

RTAC Vice Chair Candidate Statement

Monica G. Tibbits, AICP, LEED AP BD+C

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I am a certified planner and sustainability professional working in regional planning and transportation. My work experience has included public sector transit planning at the MBTA Advisory Board, as well as serving as Executive Director of *TransitWorks*. I have also worked in regional planning and development for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), the City of Columbus Planning and Development office, and the Greater Linden Development Corporation. I received a Masters of City and Regional Planning from the Ohio State University in Columbus and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Sociology from the University of Southern Indiana. I am an active member of the research community, and have been a featured speaker at *Next Stop: A National Summit on the Future of Transit*, the New England Sociological Association Conference, the Association for Commuter Transportation International Conference, and the Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creativity Symposium. In both my work and my research, I am most interested in developing region-specific strategies that integrate sustainable practices into transportation. Working toward this goal, my current work seeks to improve and promote sustainable transportation practices throughout the suburban and metropolitan region. In addition, I am an active member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a LEED Accredited Professional with the US Green Building Council.

I have dedicated my entire professional career to transportation, and am enthusiastic for the opportunity to serve the transportation community in this new forum. Over the last year, I have acted as Chair for the TIP committee and become more involved within the group as a whole. While I already have to offer a significant degree of experience with and understanding of the issues important to RTAC, I would hope to continue deepening that understanding as the Vice Chair of the Regional Transportation Council.

Education

MCRP in Community and Regional Planning The Ohio State University

BS in Political Science and Sociology University of Southern Indiana

Accreditations

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP BD+C)

Leadership skills

Member of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

Chair of the Transportation Improvement Plan Committee for the Regional Transportation Advisory Council.

Trustee for the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation.

Publications ~ Research Activities ~ Conference Presentations

Urbanization in the United States. The Thirties in America.

Ed. Tandy Lewis, Thomas. Hackensack: Salem Press, 2011. 997-99, September 2010.

The Amplification of Clarity: Benefits and Consequences of PowerPoint in the Classroom

New England Sociological Association Conference, November 2008.

Best Ideas Part II: Beyond the TDM Horizon

Association for Commuter Transportation International Conference, August 2008.

Planner's Day in School: A Developmental Guide to Planning

The Ohio State University Office of Outreach & Engagement, January 2006.

I'm Not Emo: Self-Definition Among Members of the Emo Subculture

Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creativity Symposium, April 2005.

Professional Memberships

Research Publication Reviewer, Transportation Research Board, 2009-Present

Member, US Green Building Council, 2009-Present

Member, Massachusetts Chapter of the US Green Building Council

Member, Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association, 2007-Present

Member, Association for Commuter Transportation, 2007-Present

Member, Ohio Planning Conference, 2005-2008

Member, American Planning Association, 2005-Present

Member, New Americans Advisory Council of the City of Columbus, 2005-2007