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What district do you live in? *

☒ Chatham County

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

☒ 4-9 years

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board: Eligible

Question applies to Housing Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Housing Advisory Board *

☒ Affordable Housing Advocate

Question applies to Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

☒ Non-Chapel Hill Resident from Orange, Durham, Alamance, or Chatham County

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Housing Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

☒ Internet

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I am in my 60's and spent a good 25 years covering events in North Carolina from crime to culture as a journalist and editor. I am always non-partisan and bring an objective view to any project. I happen to love Chapel Hill. We moved to Ferrington during the pandemic. I have worked for The Local Reporter as Assignment Editor, Journalist and Photojournalist for 4 years and I am currently working there.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

I am concerned with school, culture and environment for myself and my extended family who call Chapel Hill home. I have musical training, and also a B.A. in Communications, Psychology and Sociology . I have a deep interest in helping and the time. \

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Ethnicity *

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

☒ Female

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

☒ over 55

Journalist/Assignment Editor

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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What district do you live in? *

☒ Carrboro Town limits (Light Pink)

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

None Selected

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board: Eligible

Question applies to Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

☒ Non-Chapel Hill Resident from Orange, Durham, Alamance, or Chatham County

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

☒ Advisory Board or Council member

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

Until this past fall, I have not owned an automobile for my entire adult life (and living in Carrboro 2017-2022). I now live with my partner, who has a car and I use it for occasional trips, but rely on walking, bicycling, and public transit for the vast majority of my daily life, including grocery shopping and regularly commuting to Duke University from my home in Carrboro. As a result, I am acutely aware of pedestrian, cycling, and transit infrastructure in the area, both its strengths and its limitations. I have also had the opportunity to live in a variety of places, both in the US (including Portland, OR, often touted as the most cycling friendly city in the country) and abroad (two years in Austria and one year in Germany). These experiences have given my some insight it what is possible, and the chance to interact with a variety of different modes of infrastructure and planning from a user perspective. I hope to bring these perspectives to this board in order to work collaborative to continue improving the experience of car-free transportation in Chapel Hill and the surrounding area.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

While I am currently writing a dissertation on the cultural and literary history of walking, I am not an urban planner nor an expert on transit. I do, however, have extensive lived experience traveling by foot, bike, bus, and train. Furthermore, I have a strong scholarly and personal interest in environmental studies, particularly as it pertains to question of environmental justice. I believe that enhancing the accessibility of public transit and non-mechanized is an essential part of decarbonizing our economy. Moreover, I believe that increasing transit accessibility is not only an important part of the fight against climate change, but also a step towards a safer and more just society in which everyone has access to safe, reliable, low-carbon transportation.

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Gender *

☒ Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

☒ 25-34

Graduate Student

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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What district do you live in? *

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☒ 4-9 years

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board: Eligible

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

☒ Chapel Hill Resident

Question applies to Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

☒ Bicycle Advocate and Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

None Selected

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

☒ Non-Chapel Hill Board Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I am an avid walker and cyclist that routinely bicycles throughout Chapel Hill. I can bring the perspective of the non-driver and also help generate ideas to reach the goal of no pedestrian/cyclist accidents to our area.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

Road and mountain cyclist (2000 miles per year).

Question applies to Planning Commission

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning, design field, environment, housing, transportation or related fields? If yes, please explain.

My interest is to promote growth but in a way that preserves the historic nature of our community.

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Gender *

☒ Male

If other, please describe:

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☒ over 55

Adjunct Faculty at UNC,
Retired Executive

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

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What district do you live in? *

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☒ 1-3 years

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Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board: Eligible

Question applies to Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

☒ Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

☒ Other (provide additional information below)

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Peoples Academy

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

My perspective related to the transportation board comes on a multitude of levels. First, I was born in North Carolina and lived in Chapel Hill from 1983-1986 while my mom was in grad school at UNC. I now live in CH with my family more that 35 years later so I can share the growth I see and how transportation can adapt to it. I also have a 10th grade daughter I drive to East Chapel Hill high school and pick up everyday so I am daily user of CH roads. My perspective related to the OWASA board is based on my belief that water in an innate human right and one that must be preserved to make sure we have access and enough for our residents. As someone who grew up in Arizona and now see the water issues they are facing, I want to continue helping to make sure Chapel Hill has all the water it needs.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

When I live in a town/city, I like to be informed and involved. This is similar to what I feel Chapel Hill offers its citizens. I have served on previous boards in towns I lived in ie Metrolina Native American Association-Charlotte, NC and Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities-Chandler, AZ and now serve on the State (of NC) Advisory Council on Indian Education. In addition, with a bachelor's degree in Political Science/Business Administration I also have a working knowledge of how government works.

