5 freight mobility, seamless border crossings, bi-national and bi-state tourism marketing, and sustainable community development. From 1987-93, Mr. Agnew was Chief of

Staff for U.S. Representative John Miller from Washington state's first district. Before his congressional service, Bruce Agnew was elected to two terms on the Snohomish County Council, and served as President of the Puget Sound Regional Council in 1985. He is a former member of the Citizen Oversight Panel for Sound Transit, and is a member of the Regional Freight Mobility Roundtable. Mr. Agnew is a 1974 graduate of Stanford University, and a 1977 graduate of U.C. Berkeley, Law School.

Speakers:



Ree Armitage

Field Liaison

Office of U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, OR

Since 2014, Ree Armitage has represented Senator Wyden's office as the Field Representative for Washington and Clackamas Counties. He maintains a portfolio on labor, tax, trade, transportation and business policy for the Senator in the Portland metro area. Prior to the Senator's office, Ree worked for Congressman Earl Blumenauer's office for four years. Before entering federal service, he was an analyst for the Oregon Building Codes Division at the State of Oregon and a legislative aide in the Oregon Legislature. Ree holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and Master's Degrees from Suffolk University in Boston. He has a seven-year old daughter, Genevieve Mae, and lives in the Cedar Mill area of Washington County.



Justin Ashford

Principal Consultant. Advisory Services

WSP USA

Mr Ashford is a Principal in WSP's Advisory Services practice and leads the Investor Advisory and Analytics team. Justin focuses on providing investor advisory and project analytic services for clients that are used as a basis for their future capital investments, with a particular emphasis on Public-Private Partnerships (P3s / PPPs). Justin has over 18 years of international advisory, analytical and management experience. He has extensive quantitative financial modelling and investment analysis experience gained in a broad range of industry sectors acting for public and private sector clients such as: Transportation (Rail, Highways and Aviation), Buildings, Water & Waste water, Power & Utilities, Federal and State Government infrastructure programs. Justin has applied various qualitative and quantitative valuation techniques to develop complex optimization and prioritization solutions. These range from risk-based investment decision making frameworks to CAPEX program assessments and reviews promoting higher degrees of certainty and efficiency in capital allocation.



Jeannie Beckett

Principal

The Beckett Group

Jeannie Beckett is the Principal of The Beckett Group (TBG), a certified women-owned business enterprise (WBE) founded in 2007. TBG specializes in providing clients with solutions to their freight mobility challenges. With a combined 60 years of public and private sector experience, TBG offer clients strategies that lead to business retention and growth. The vision of the firm is to help build local economies by identifying business opportunities, determining cost-effective transportation choices, prioritizing infrastructure needs, developing funding strategies, and mentoring and igniting entrepreneurs. The firm has established a niche as a Transportation Strategist with extensive experience in Maritime and Rail infrastructure and operations. As small business, we have the ability to be a very cost-effective, nimble firm that is able to bring both private and public-sector decision makers together to find simple solutions to complex challenges.



Leslie Blakey

President

Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

Leslie Blakey has a diverse background in public outreach, communications, policy development and government affairs, developing a close working relationship with a variety of clients over the past 19 years with Blakey & Agnew LLC, based in Washington DC. As a public affairs advisor with a strong background in transportation, she is a respected go-to authority among Congressional staff, helping to guide debate on freight programs and discretionary grants in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015.

During twelve years as founder and executive director of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, Leslie brought together a large number of public and private organizations around the need for policy support and federal investment in multimodal goods movement infrastructure. Under her tenure, the Coalition's work to increase awareness of the benefits of freight infrastructure investment made it one of Washington's most effective transportation lobbying initiatives, especially notable in the FAST Act freight programs.



Scott Boardman

Executive Director

West Coast Infrastructure Exchange

Scott Boardman is the Executive Director of the West Coast Infrastructure Exchange (WCX), a nonprofit organization created by the Governors and Treasurers of Oregon, Washington, and California. In leading WCX, Scott serves as a resource to public agencies within the West Coast states on alternative infrastructure delivery mechanisms. WCX provides training, education, and technical assistance to public agencies on Performance-Based Infrastructure (PBI). The PBI delivery method consolidates responsibility for the major components of a project's lifecycle—design, construction, and maintenance—into a single procurement with performance requirements and cost guarantees. Prior to his time at WCX, Scott worked at the Portland Bureau of Transportation on a number of efforts within the bureau's Policy, Planning and Projects group. Scott holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Georgia and a BS in political science from Clemson University.



Anthony Buckley

Director, Innovative Partnerships

Washington State Department of Transportation

Anthony L. Buckley is the Director of Innovative Partnerships for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). He previously served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Oregon Department of Energy (2010-2015), prior to this he was the debt and investment manager for the Oregon Department of Transportation (2006-2010). He also has more than 20-years of private-sector experience working for banking and multi-national corporations.

Anthony also represents Washington State on both regional and national committees researching the appropriateness and applicability of a mileage based revenue model. In addition, he is also on the board of the West Coast Infrastructure Exchange.

Anthony earned his B.A. degree (1996) in Finance from Temple University and undertook his graduate studies at George Fox University.



Michael Catsi

Director, Business Development and Communications

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority

Appointed to this position in 2010, Mr. Catsi pursues business development opportunities, oversees the Authority's communications, and assists clients through the Authority's intake process in partnership with AIDEA's finance and development staff. Michael serves as the Chair of AIDEA's Project Suitability Committee, and as a member of AIDEA's project review committees.

