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***Primary Contact Information***

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***Recent Professional Experience***

**Eno Center for Transportation**, Washington, DC

President/CEO**,** 2016-present

**Brookings Institution, Metropolitan Policy Program**, Washington, DC

Non-Resident Senior Fellow, 2016-present

Director, Metropolitan Infrastructure Initiative and Senior Fellow, 2008-2016

Fellow, 2004-2008

Senior Research Manager, 2000-2004

**Intelligent Transportation Society of America, Washington, DC**

Director, Infrastructure Programs, 1998-2000

Senior Planner, 1996-1998

***Education***

M.A., University of Virginia, Urban Planning, 1998 ● B.S., Old Dominion University, Political Science, 1990

***Select Professional Activities***

* Advisory Board, Innovative Infrastructure Initiative, March 2021-present
* Advisory Council, Northwestern University Transportation Center, 2018-present
* Advisory Board, International Association of Transportation Regulators, 2018-present
* Board of Directors, Jobs to Move America, 2017-present
* Board of Directors, United for Infrastructure, 2017-present
* Advisory Board, Los Angeles Metro Office of Extraordinary Innovation, 2017-present
* Board of Directors, Shared Use Mobility Center, 2016-present
* Appointed Member, Federal Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity, 2016-2017
* Advisory Board, Brookings Institution Moving to Access Initiative, 2016-2017
* Advisory Board, UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies, 2016-present
* Advisory Board, Young Professionals in Transportation, 2016-present
* Voting Jury Member, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Design + Deliverability Competition, 2016
* Advisory Board, National Conference of State Legislatures on Transit Funding, 2014
* Appointed Member, New York MTA Transportation Reinvention Commission, 2014
* Advisory Board, West Coast Infrastructure Exchange, 2013-2017
* Appointed Member, New York State 2100 Infrastructure Commission, 2012-2014
* Advisory Committee, National Building Museum Intelligent Cities, 2010-2013
* Advisory Board, Congressional Livable Communities Task Force, 2010-2012
* Editorial Board, *Housing Policy Debate*, 2007-2011, *Urban Affairs Review*, 2010-2016
* Instructor, Rutgers University, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, 2007-2008
* Adjunct Assistant Professor, Georgetown University, Public Policy Institute, 2007-2008
* Advisory Board, Transportation and Civil Rights, Harvard Civil Rights Project, 2003-2007

***Select Local Activities***

* Chair, Executive Steering Committee, Washington Regional Bus Study Project, 2018-2020
* Planning Commissioner, City of Falls Church, Virginia, 2018-present
* Champions Council, Coalition for Smart Growth, 2018-present
* Appointed Member, District of Columbia Infrastructure Finance Task Force, 2015-2016
* Appointed Member, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Technical Advisory Committee, 2008-2013
* Advisory Council, Tysons Tomorrow, 2008-2012
* Planning Commissioner, City of Falls Church, Virginia, 2004-2008
* Appointed Member, Panel on Alternate Dedicated Revenue Sources for Washington's Metro, 2004-2005
* Advisory Board, University of Virginia School of Architecture, 2002-2008

***Select Congressional/Legislative Testimony (since 2007)***

* "Public/Private Partnerships: 101," Joint Briefing: Maryland House Transportation and the Environment Subcommittee & Senate Public Safety, Transportation, and Environment Subcommittee, June 2021.
* "Rebuilding and Reinvesting in Infrastructure in an Age of Fiscal Constraint," U.S. Congress, Joint Economic Committee, July 2013.
* "Strengthening the Federal/State Partnership on Passenger Rail," U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 2013.
* "Transformative Infrastructure to Boost Exports and Manufacturing," U.S. Congress, Joint Economic Committee, November 2011.
* "Creating Infrastructure Banks," U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, May 2010.
* "Supporting Integrated Planning and Decision Making by Joining Up Housing and Transportation," U.S. House of Representatives, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, March 2009.
* "Creating Livable Communities: Housing and Transit Policy in the 21st Century," U.S. Senate," Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, September 2008.
* "Options for Metropolitan Transit Funding," New York State Commission on Metropolitan Transportation Authority Financing, September 2008.
* "Strengthening the Ability of Public Transportation to Reduce Our Dependence on Foreign Oil," U.S. Senate, Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, September 2008.
* "Beginning Again: A Metropolitan Transportation Vision for the 21st Century," U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 2008.
* "Key Policy Considerations for Surface Transportation Investment Needs," U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Budget, October 2007.