Amanda L Frisard

[Amandaresume1.pdf](#)

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Ethnicity *

☒ American Indian/Alaskan Native Aleutian

Gender *

☒ Female

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

☒ 35-54

SAHM

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

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EDUCATION

1998 **B.A.** - Political Science/Business Administration, magna cum laude, Northern Arizona University (NAU) Flagstaff, AZ

ACTIVIITIES

2023 *town member*, Peoples Academy, Chapel Hill, NC
Present - 2021 *council member*, State (of NC) Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE), Raleigh, NC
2021 - 2019 *precinct delegate*, Precinct 140 Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, NC
2021 - 2016 *board member*, Metrolina Native American Association (MNAA), Charlotte, NC
2021 - 2015 *school volunteer*, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS), Charlotte, NC
2015 - 2010 *board member*, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, Chandler, AZ
2010 - 2009 *co-president*, MOMS Club Ocotillo South, Chandler, AZ
2009 - 2008 *administrative vice-president*, MOMS Club Ocotillo South, Chandler, AZ
2008 - 2007 *2's class room parent*, East Valley JCC, Chandler, AZ

EXPERIENCE

Present - 2006 ***Homemaker/Stay-at-home Mom***
2005 - 2002 ***Junior Decorator-Intern***, Locklear Interiors, Roswell, GA
Assisted owner in all custom design aspects: space planning, furniture, accessories, window treatments, lighting, kitchen & bath remodeling and home builder services
2002 - 1999 ***Analyst-Account Management Group***, BlackRock Inc., New York, NY
Compiled quarterly/annual reports for internal/external communication, wrote RFP's for new product placement and consolidated PowerPoint reports for client investment distribution
1999 - 1998 ***Investor Relations Account Executive***, RCG Capital Group, Scottsdale, AZ
Oversaw publicly traded companies investor relations, organized investor conference calls, broadcast media input and instituted corporate event planning/brand marketing
1997-1993 ***CE Intern***, State Farm Insurance, Tempe, AZ
Administrative assistant capacities within homeowners' underwriting, auto and fire insurance claims, Human Resources and Public Relations

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Question applies to Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

☒ Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

- ☒ Social Media
- ☒ Other (provide additional information below)

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Suggestion to join a local municipal board from a mentor.

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I have lived in Chapel Hill at two different times; Once as an undergraduate student between 2013 to 2017, and now as a transportation planning professional since June 2021. I bring multiple lived experiences, and want to make this town a better, more connected place to live, study, and play in. As a student living off campus for three years, I regularly relied on my bike to transport me to and from UNC-Chapel Hill's main campus. I'd also routinely use the bus system to get around campus and throughout various parts of town. Today, I regularly ride my bike from my home on Weaver Dairy Road to nearby shopping and services along East Franklin Street and Fordham Boulevard like Eastgate Crossing Village Plaza, Booker Creek Basin Park, Community Center Park, and the Chapel Hill Public Library. Professionally, I am currently a transportation planner for WSP USA, Inc, one of the world's biggest Civil Engineering, Planning, and Environmental Consulting Firms. I have worked with them throughout North Carolina, New York, New York, and Florida for over 5 years supporting municipality goals to improve their local transit, bicycle, and pedestrian, and trail networks. I aim to make the Triangle region a more mature transit, car-free environment. I don't expect Chapel Hill to become New York City, Washington DC, or Copenhagen, Denmark within the next 5 years, but I hope that most Chapel Hill citizens can have mobility choices in the near future, and are less dependent on single-occupancy vehicles. I still use the Chapel Hill Transit Bus System, and I consider myself an advocate of using public transportation. I also try to use the GoTriangle CRX to get to work most days I travel to Raleigh, but recent operator shortages have stymied that personal goal until the end of March 2023. My girlfriend, a medical student at UNC School of Medicine, regularly listens to me lecture her friends and other students to utilize existing bus services and explain how transit services in Chapel Hill can be improved. I thoroughly enjoy serving as an unofficial representative for Chapel Hill Transit and GoTriangle, explaining to everyone that their car trip can be replaced by a bus or bike ride.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

I have over five years of experience delivering planning and design projects for multiple municipalities in the Triangle and hope I can apply my professional knowledge, technical skills, and enthusiasm for transportation and mobility to the Town I currently live in. I have experience planning and designing multi-use paths, trails, bus stops, Bus-Rapid Transit corridors, equitable transit-oriented development, bus routes, and multi-modal transit hubs in North Carolina using products like ArcGIS, and AutoCAD, and I have been trained to lead public and stakeholder engagement, as well as developing cost estimates for capital projects. I am also plugged into the existing plans, designs, and construction of local major capital and operational projects currently undertaken by the Town of Chapel Hill and UNC-Chapel Hill. I regularly author, develop, and participate in similar projects throughout the Triangle. I also work to support local municipalities adopt plans, designs, locally preferred alternatives, and overall direction to improve transportation in their area. I hope I can bring lessons learned and best practices from other local communities that are delivering transportation improvement projects to this board. When I was at UNC-Chapel Hill for my undergraduate Environmental Science degree (UNC-Chapel Hill Class of 2017), I had the privilege of serving as Student Body Vice President in 2016-2017. One of my roles as Vice President was to serve as a student liaison to the Transportation and Parking Department. I sat on the University's Advisory Committee on Transportation and coordinated regularly with that department on initiatives and plans like Improving Safe Rides, P2P, and the student parking experience, as well as implementing the now-phased-out Tar Heel Bike share. I have lived experience how UNC-Chapel Hill's Transportation and Parking department functions, and some of the overarching mobility goals for students, faculty, and staff. I hope my experience and lessons learned serving as Student Body Vice President for UNC in 2016-2017, as well as being a planning professional with technical and soft knowledge of transportation and connectivity will make me an asset to an integral board for the Town of Chapel Hill.