Prior to joining the Authority, Michael led economic development organizations as executive director of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference and the Skagway Development Corporation. Michael currently serves as President of the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and as a member of the Advisory Board for the Launch:Alaska business accelerator. Michael has served as president of the Alaska Partnership for Economic Development, was elected to the Skagway City Council, and served on the board of the Alaska Municipal League.

Michael graduated from the University of New South Wales, Australia with a Bachelor of Science in Geography, and he is a Certified Economic Developer (CECD).



Ahmed Elayouty

Co-founder, Pacific Hyperloop

University of Washington

Founded Pacific Hyperloop in 2016 to promote hyperloop infrastructure between Seattle and Portland. The Seattle – Portland hyperloop route is now 1 of 11 US routes in the finalist round of the Hyperloop ONE Global Challenge. Pacific Hyperloop has energized the NW region's aerospace industry to establish a Joint Venture to develop and build hyperloop vehicles for the Seattle- Portland. This Aero JV is a high growth PPP structure has pulled in aerospace giants such as Janicki Industries and LMI aerospace. Over the past 9 years, Ahmed held leadership roles in manufacturing operations in the aerospace industry, most recently as Cost Program Manager. He completed his BSc in industrial engineering from The Ohio State University and graduated from the MBA program at the University of Washington - Foster School of Business. Pacific Hyperloop has positioned the NW region to be one of the first regions in the world to build hyperloop.



Jussi Jaakkola

Vice-President, Investment Development

SNC-Lavalin

Jussi Jaakkola is responsible for developing and leading public-private partnership (P3) infrastructure projects in Western Canada for SNC-Lavalin. He has over a decade of experience on large project-financed P3 infrastructure projects and energy infrastructure projects. His experience includes a range of asset classes globally, including rail transit, highways, airports, ports, power, and midstream and downstream energy projects. He has also served as a director on multiple P3 projects both in the construction and operations phase. Jussi received a Master's degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of British Columbia.



Charles Knutson

Senior Policy Advisor, Transportation and Economic Development

Office of Governor Jay Inslee

Charles Knutson serves as Executive Policy Advisor to Governor Jay Inslee. In this role, he provides strategic counsel to the Governor on transportation and economic development issues, leads policy initiatives and works with stakeholders to grow jobs across the state.

With 17 years of experience in plan development, strategic communication and campaigns, Charles has played a central role in securing some of the largest transportation and economic development investments in Washington state history. Throughout these efforts, Charles has worked collaboratively with a cross-section of stakeholders to establish and grow result-oriented coalitions dedicated to improving regional mobility, investing in education and advancing economic growth.

Charles grew up on Maury Island in the Puget Sound, and received a Diplôme Supérieur from the University of Paris, the Sorbonne, and a BA magna cum laude from New York University. He's a Leadership Tomorrow alumnus, a 40 under 40 award recipient and a Marshall Fellow.



Tobias Read

Treasurer

State of Oregon

Elected Oregon's 29th State Treasurer in 2016, Tobias Read is a collaborative problem solver who draws upon his management, political and finance policy experience to serve Oregonians as Treasurer.

He has worked in the U.S. Treasury and as a liaison between designers, engineers and manufacturing units for Nike Inc. In 2006, he was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives, where he served a decade and championed legislation to invest in public education, improve state financial management, finance critical infrastructure improvements, and to help Oregonians save for a more secure future.

While serving in the Oregon Legislature, he pushed to strengthen the state's rainy day fund, which was a key factor that helped the state to earn a credit rating upgrade in 2011. He led efforts to promote infrastructure projects using innovative public-private partnerships, and was a chief sponsor of the Oregon Investment Act, which streamlined Lottery investments in promising Oregon startups.



Mark Romoff

President and CEO

The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

Mark Romoff is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP). Established in 1993, CCPPP's mission is to promote innovative approaches to infrastructure development and service delivery through public-private partnerships with all levels of government.

Over his twenty five year career with the government of Canada, Mark served as Executive Director in the Department of Industry and as a senior diplomat in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, serving in Nigeria, Mexico, Malaysia, Japan and the United States.

He earned a Bachelor of Science from McGill University, a Masters in Applied Science from the University of Waterloo, and is a graduate of the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Senior Executives Program and the Directors Education Program of the Canadian Institute of Corporate Directors and holds the ICD.D (Certified Director) designation. Mark is also a recipient of the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.



Rep. Sharon Wylie

Representative

Washington State Legislature

First elected to the Washington House of Representatives in 2011, Rep. Wylie also served two terms in the Oregon State House. She has 30 years of experience in government relations, management and project development and is a trained Next Generation Facilitator for the National Institute for Civil Discourse. She serves as vice chair on the House Transportation Committee, and holds seats on both the

Finance, Rules, and the Technology & Economic Development Committees, having formerly served on the Higher Education Committee.

Sharon earned a BA in Political Science from UC Riverside. She has been married for more than 35 years to Ted Gathe, former Vancouver City Attorney, is the parent of adult twin daughters and has one grandson. Rep. Wylie is an enthusiastic oil portrait painter, cook and back-packer who volunteers regularly in her community for housing, arts and environmental organizations.