

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board - Board Members Bio

Kristine Acevedo: Kristine has Latinx roots in New York, but for over 20 years she's called Boston home. She graduated from Penn State with a Management degree, where her activism started. She's equally comfortable on Boston's sidewalks as she is marching the streets at protests and rallies for women's rights, racial equality, immigrant rights, environmental justice, and pretty much any social justice cause you can think of. She is almost as passionate about baseball, college football, and soccer as she is about animal rights and her two cats. Kristine enjoys riding her Schwinn bike—which she's had since childhood—along the Neponset River Greenway. She is an avid non-fiction book reader & hoping to check out all 26 BPL locations.

Karl Alexander: Karl is charged with leading all aspects of the Mystic River Watershed Association's Mystic Greenways Program, working alongside a dynamic, collaborative team on the community-led design of park and shared use path projects across the watershed. Most recently, Karl served as an urban planning and design consultant for open space and greenways, mobility, and placemaking projects in the Greater Boston area, a few highlights of which include the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway in East Boston, the Alewife Linear Park in Cambridge, and the Neighborways program in Somerville. Karl holds a BA in Politics from Bates College and an MS in Urban Planning and Community Development from UMass Boston's School for the Environment. A resident of East Somerville, in his spare time Karl enjoys cooking, gardening and hiking.

Gerald Autler: Gerald is Director of Trails and Greenways at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, which builds and manages trails and shared-use paths across the Commonwealth. Prior to joining DCR he worked for many years at the Boston Planning and Development Agency. Gerald lives in Boston and uses his bicycle as his primary mode of transportation within the city. In order to experience a broader range of cycling experiences as part of his new role at DCR, he recently bought his first mountain bike, which he enjoys navigating very gingerly over roots and rocks.

Mike Brousseau: Mike is a former engineering leader with a degree in mechanical engineering and a masters degree in technical business management, both from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He was previously the Director of Product Engineering for headphones at Bose Corp in Framingham. In 2017, he "re-chartered" his career to become an athletics coach /student mentor and currently heads the baseball program at Auburn High School and coaches girls soccer at Douglas High School. He is an avid baseball player, hiker, cyclist and former competitive runner. He and his wife Sherri love to explore Massachusetts including its hiking and bike trails as well as the state's incredible history. He is on the executive board of the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association and a Central Massachusetts volunteer for AARP. He and his wife reside in Millbury and are the parents of three great sons (Chris, Kevin, Justin). He is honored to join this very talented board!

Eleni Christofa: Eleni Christofa is Professor in the Transportation Engineering Program of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Associate Director of the University of Massachusetts Transportation Center. She has spent over 13 years leading research on sustainable mobility and educating future transportation professionals. Eleni has worked closely with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority on projects evaluating bicycle infrastructure such as bike boxes, two-stage turn queue boxes, and floating bus stops. At UMass she also introduced two new courses: "Transportation Sustainability" and "Pedestrians and Bicyclists," hoping to

educate and inspire the new generations of engineers to engage in inclusive and safe design for all. Originally from Greece, Eleni has called Amherst home for the last 14 years after spending five years in Berkeley, CA. When not doing research or teaching transportation courses, Eleni spends time with her three kids and volunteering with the various activities they get involved in. She has also recently picked up running, which has given her a new appreciation for safe and well-maintained pedestrian infrastructure. Through her participation in the Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, she is hoping to be a voice for rural communities and for parents in Western Massachusetts who want safer, more accessible options for their children.

Tom DiPaolo: Tom DiPaolo has worked for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (formerly MassHighway) for nearly 33 years. Specific duties include serving as Chairman of the Architects and Engineers Review Board, working with the local chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies on project design and contracting issues, and assisting in the development of various department policies and initiatives, especially those related to design standards and design issues. Tom received his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Lafayette College in 1986 and is a registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts.