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☒ 25-34

Transportation Planner

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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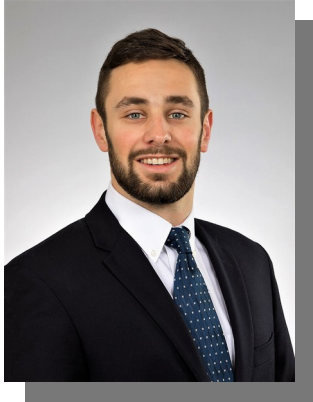
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SAMUEL GREEN

PLANNER



Years with WSP

5 years

Years total

6 years

CAREER SUMMARY

Sam's passion as a planner is focused around comprehensive, multi-modal transportation solutions. He studied environmental sciences and geography at UNC-Chapel Hill. As Student Body Vice-President, he had an opportunity to combine his executive responsibilities, political understanding, and academic training by leading an initiative to develop a more multi-modal transportation approach to student travel by expanding the reach of UNC's fleet of buses and campus shuttles, implementing creative parking solutions, initiating partnerships in transit network companies, and implementing a bike-share. At WSP, Sam has brought that experience and lessons learned to a wide range of transportation and land use projects in New York and North Carolina, including transit corridor improvement studies, bus rapid transit plans, transit-oriented development planning, station area planning, bus network redesigns, multi-modal center development, and first-mile/last-mile plans. Sam uses his facilitation skills to interact, engage, and educate the community in the planning process so the community can drive their mobility and land use solutions. He also has many opportunities to collaborate with and present to a broad array of clients and stakeholders with diverse professional and personal backgrounds.

Additionally, Sam is a skilled researcher and technical writer and has assumed increasingly responsible roles in authoring technical reports and environmental documents. He uses his proficiency at synthesizing his spatial research onto appealing projections using Adobe products for final reports, publications, and meeting materials.

EDUCATION

B.S., Environmental Sciences, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, 2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Planning Association
North Carolina Association of Environmental Professionals
American Council of Engineering Companies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Studies

- **City of Raleigh, Wake County Bus Rapid Transit 30% Design, NEPA, and TOD Planning, Raleigh, NC:** Sam is a part of a project team that will lay the groundwork to implement the first four bus-rapid-transit lines in Raleigh, North Carolina. Sam is responsible for developing Operations and Maintenance Plans that reviews existing transit routes, ridership, and associated operational cost differentials for operating BRT in Raleigh versus existing conditions. He translates data findings and works with a team to develop financial and economic development reports that have received a “Medium-High” rating or will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration’s Capital Investment Grant Small Starts programs as the project progresses. Sam is responsible for using GIS to develop analysis on alternatives based on land-use, environmental, demographic and ROW impacts. He uses those materials to work with project stakeholders to drive project buy-in and can guide the environmental impacts process. As part of the Equitable Development Around Transit Study (EDAT), Sam also developed a citywide growth analysis and policy guidebook that ensures that growth around transit is equitable and affordable for all city residents.

The findings of the guidebook come from his public engagement data and materials for transit-oriented development planning associated with the four BRT corridors in Wake County. Sam also generates meeting materials for stakeholder meetings, reports that were submitted to the FTA and Raleigh City Council, organizes corridor tours, and develops visually appealing print and video materials for project reports and facilitates community meetings and public engagement. Sam worked with the entire project team to author and illustrate a Quality Assurance and Control Plan, and style guide that ensures a high standard of work for all submissions, regardless of the author. He was also in charge of implementing an online project file sharing, document storage and organizational database that will be used over the projects seven-year lifespan.

- **Town of Cary, Cary Multi-Modal Center Feasibility Study**, Cary, NC: Sam was the Deputy Project Manager and planner responsible for researching and incorporating existing and future mobility options to be designed into a new multi-modal center in Cary, NC's downtown that will offer intercity passenger rail, commuter rail, BRT, local and regional bus service, active mobility services, transit-oriented development, and other civic amenities. Defined spatial, programming, and functional requirements of all forms of transportation to, from and around the proposed multi-modal center site including, micro-mobility, pedestrian and bicycle access, rideshare, car-share, vehicle parking, bus transit, bus rapid transit, commuter rail, and passenger regional rail. He determined Bus Rapid Transit routing between the proposed site and downtown Raleigh based on economic development potential, BRT operations, demographic data, physical and environmental constraints, and stakeholder input. Sam also developed a preliminary routing of BRT service into the town considering economic development, potential impacts to property, ROW, on-street parking, and driveway access. Developed site design criteria that incorporated all factors determining the best site, design, and functional appeal for the proposed multi-modal center, and completed a CE document as a part of the NEPA process. Developed and presented sizing needs, BRT routing, and site selection materials for the Town of Cary Department Directors Meetings. Authored a RAISE Grant for federal funding to assist in the planning and design for the multi-modal center.
- **City of Raleigh, Western Boulevard Corridor Study**, Raleigh, NC: Planner responsible for spatial analysis, mapping, and alternatives analysis of four corridor alternatives between Cary and Raleigh North Carolina. Provided analysis of existing transit, land use, demographic, and environmental conditions in the corridor to check that the locally preferred alternative would meet the project objectives and provide the best service. To build buy-in with stakeholders for two municipalities involved, as well as the North Carolina Department of Transportation, preliminary bus operations, property impacts, and ROW analysis was completed. Additionally, Sam worked with transit designers to identify potential areas that would require potential traffic flow reconfiguration or would be significant areas of development based on existing traffic, land use, and community conditions.

