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Dr. Jennifer Dill is a professor in the Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning at Portland State University and Director of the Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium (OTREC). Dr. Dill’s research interests include the relationship between transportation policy and planning and land use, health, and the environment, with a focus on non-motorized travel behavior. Prior to entering academia, Dr. Dill worked as an environmental and transportation planner for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and US Environmental Protection Agency. She was also research director at the Local Government Commission, where she worked on energy, land use, and transportation issues. Dr. Dill has a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from UC Berkeley, an MA in Urban Planning from UCLA, and a BS in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning from UC Davis.



**Charlie Howard**

**Transportation Planning Director, Puget Sound Regional Council**

Charlie Howard is the Transportation Planning Director for the Puget Sound Regional Council, a position that he has held since February 2005. Prior to joining PSRC, Charlie worked with the Washington State Department of Transportation for 18 years, most recently as the Director of Strategic Planning and Programming. Charlie has been involved in state and regional transportation issues for the past 30 years, including an active role in developing and implementing the state’s growth management act.



**Ben Stabler**

**Senior Supervising Planner with Parsons Brinckerhoff’s Systems Analysis Group**

Ben Stabler specializes in planning modeling systems development and application. He is an expert in travel demand model development, software development, and data analysis/visualization. Ben has worked internationally on numerous activity-based and four-step travel demand and land use modeling systems and has presented at numerous conferences. He is a certified Geographic Information System (GIS) Professional and has worked in both the public and private sectors. He is an experienced software developer, having previously worked for a private transportation software company. Ben has also been a member of the Transportation Research Board Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee (ABJ30) since 2009 and is an instructor for the National Highway Institute course on travel demand forecasting.



**David Vautin**

**Associate Transportation Planner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

David Vautin is a Transportation Planner at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in Oakland, California, specializing in transportation performance assessment. His analytical work informs regional policy decisions by monitoring adherence to adopted goals and targets and by identifying high-performing transportation investments that support the region’s sustainability objectives. As part of Plan Bay Area, the region’s first Sustainable Communities Strategy, David’s work on project-level performance assessment helped policymakers to prioritize the region’s top transit expansion priorities for future New Starts and Small Starts funding opportunities, in addition to highlighting cost-ineffective and sprawl-inducing projects as low performers.



**Martin Wachs**

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Martin Wachs is a senior principal researcher at RAND. He formerly served as director of the RAND Transportation, Space, and Technology Program. Prior to joining RAND, he was professor of civil and environmental engineering and professor of city and regional planning at the University of California, Berkeley, where he was also director of the Institute of Transportation Studies. Prior to this, he spent 25 years at UCLA. Wachs is the author of 160 articles and four books on subjects related to relationships between transportation, land use, and air quality; transportation finance and policy; transportation needs of the elderly; techniques for the evaluation of transportation systems and performance measurement in transportation planning. His research also addresses issues of equity in transportation policy.