Mary Beth Ellis: Mary Beth is an avid athlete and advocate. Her life was forever changed by the violent crash that killed her daughter Sidney in a crosswalk. Sidney was a beautiful light leading her family and community before her death and continues to inspire us all. Mary Beth started the Sidney Mae Olson Rainbow Fund with her husband Eric Olson to keep her spirit alive and open doors for kids to live active and curious lives. Inspired by 5-year-old Sidney Olson, the Rainbow Fund is focused on designing safer streets, pushing for safer vehicles, and helping kids be more active. As a former professional triathlete, Mary Beth loves working with the Rainbow Runners and sharing her love of running with the youngest athletes. And as a mom she is passionate about the Rainbow Fund's advocacy work to fight for safer streets for vulnerable users and working towards vision zero. Mary Beth continues to coach and train adults and children in swimming, biking and running and loves spending time running, biking and skiing with her family on the trails and roads of Massachusetts as well as the mountains of Vermont.

Kurt Gaertner: Kurt Gaertner is the Director of Land Policy and Planning for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. In that capacity he is responsible for land use and land conservation policies and programs, including the Gateway City Parks Program. The overall goal of his work is to encourage land conservation and development that reduces land, energy, and natural resource consumption.

Alexa Gomborg: Alexa is a graduate student and an advocate for transportation safety through Families for Safe Streets Massachusetts, MIT's Graduate Student Council External Affairs Board and Cambridge Bicycle Safety. Her lifelong friend, Minh-Thi Nguyen, was killed by a box truck in a right hook crash on June 21st, 2024 while biking from their home in Inman Square to MIT. Since then, Alexa has channeled her grief into advocacy to make Massachusetts a safer place to get around.

William Gousios: Liam has long been an evangelist for the power of the bicycle ever since getting his first real bike at 16. His first job in high school was selling bicycles, and on weekends you can usually still find him selling bikes to the next generation of riders. Liam is a member of Walk Bike Springfield, and enjoys advocating for more walkable and bikeable spaces all over the Pioneer

Valley. He also serves as the Program Director for Valley Eye Radio. His favorite places to ride include the Columbia River Greenway Trail in Westfield, Earls Trails in Hadley, and around his neighborhood in Springfield.

Jed Hresko: Jed is the founder of Brockton Bikes - a community bike club and advocacy organization, with Brockton Walks launching in 2026. Jed is one of Brockton's most outspoken safety advocates for all users of the streets. With over forty years of experience in corporate, community, and public service roles, Jed has held positions such as CFO, non-profit manager, community organizer, outreach worker and political strategist.

Katherine Jansen: Katherine is a seasoned financial services generalist with extensive experience in strategy, marketing, innovation, customer experience and business development. Her career was primarily at digital financial services firms, including senior management roles at Intuit, NCR, Digital Insight and Treasury Services Corporation. She's now in "Re-Wirement" and is using her ability to build relationships, problem-solve, bring order to chaos, and work with others to drive results for safer cycling and walking in Falmouth and Cape Cod. Katherine is the Chair of the Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, a board member of Friends of Falmouth Bikeways, and on the Advisory Board of Vision Zero Cape Cod.

Jackie Jones: Jackie has over 20 years of experience in the planning field, all of her tenure at the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District in Taunton. Her extensive time at SRPEDD has allowed her to experience many aspects of planning from bus riding and traffic counting to safety analysis and TIP Development. Ms. Jones is the coordinator of the bicycle and pedestrian program and enjoys finding innovative and practical solutions for all modes. Jackie's background in Civil Engineering affords a high level of technicality to SRPEDD's planning studies. As a proud owner of an AICP certification, Ms. Jones employs a wide background of planning knowledge and high ethical standards. Ms. Jones is a life-long resident of Southeastern Massachusetts and enjoys highlighting many of the hidden jewels of the region. She can often be found out enjoying the region, generally by bicycle.

Brendan Kearney: As the Deputy Director of Advocacy, Brendan manages outreach and communications for WalkMassachusetts. He is a founding member of the City of Boston's Vision Zero Task Force, and represents WalkMassachusetts on the Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (MABPAB) which serves in an advisory role on advancing bicycle and pedestrian transportation for MassDOT and other State Agencies. He writes our [monthly crash review posts](#), is the lead author on the [annual fatal pedestrian crash report](#) released in the 1st quarter each year, and can often be found testifying at public hearings on projects and policies that impact pedestrians across Massachusetts. In 2020, Brendan launched our 15-week ["Keep Walking" storytelling project](#) and our November ["Beat the Bay State"](#) virtual challenge. Before WalkMassachusetts, Mr. Kearney managed customer service for an online race registration company and was a service manager at a business to business service provider. He is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross.