Transit Planning and Facilities

- **City of Durham, GoDurham Better Bus Project**, Durham, NC: Deputy Project Manager of a project that will provide quick-build, short- and long-

term designs as well as cost estimates for street, sidewalk, trail, and bus stop improvements. The goal of the project is to remove historic barriers to transit by providing safe access to bus stops, as well as designing strategies that improve bus speed and reliability for the most utilized GoDurham bus service areas. Improvements recommended in this project target services with the biggest delays, or corridors with the highest ridership to maximize the benefit-cost analysis and put improvements into the Durham communities that utilize transit the most. The project consists of six individual projects that identify GoDurham bus access and service improvements system wide. The tasks are:

- Two Transit Emphasis Corridors
- Improve Bus Speed and Reliability
- Access to Transit
- Durham Station Transit Emphasis Zone in Downtown Durham
- Village Transit Center Stop Improvements

Sam was responsible for leading the City of Durham to Identify alternative locations for a Village Transit Center Mobility Hub to improve the transit amenities and character at the most utilized stops in the GoDurham System other than Durham Station. Sam developed preliminary layouts of three transit hubs and compared the strengths and opportunities of all three alternatives against project goals and objectives.

He also oversees an engagement task that cross cuts all other tasks for the project and implemented a goal that utilizes engagement to show where improvements will be and how community engagement determined improvements. The engagement process was outlined by the City of Durham's new Equitable Community Engagement Blueprint that aimed project participation to with communities who historically had been marginalized during design and construction and be representative of the GoDurham ridership's demographic characteristics. He also works with the City of Durham on a Federal Grant Management and Application Strategy Program. This program can set the City of Durham and GoDurham up for continued advancement to deliver their transit promises to the community as part of the Better Bus Project by identifying existing and new Federal funding opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other FTA Grants. The program has already resulted in one federal funding grant for the city to construct improvements at Durham Station. The program has organized and aligned Durham's priority projects to be highly competitive for future federal grant opportunities.

- **GoCary Bus Operational and Maintenance Facility**, Town of Cary, North Carolina: Deputy Project Manager for the planning and design of the new multi-building and multi-story bus operations and maintenance facility to support anticipated fleet growth of the GoCary system over the next 40-years. Sam has organized stakeholder engagement, coordination with FTA, and prepared technical materials to advance the project towards final design and construction. Sam has worked with the project team to conduct a Safety and Security Assessment, incorporate sustainable design elements, LEED standards, and accounted for the GoCary fleet to convert to zero-emission vehicles during the lifespan of the facility.



- **NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division, Statewide Transit Technology RFP Assistance**, North Carolina: Planner supporting NCDOT IMD to develop an RFP that will allow the state to procure transit software for all North Carolina transit agencies. Sam organized a transit technology survey and three workshops and listening session with state agencies to determine the essential and preferred specifications to be included in the RFP for transit technology. The goal of this RFP is to advance North Carolina's transit service offerings, and to move transit in the State to Mobility as a Service, improving mobility opportunities to anyone needing transit for health, academic, professional, or personal reasons.
- **Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Utica Avenue Transit Improvements Study**, New York, NY: Planner responsible for developing series of screenings based on project goals and objectives for various subway, subway shuttle, LRT, and BRT investment packages to enhance the mobility along the Utica Avenue Corridor, one of the busiest SBS and local bus routes in Brooklyn, NY. Through this process, Sam used qualitative and quantitative reasoning based on transit operations, land use analysis, capital cost, community impacts, environmental impacts, construction methods, rail operating plans, and traffic impacts. He then defined, evaluated, and analyzed on those series of screenings with stakeholder presentations and project reports that drove the project forward ensuring that there will be a menu of transit improvements with multiple land use and development scenarios to enhance mobility of Utica Avenue in Brooklyn. He also led an effort to study potential environmental effects during construction and transit operations for all potential investment packages.
- **Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center Master Plan**, City of Dallas; Sam led the analysis and reporting of the existing conditions of the area and transportation network surrounding the Convention Center, Downtown, and Cedars Entertainment District. He authored a Transportation Existing Conditions report that described the existing Light Rail, Commuter Rail, Intercity Passenger Rail, bus network, and future High-Speed Rail network that will be present in the project area. Sam also coordinated his findings with the Area Plan team to ensure that Urban Design principles and project goals were consistent in the Master Plan document. Sam also worked with the project manager to ensure the project maintained its accelerated schedule that the client required.
- **Portal North Bridge & Hudson Tunnel Project Capital Investment Grant Program Submission**, NJ TRANSIT/Port Authority of New York & New Jersey/Gateway Development Commission; Planner responsible for gathering, reviewing, and synthesizing data and text for submittals to Federal Transit Administration under Section 5309 Capital Investment Grant Program. Sam edited an update of the Portal North Bridge Financial Plan and associated submittals for the 2020 Core Capacity Grant Program and worked with a team to collect and report updated data for operations and maintenance, capital costs, financial plans, ridership, and standard cost categories. Sam is coordinating an effort to update the Section 5309 Capital Investment Grant Program New Starts Submission for the Hudson Tunnel Project based on updated 2021 Financial and demographic data.
- **Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Queens Bus Network Redesign**,

