

Alumni Career Panel: Transportation Policy and Planning

Panelist Bios

Danny Yoder (MCRP 2015) is a Senior Project Manager in the Transit Development group at the New York City Department of Transportation. His primary focus is on developing and advancing transit policies that improve the usefulness of NYC's transit system for city residents. Prior to his current role, Danny worked in NYCDOT's Special Projects group managing policy and planning studies. Danny earned a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from the Bloustein School in 2015.

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Heather Martin (MCRP 2013), AICP, is a Transportation Planner with experience in transit, pedestrian, bicycle, and general urban planning. Heather currently works for WSP, where she has supported a variety of clients, including the Maryland Transit Administration, SEPTA, Amtrak, City of Philadelphia Streets Department, and Baltimore City Department of Transportation. Prior to joining the private sector, Heather worked for the Baltimore City Department of Planning as a community planner and studied the impacts of the New Brunswick Ciclovía at the Voorhees Transportation Center. While at Bloustein, Heather was awarded an Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship and UTRC Graduate Research Scholarship for her research on pedestrian conflicts, completed an internship with the NYC Department of Transportation, and served as the RAPPs Secretary. She is a founding board member of LGBT Professionals in Transportation and recently served as Vice Chair for Administration for the Baltimore Chapter of Young Professionals in Transportation. Heather received her B.A. in English from New York University and grew up in Santa Barbara, CA. She loves maps and moveable street furniture.

Garrett Hincken (MCRP 2011), AICP, is the Director of Research and Transportation Policy of Philadelphia's Center City District (CCD). The CCD is a Business Improvement District which supplements municipal services and planning for the central business district of Philadelphia. CCD also produces a number of reports to inform the public, private industry, and policy makers on topics like economic development, transportation, housing, real estate, and tax policy. Garrett also manages the Central Philadelphia Transportation Management Association (CPTMA), and CCD's pedestrian counting program. He sat on the Data and Evaluation subcommittee for the City of Philadelphia's Vision Zero Action Plan and is currently on the Data and Prioritization for the City's forthcoming Connect Garrett holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Temple University (2003), and a Master of City and Regional Planning from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (2011).