***Select Policy Studies and Publications (since 2009)***

* "Austin's Project Connect: Independent Review of Governance and Leadership," with P. Lewis and R. Aevax, Eno, March 2022.
* "Saving Time and Making Cents: A Blueprint for Building Transit Better," with Romic Aevaz and others, Eno, July 2021.
* "Congestion Pricing in the United States: Principles for Developing a Viable Program to Advance Sustainability and Equity Goals," with B. Eby and M. Roskowski, Eno, May 2020.
* "Transportation Workforce Planning and Development Strategies," with A. Grossman and B. Eby, Transportation Research Board, November 2019.
* "A Fast-Moving Mobility Landscape," Eno, February 2019.
* "Transportation at the Ballot Box 2018," Eno, November 2018.
* "The Implications of the Federal Ban on Chinese Railcars," with J. Davis, Eno, September 2018.
* "Deal or No Deal: Prospects for Airport Privatization," with P. Lewis, Eno, August 2018.
* "Taxing New Mobility Services: What's Right? What's Next?" with SJ Kim, Eno, July 2018.
* "Time for Reform – Delivering Modern Air Traffic Control," with R. Neiva, Eno, February 2017.
* "What the Candidates Need to Know about Infrastructure," with W. Galston, Brookings, November 2016.
* "Improving America's Procurement System," with P. Sabol, Brookings, September 2015.
* "Global Goods Trade and Metropolitan Economies," with A. Tomer, Brookings, June 2015.
* "Expanding Opportunity Through Infrastructure Jobs," with J. Kane, Brookings, May 2015.
* "Building Better Infrastructure Better Bonds,” with P. Sabol, Brookings, April 2015.
* "Driving in the 21st Century: Current Trends and Future Needs," with A. Tomer, Brookings, April 2015.
* "Private Capital Public Good: Drivers of Successful Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships," with P. Sabol, Brookings, December 2014.
* "The Way Forward: A New Vision for America’s Infrastructure," with B. Katz, Brookings, May 2014.
* "Beyond Shovel-Ready: The Extent of U.S. Infrastructure Jobs," with J. Kane, Brookings, May 2014.
* "Getting Smarter About Smart Cities," with A. Tomer, Brookings, April 2014.
* "Metro Freight: The Global Goods Trade that Moves Economies," with A. Tomer, Brookings, October 2013.
* "Revive Build America Bonds to Support State and Local Investments," with P. Sabol, Brookings, September 2013.
* "A New Alignment: Strengthening America's Commitment to Passenger Rail," with A. Tomer and J. Kane, Brookings, March 2013.
* "Have Americans Hit Peak Travel? A Discussion of the Changes in US Driving Habits," Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Conference, Paris, November 2012.
* "Establish a National PPP Unit to Support Bottom-Up Infrastructure Investment," Brookings, November 2012.
* "Cut to Invest: Exempt Private Activity Bonds (PABs) from the Alternative Minimum Tax," with J. Kane, Brookings, November 2012.
* "Global Gateways: International Aviation in Metro America," with A.Tomer, Brookings, October 2012.
* "Banking on Infrastructure: Enhancing State Revolving Funds for Transportation," September 2012.
* "The Role of Freight and Logistics in Miami's Economic Future," with A. Tomer, Brookings, June 2012.
* "U.S. and International Experience with PPP Units," with E. Istrate, Brookings, December 2011.
* "Missed Opportunity: Transit and Jobs in Metropolitan America," with A. Tomer and others, Brookings, May 2011.