New York, NY: Planner responsible for spatial analysis and graphics that effectively rework the entire proposed bus network in Queens, New York. Provided graphics that would be shown to the public of every proposed route in Queens, NY so feedback could be collected to ensure community buy-in.

- **Raleigh Union Station Bus Facility 30% Design**, Raleigh, NC: Sam was the planner responsible for developing planning materials and directing community and stakeholder engagement. He generated a facility needs assessment that will properly allocate space for all transit and non-transit-oriented space for a 40-story, mixed use building in Downtown Raleigh. He also facilitated a design workshop that determined a conceptual design that would be taken into 30% design. The structure of the bus facility will house retail, office, housing, and transit space, and will be a catalyst for further development in the city's warehouse district. Sam analyzed federal grants, stakeholder surveys, published plans, and existing and future ridership data for local and regional transit, commuter rail transit, intercity passenger rail, bus rapid transit, and bicycle shares to determine the spatial needs for all programming associated with the building.
- **First-Mile/ Last-Mile Solutions Study**, Research Triangle Park Foundation, NC: Sam was responsible for providing a menu of solutions to the Research Triangle Park Foundation and steering committee on how future employees within Research Triangle Park, a 55,000-tenant ranging over 7,000-acre network between Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh, NC, would move within, to, through and from and within the park. The study was unique because the solutions needed to be functional and appealing because the plan was coupled with future park land use developments and was going to be used as a marketing device to attract future companies to the area. The final plan documented and analyzed existing and future conditions of the park through field research, survey, and published plans, then identified potential mobility solutions that could promote alternative forms of transit in the park ranging from autonomous vehicles to electric scooters. The plan also included a phased, comprehensive, implementation strategy consistent with the needs of the client. Sam was responsible for identifying mobility options and implementation strategies as well as facilitating discussions with stakeholders to educate them about the study and seek feedback.
- **Late Night Transit Alternative Feasibility Study**, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC: Sam led an internal audit of the operating budget, utilization, perception, and status of all late-night transportation options available on UNC's campus, a campus of over 30,000 students. After the comprehensive review, it was determined that the existing mobility options available did not reflect the current safety and transportation needs of students, faculty, and staff. Sam identified and authored a new, comprehensive Late-Night Transit Plan that reflected best alternatives within the operating budget of the University's Five-Year Transportation Plan. The plan involved developing a strategy to supplement the effective bus operations with a Transit Network Coordinating service. He researched and refined the study and service areas in and around the university to provide the most cost effective, safe, timely, and reliable service considering significant stakeholder concern. In addition, Sam collaborated with university leadership to define an implementation strategy using available smartphone technology, bus

tracking, and ride-hailing services.

- **Transit Hub Feasibility Study**, UNC-Charlotte, NC: Sam worked with University of North Carolina-Charlotte’s leadership and transportation officials to identify a location for a central transit hub that could reduce congestion and foster a transit identity at UNC-Charlotte. He designed a conceptual facility to meet the future needs of the campus community based on stakeholder input, campus initiatives, and university growth plans. The study required a generation of a comprehensive siting criteria approach to determine the most strategic spot for the hub on campus, the space could incorporate and connect safe bus, pedestrian, bicycle, ride-share, and vehicle operations. He was responsible for previous studies research, spatial analysis, preliminary site selection, definition of the siting criteria, bus routing and operations, stakeholder meeting materials, environmental research, map generation, and conceptual design.
- **Bike-share Planning and Implementation**, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC: Sam was responsible for surveying, researching, and coordinating with the University’s Advisory Committee on Transportation to implement a sustainable bikeshare plan that was put in place the fall of 2017. The plan involved defining the purpose and need, identifying bicycle corridors on and around UNC-Chapel Hill’s campus, and phased implementation areas. In his role, he traveled to different departments and neighboring governing bodies to encourage regional buy-in to the bike-share program, selected a preferred vendor and sponsor through procurement procedures, and developed and coordinated a marketing campaign to ensure user buy-in and continued success.
- **Community Connectivity Plan**, Chatham County, NC: Data Analyst and mapper of demographic features, census statistics, transit demand and destination data, and community features for a report delivered to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). The recommendation of this plan was implemented by NCDOT in conjunction with Chatham County to connect the communities within and around the County with high-quality transportation services.
- **CATS LYNX System Update**, Charlotte, NC: Sam was responsible for producing and mapping corridor alternatives needed for reports, project management meetings, and public outreach. He assisted in facilitating public interactive sessions and translating traffic, population, employment data and citizen feedback into definitive, quantifiable data in two study corridors. Sam developed assessments of the various modal and alignment alternatives, using environmental, demographic and employment data to ultimately determine which alternatives were adopted as the locally preferred alternatives for two corridors. To ensure overall system connectivity, this study evaluated rail alignment, existing and future bus operations, and service integration through Center City Charlotte to determine how best to connect the future corridors and comprehensive transportation initiatives for Charlotte Area Transit System.
- **Compliance Review of Subrecipient**, North Carolina, NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division: Sam conducted compliance reviews on behalf of NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division to validate that sub recipients can manage the Federal Transit Administration funded programs were in accordance with the grant application, grant agreement and all applicable laws and

