
RYAN THOMPTO

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POLICY ANALYST AND REGIONAL PLANNER

Knowledgeable, innovative, and detail-oriented Policy Analyst and Regional Planner with experience in evaluating existing and future environmental, social, land use, and multimodal transportation needs as part of a continuing, coordinated, and comprehensive planning and policy development program.

Areas of expertise include:

- Regional transportation planning process
- Transportation funding and regulations
- Contract management
- Meeting facilitation
- Transportation policy
- Regional transportation improvement program (TIP)
- Written and oral communication
- Data collection and analysis
- Transportation equity
- Leadership and team building
- Policy development
- Grant writing and scoring
- Time management
- Project and program management
- Procurement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SENIOR POLICY ANALYST

JUNE 2020 – PRESENT

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), Chicago, IL

Perform professional and technical work leading, researching, analyzing, and writing policy analysis in CMAP's Plan Implementation and Legislative Affairs division. Manage multiple projects to further the implementation of ON TO 2050, CMAP's regional plan. Participate on project teams that require conducting analyses, investigations, preparing recommendations, reports, and data visualizations. Design empirical research processes, data collection, data quality assurance, and data contextualization through analysis, data visualization, and written plan content. Guide projects through preparation for external consideration with Government Affairs and Communications to promote policies and projects to broader audiences. Lead outreach for policy analysis projects, including strategy development, meeting facilitation, and planning. Serve as staff liaison to CMAP's Freight Working Group. Serve on external committees, task forces, and other bodies where CMAP representation is needed.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION ANALYST

JUNE 2018 – JUNE 2020

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), Seattle, WA

Provided leadership and support to the Transportation Planning Division, with a particular focus on the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the delivery of transportation investments funded by PSRC's Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration funds. Reviewed and analyzed detailed project information, including current funding, project scopes and schedules. Ensured the accuracy and compliance of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Identified and resolved issues for transportation projects. Data collection, analysis, and policy development. Implemented programs based on federal transportation requirements and regional policy.

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RESEARCH ANALYST

NOVEMBER 2017 – MAY 2018

Center for Community and Economic Development, Madison, WI

In a part-time role, assisted the Community Business Development Specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Extension's Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED). Performed data analyses, conducted survey research, wrote reports, updated sections of the CCED website and assisted with other research related activities focused on downtown and business district economic development.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNER AND PROJECT DELIVERY SPECIALIST

MAY 2015 – JULY 2016

Amador County Transportation Commission, Sutter Creek, CA

Promoted to Transportation Planner and became responsible for development and maintenance of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as well as implementation of the RTP including regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Overall Work Program. Worked directly with the ACTC Board of Directors, city and county governments, other local agencies, the public, Caltrans, and the California Transportation Commission.

LOCAL PROJECT DELIVERY SPECIALIST

MAY 2013 – APRIL 2015

Amador County Transportation Commission, Sutter Creek, CA

Monitored and assisted in the delivery of regional transportation projects through various phases including community acceptance, alternatives analysis, environmental clearance, plans and specifications, right of way acquisition, bidding, construction, and construction closeout. Served as the region's American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Liaison Officer.

EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

Master of Science in Urban & Regional Planning, May 2018

Awarded Community of Graduate Research Scholars (CGRS) Fellowship

Awarded the Jessica L. Bullen Community Service Award

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison, WI

Bachelor of Arts in Geography, May 2012

Minor in Political Science

Elected Senate Executive of University of Iowa Student Government

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Technical Skills

- PC/Mac with software: Microsoft Office Suite (including Access); Internet; ArcGIS; Business Analyst; Tableau; Census Data; SPSS; StreetSaver; Adobe Illustrator, InDesign and Contribute; Qualtrics; Google Professional Applications Suite; Google Earth; Polycom; Skype; QuickBooks; Zoom
- Strong writing and editing skills; grant research and proposal writing; digital photography and layout