*Articles, Chapters, and Books*

* "Airport Privatization," in Handbook on Public Private Partnerships in Transportation, S. Simon and R. Clark, eds. Springer, 2022.
* "Mobility Innovations," in The Future of Public Transportation, P. Comfort, ed. Comfort Consulting Worldwide, March 2020.
* "Time for Rebuilding America's Infrastructure," *Milken Institute Review*, January 2018.
* "Infrastructure Issues and Options for the Trump Administration," with W. Galston in Brookings Big Ideas for America, M. O'Hanlon, ed. Brookings, January 2017.
* "Governance in the United States and the Metropolitan Priority: Lessons from Transportation," in *Governing Territories: Antagonisms and Partnerships Between Public Actors*, G. Bettoni, ed. Paris: Institute for Public Management and Economic Development, 2011.
* "Land-Use Regulations as Territorial Governance in U.S. Metropolitan Areas," with R. Pendall in *Journal of the Association of Spanish Geographers*, Vol. 26, No. 1: 2008.
* "Comment on Bruce Seely's 'The Secret is the System'" *The Wilson Quarterly*, Summer, 2008.
* "MPOs in the Post-ISTEA Era: What Went Wrong?" with J. Wolf and others in The Future of Urban Transportation II, Eno Transportation Foundation, 2008.
* "Caution: Challenges Ahead, A Review of New Urban Demographics and Impacts on Transportation," in The Future of Urban Transportation, Eno Transportation Foundation, 2006.
* "Comment on 'Can State Review of Local Planning Increase Housing Production?' *Housing Policy Debate*, Vol. 16, No. 2: 2005.
* Taking the High Road: A Metropolitan Agenda for Transportation Reform, ed. with B. Katz, Brookings Institution Press, August 2005.

*Op-Eds and Commentary (since 2010):*

* "The Urgent Need to Fix American Suburbs," Brookings, January 2022.
* “To Fix Baltimore, Local Funding, Oversight Needed," with B. O'Malley, *Baltimore Sun,* November 2020.
* "The CDC's Wrong-Way Approach to Contact Tracing," with P.Lewis, *The Hill,* June 2020.
* "The Bus is Key to Fixing our Transportation Woes," *Washington Post*, September 2019.
* "The Shutdown’s Effect on Air Traffic Control — and How to End it," *The Hill*, January 2019.
* "Virginia Took a Bold Step in Tolling I-66. And it’s Likely to Pay Off, " *Washington Post*, December 2017.
* "How to Improve School Bus Transportation of Students," *USA Today*, August 2017.
* "Ghosts of Transit Past: What Can We Do About Declining Transit Ridership?" *USA Today*, May 2017.
* "American Transportation Needs an Intervention," *USA Today*, April 2017.
* "Aviation Needs a Makeover," *USA Today*, January 2017.
* "The Road to Safe Streets and Zero Traffic Fatalities," *USA Today*, December 2016.
* "Transportation Is a Big Deal at the Ballot Box This November," *USA Today*, September 2016.
* "Trump and Clinton Have Good Reason to Talk About Infrastructure Jobs," *USA Today*, August 2016.
* "Freight, Cities and Opportunity," with A. Tomer, *Politico*, July 2015.
* "High Costs of Underfunding Rail and Other Needs," *Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 2015.
* "Raising the Gas Tax Isn’t About Politics, It’s About Economics," with A. Tomer, *The Hill*, January 2015.
* "A Can-Do Decision for Maryland’s Governor-Elect," with S. Apgar, *Washington Post*, December 2014.
* "The Indiana Toll Road: How Did a Good Deal Go Bad?" with P. Sabol, *Forbes*, October 2014.
* "To Fix Infrastructure, Washington Needs to Get Out of the Way," with B. Katz, *Forbes*, May 2014.
* "Federal Aviation Policy Must be Reformed, Updated," with A. Tomer, *The Hill*, October 31, 2012.
* "The Future of Redevelopment Financing in the US: China?" *Atlantic Cities*, July 18, 2012.
* "Move It: How the U.S. Can Improve Transportation Policy," *Wall Street Journal*, May 23, 2011.

*Interviews:*

Print:

Most major U.S. newspapers including: *Baltimore Sun, Boston Globe, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, USA Today, Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post*. Numerous trade/specialty journals.

Radio:

Numerous including: Marketplace Morning Report, Marketplace Money, On Point with Tom Ashbrook, The Takeaway, The Diane Rehm Show, The Kojo Nnamdi Show, Federal News Radio, NPR News & Notes, Smart City Radio, German Public Radio. Many local outlets.

Television:

ABC News Primetime, NBC Nightly News and News Channel, CNN Newsource and Paula Zahn NOW, C-SPAN/Washington Journal, PBS Nightly Business Report, Dow Jones Investment Banker, Bloomberg News, Reuters TV, NewsChannel 8 NewsTalk, the Weather Channel Your Weather Today.

Podcasts:

The Augmented City, Connecting the Agenda, Hear Say, The Break Down, Water Loop, Transit Unplugged, New Start New Jersey, The Infrastructure Week Podcast.