regulations using sound management practices. He performed desktop and on-site reviews to determine if sub-recipients of CARES, 5311, 5310, 5307, and 5339 administration and operating fund grants have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out the intended use of federal and/or state funds. He additionally provided solutions, suggested steps to resolutions, and best-practices to transit agencies across North Carolina so they can build and transit identity and best serve their transit-dependent populations.

Corridor Studies

- **U²C Transit Oriented Development Pilot**, Jacksonville Transit Authority, Florida: Sam authored an Existing Conditions Report for the six U2C Autonomous Circulator corridors. The report used socioeconomic and real estate data, existing zoning plans, and City, Neighborhood and Community plans to generate a narrative for all six corridors, and the 21 proposed stations areas and their neighborhood character. In this report, he also identified soft sites and underutilized parcels that could become areas of catalytic
- TOD areas to support the new or enhanced transit system. Sam also led an effort to document the primary and secondary station typologies for the U2C, and the developable scale and land uses that will generally be found in those station areas.
- **First Coast Commuter Rail Study**, Jacksonville Transit Authority, Florida: Sam authored a Station Area Existing Conditions and TOD Opportunities Report for 14 potential Commuter Rail Stations between Downtown Jacksonville and St. Augustine Florida. The report focused on market analysis and taxable parcel values, existing and future land uses, soft site identification, existing transit and micro-mobility identity, station area and neighborhood character, zoning, and previous plans. Findings were used to develop a TOD readiness value, as well as a TOD opportunities and barriers report. Sam also completed a report to document the primary and secondary station typologies for the First Coast Commuter Rail, and associated station areas with typologies.
- **US 15-501 Corridor Study**, Durham, NC: Sam was responsible for developing a community profile that synthesized the existing population characteristics, pedestrian and bicycle environment, and transportation identity of a major road corridor between Durham and Chapel Hill, North Carolina that will transform into a major transit corridor. He developed fresh public outreach techniques with traditional methods to capture a broad network of residents and businesses within the corridor, and travelers utilizing the corridor. He authored a community profile report with figures designed in ArcGIS and Adobe Illustrator to give better understanding to the project stakeholders of the background and the existing and proposed features and conditions along the corridor. The report characterized how improved bus transit, implementation of light rail transit, increased pedestrians, and bicycle facilities, and how vehicle traffic would function harmoniously and change the profile of the corridor over time.
- **Avent Ferry Corridor Transit Study**, Raleigh, NC: Sam reviewed and synthesized ridership data for all of NC State University's Wolfline and

GoRaleigh routes in the corridor to determine the most utilized and underutilized routes and stops. Sam also worked with commercial architects to develop a comprehensive land use plan that improves livability in the Avent Ferry Corridor near NC State's campus, as well as improves alternative mobility options for corridor users.

- **Ridge Road Extension Project**, CRTPO, Charlotte, NC: Sam was responsible for mapping all environmental, roadway, and transportation characteristics surrounding the study area of a project that will extend Ridge Road from Benfield Road to Eastfield Road intended to improve community connectivity in Charlotte, NC. He studied previous research, community plans, urban design and land use plans in the area and authored an Urban Design Transportation Memo that will be used to screen the potential alternatives. Organized comments and feedback from public comment and meetings. The project developed a conceptual, complete-street roadway plans, intersection improvement plans, and conceptual traffic control plans for the preferred alternative.

NEPA Projects

- **Bay Park Conveyance Project**, Nassau County Department of Public Works, New York; Sam coordinates the documentation, reporting, mapping, and organization of all easements that will be required of connecting a force main that would link two sewage treatment plants in Nassau County, New York as a part of the Western Bays Resiliency Initiative. Sam has attended and facilitated public hearings, was embedded at the Department of Public Works Office to assist in any planning or easement related-project needed, participated as an easement expert to potential design-build teams, authored and submitted Reports of Physical Inspection of Real Property to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. He led an effort to identify and document impacts and mitigation techniques to public properties so Nassau County could provide appropriate outreach to all municipalities affected. Sam has coordinated with surveyors to and engineers to generate easement acquisition maps of over 50 public and private properties. He also completed the necessary documentation with the New York State Parks, Recreation, New York State Department of Transportation, and Historic Preservation to request temporary and permanent easements over State Parklands.
- **Mid Currituck Bridge Project**, NCDOT: Sam completed noise and traffic fieldwork and analysis along the proposed seven-mile bridge alignment across the Currituck Sound at potentially sensitive locations. He also worked with a team to document and report on environmental findings and analysis on the bridge design's required environmental documentation and permitting.
- **Express Design Preparation Project Scoping Reports**, NCDOT, Feasibility Studies Unit: Sam was the planner responsible for finding and reporting all environmental, social, historical, transportation and geographical data and information for potential roadway improvement projects in North Carolina. He generated NEPA CE Checklists and authored Project Scoping Reports that synthesized the potential impacts to proposed roadway and ferry projects. Additionally, he developed comprehensive maps on Adobe Illustrator displaying the findings of the studies and showing their potential effects.

US 52 Corridor from Salisbury to Misenheimer

US 421 from Erwin to I-95

I-277 Improvements

NC 12 Ocracoke Island Hotspot Analysis

I-77 and I-85 Interchange Improvements

- **Minimum Criteria Bridge Documents**, NCDOT, Bridge Unit: Sam was charge of completing environmental documents, meeting materials, and designed figures that described the potential social, geographical, and environmental constraints and improvements of potential bridge replacement projects in the western region of North Carolina.

B-5871

B-5876

B-5883

B-5891

B-5895

- **State Transportation Improvement Program Design Projects**, NCDOT, Project Management Unit: Sam was responsible for preparing all mapping materials for the project, conducted site visits, coordinated local official coordination, attended public meetings, and completed a Community Impact Assessment for the projects. He generated internal and external scoping materials, project information sheets, and public involvement materials, as well as coordination with state environmental officials to mitigate environmental impacts.

Interchange Construction on I-77 in Iredell County, I-5962

Interstate Widening on I-40 in Catawba County, I-5991

Widening with a multi-use path on NC 122 in Edgecombe County, U-4424

- **NCDOT Project ATLAS**, NCDOT: Sam led a group of 15 employees that successfully researched, documented, and described all ongoing, completed, or approved planning reports and ordinances for 62 counties, rural and metropolitan planning organizations in North Carolina. Because of Sam's leadership, the work was completed in 4 weeks. As a result of the success of the first initiative, Sam led a second initiative to provide quality control and quality assurance for Project ATLAS's reporting of all North Carolina public schools, and over 600 plans in 30 databases that were prepared by other consultants. Sam was also selected to attend a training for the database that taught him how to effectively teach others to use Project ATLAS and was responsible for teaching the application to all WSP employees working on NCDOT projects.

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

☒ 4-9 years

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board: Eligible

Question applies to Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

☒ Bicycle Advocate and Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

☒ Internet

☒ Social Media

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I am a current graduate student at UNC Chapel Hill, and I am well versed in the state of our bike infrastructure, greenways, and public transportation network. About 90% of my transportation around town, including commuting to campus, is done by bike, bus or walking, and I am able to speak to issues regarding safety and equity for community members who choose to get around town in these ways. My impression is that perspectives from students and multi-modal commuters are underrepresented in our local government, so I hope I'll be able to offer a useful and new perspective on these issues.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

I'm a current graduate student in computer science at UNC Chapel Hill. I graduated with my BS from UNC in 2021, and am currently working towards my PhD. I have no experience in civics or local politics, but it's something that I've recently become very interested in and I'm excited to help and offer my perspective to the town.

You may upload a supporting document (e.g., CV or resume). **Please be advised that any information submitted becomes a public record and may be searchable online.**

Demographics

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Ethnicity *

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

☒ Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

☒ 18-24

Graduate Student

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Greater than 10 years

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Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board: Eligible

Question applies to Board of Adjustment

Select a Seat Category for Board of Adjustment *

☒ Orange County-Extra Territorial Jurisdiction Resident (ETJ)

Question applies to Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

☒ Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

☒ Email

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

☒ Non-Chapel Hill Board Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I am an avid bicyclist, I also drive around Chapel Hill, and I also take the bus. I have lived in Chapel Hill since 1972.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

I am an avid bicyclist, I also drive around Chapel Hill, and I also take the bus. So I am very familiar with transportation issues in Chapel Hill.

Question applies to Board of Adjustment

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning or related fields? If yes, please explain.

Although I am not an attorney, I have some familiarity with the legal process.

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Gender *

☒ Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

☒ over 55

retired

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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What district do you live in? *

☒ Carrboro Town limits (Light Pink)

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

None Selected

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Question applies to Housing Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Housing Advisory Board *

☒ Homeowner or Tenant

Question applies to Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

☒ UNC Chapel Hill Student

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Housing Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

☒ Other (provide additional information below)

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Was told about it by Theodore Nollert at UNC

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

student, advocate, person of color, tenant and resident of Carrborro

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

See resume for more details, multiple years of advocacy work, an interest in public transit and urban design policy. Relevant experience researching and writing about similar policy issues for the Daily Tar Heel.

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☒ Asian or Pacific Islander

Gender *

☒ Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

☒ 18-24

Student

Occupation

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Summary

Hard worker with in-depth communication and team management skills. Samad led large people-powered lobbying campaigns and non-profits with tight budget restrictions. Samad has strong research, public speaking and planning skills.

Skills

Public Speaking | Microsoft Suites | Google Suites | Research and Persuasive Writing

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, NC | *Public Policy & Philosophy, Data Science Minor* 2025

Experience

Politics & Communications Intern | America Votes | *Remote* August 2022-December 2022

- Drafted and managed social media accounts
- Assisted with compiling and distributing relevant daily news clips
- Completed various data collection and management for partners organizations
- Worked on fundraising and call time notes for senior leadership

Election Assistant | *New Georgia Project* | *Remote* January 2022-Present

- Tracked and contacted high priority candidates for endorsement interviews
- Conducted research and drafted social media content
- Tracked priority legislation through GA state legislature
- Tracked and followed up on voting issues during 2022 primary

Columnist | *The Daily Tarheel* | *Chapel Hill, NC* January 2022-Present

- Writes and edits opinion pieces on politics, policy and environmental issues relevant to the UNC Student Body

Intern | *Hongbin Gu For Mayor* | *Chapel Hill, NC* September 2021– November 2021

- Conducted high visibility canvassing on UNC Chapel Hill Campus
- Committed dozens of students to voting in 2021 mayoral election
- Lead poll greeting operations on election day

Fellow | Parr Center for Ethics | *Chapel Hill, NC* September 2021 – Present

- Collaborated with a team to plan, write and record episodes of the Podcast Chapel Phil

Summer Intern | America Votes Georgia | *Remote* June 2021-August 2021

- Assisted with voter data analysis of 2020 and 2021 election trends in Georgia
- Worked with programs such as VAN and Microsoft XL to clarify trends among AAPI voters in GA

Region Outreach Director | Youth Against Sexual Violence | *Remote* June 2020-Present

- Developed and lead state chapter program

- Oversaw the recruitment of 20 Chapter Presidents and 400+ chapter members across the US and Bangladesh
- Developed and streamlined progress reporting logistics for national team members
- Coordinated with the marketing department to develop coordinated social media outreach
- Recruited and onboarded executive team to assist state chapters in local initiatives
- Successfully led lobbying efforts to write, propose and pass Washington State House Bill 1109
- Led fundraising efforts in NC, VA, and NV that have raised thousands worth of critical resources for local women's shelters
- Coordinated with partner organization One Love to create consent education workshops, reaching hundreds across the US
- Lead ongoing lobbying efforts in MN, NC, NV, and NY
- Crafted organization-wide policy as a board of directors member

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Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

☒ Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

☒ Advisory Board or Council member

☒ Social Media

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Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

Hi, my name is John Rees. And I believe I could contribute to the transportation board based on my previous experience of serving on the Chapel Hill Planning Commission. I served from 2016 until mid 2023 and this has made me very familiar with the town's development review process. As a past liaison to the transportation board, I am already familiar with the board's operation. I also serve on the vision zero task force and have always had a focus on transportation and especially transportation safety for people not in cars. I do realize that personal vehicles are the dominant mode of transportation, and can keep this fact in mind when working with the board. However, I am focused on bike walking and transit. I have provided assistance to the town on the greenways by helping collect counts on the towns greenway system as well and helping perform traffic counts for various projects. As an advisory board veteran, I can share my experiences to help the T board grow and continue to be effective. I have also served on the board and been president of the Carolina Tarwheels Bicycle Club as well as the Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

I am a recent member and also past chair of the Planning Commission, and have acquired several years of experience. I have attended several workshops and talks held by the UNC department of regional planning. I attended a week long Tactical Urbanism workshop. I have also presented, representing the town, on two occasions at the MPO Triangle Bicycle and Pedestrian workshop. I have read books by several celebrated planners, such as "Walkable City" by Jeff Speck, "Happy City" by Charles Montgomery, "Urban Code", by Anne Mikoleit and Moritz Purckhaur, "Dream Cities" by Wade Graham, "City of Light – the Making of Modern Paris" by Rupert Christensen. I have attended the BikeWalk NC conferences on several occasions and have also participated with the Bike Walk NC organization

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Computer Architect

Occupation

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Are you a consumer of the EZ Rider service?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to EZ Rider Advisory Committee

Where do you work or study? *

- ☒ Chapel Hill
- ☒ None of these apply

Question applies to Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board *

- ☒ Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

- ☒ Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board
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How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

- ☒ Email

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Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I am visually impaired (progressive retinal disease) and have not driven for 20 years. I have been using Chapel Hill transit and GoTriangle in order to get to work (until recently). I am also a user of the EZ Rider paratransit system for the last 10 years or so as well as the GoTriangle Access system. I continue to use the fixed route buses when it is convenient (I live in Meadownmont). I have served on the Town's EZ Rider Advisory Committee (EZRAC) since 2018 and was its chair for about 2 years. I am also the EZRAC representative to the NSBRT advisory committee. Based on these experiences I believe I can be a strong advocate for the disability community (those with vision, mobility, and/or cognitive challenges).

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I have been an advocate for ways to help those with a visual impairment for many years, including testing and publicizing the North Carolina online accessible absentee ballot voting system available to that community. Recently I have been pursuing getting crosswalks that have regular crossing signals upgraded to accessible pedestrian signal (APS) systems. I have 50 years of experience in technology so have a keen interest in emerging technologies that will help the visually impaired. (Actually, it is often the case that providing such technology improves things for all.) Finally, I am a member of several area blind/low vision groups and so have a large community of people to draw on for input on issues related to transportation.

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