Kirby Lecy: Kirby is the Manager of Healthy Community Initiatives within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Jeff McCollough: My experience has been in transportation planning, program management, and project development. As a planner for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in Springfield (MA) I am interested in the influence that bicycling and walking have on economic development, environmental quality, and our ability to lead a healthy active lifestyle. My education and job

experience is in complete streets, transportation equity, safe routes to school, transit, mobility, bicycling and walking infrastructure and funding. The Pioneer Valley Region has rural, suburban and urban communities, each with unique opportunities and boundless potential for walking and bicycling. I enjoy the challenge of working with each of our 43 cities and towns to understand problems and work collectively toward solutions. In my everyday work I see a need for better guidance on how to best plan, design, implement and maintain our walkways and bikeways and I believe that inclusive process is the key to success in any of these efforts.

Galen Mook: As the Executive Director of MassBike, Galen's experience as an organizer, advocate, instructor, and in the bike industry make him uniquely qualified to lead MassBike. Galen oversees MassBike including its three regional chapters to provide more opportunities for bicycling across Massachusetts. As co-founder of the CommonWheels Bicycle Collective in Allston, MA, co-host of the bi-weekly radio program BikeTalk881 and co-founder of BU Bikes when he was a student at Boston University, Galen deeply understands the needs of local advocates. He has also been active in the Allston community advocating for safer bike infrastructure, helped lead the campaign for a protected bike lane along Boston's University's campus as part of the Commonwealth Avenue reconstruction, and is helping to lead an effort to encourage MassDOT to develop a multi-modal and more sustainable design for the I-90 Allston Interchange Project.

Nathan David Obeng-Amoako: NatDave is a third-year PhD student in Transportation Engineering at Northeastern University, researching low-stress bicycling networks, transit signal priority systems, advanced traffic signal control and simulation, and multimodal intersection design. A passionate cyclist who has pedaled thousands of miles across the US, Canada, Netherlands, and much of Europe, NatDave brings both global perspective and street-level experience to his work. Originally from Ghana, he understands firsthand how transportation access shapes opportunity and quality of life. Nathan is involved with the Boston Cyclists Union, serves as program assistant for Northeastern's Sustainable Transportation Summer School in the Netherlands, and holds an Engineer-in-Training certification. His primary research aims to create bicycle infrastructure that works for an 8-year-old and an 80-year-old alike, not just the "strong and fearless." When not crunching network data or optimizing signal timing, you'll find him exploring Boston's streets by bike, experiencing the very infrastructure he studies.

Cheryl Pavlik: Cheryl is a Brighton resident who came to Boston after many years abroad and quickly became active in local advocacy. She began as a mobility advocate with the Allston-Brighton Health Collaborative, focusing on the challenges faced by senior pedestrians and public transit riders. She later served as an Allston-Brighton Connector through the Beth Israel's Healthy Neighborhood Initiative tasked with helping community members access resources. In 2025, she became a founding member of Allston Brighton Housing Action. A carless renter in senior subsidized housing, Cheryl is a strong advocate for walkable streets, safe cycling, and expanded housing and transportation options that benefit Massachusetts residents now and in the future.

Sean Reardon: Sean is a Lieutenant on the Massachusetts State Police, where throughout his career the focus has been on highway safety/crash reduction efforts through enforcement and education. Today he is the unit commander of the Traffic Programs Section, which manages Federal Highway Safety Grants and coordinates the enforcement initiatives and training for the MSP. An avid mountain biker since 1991, he recently started to branch into rail trails and road biking. He holds a Bachelor's degree from UMass Boston, and a Master's degree from Anna Maria College.

Amanuel Regassa: Amanuel is a Transportation Planner II at the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) and joined MABPAB in 2025. In his work he contributes to transportation planning initiatives, including implementation of the Greater Lowell Vision Zero Plan, applying his skills in data analysis, stakeholder engagement, and policy development to enhance regional mobility and safety. Before joining NMCOG, Amanuel worked as a Junior Civil Engineer and Project Coordinator, gaining experience in highway design, transportation research, and project management. During his master's, he completed academic projects in Europe focused on mobility planning, transit design, and road safety. He also served on the advisory board of Save the Nations, supporting Vision Zero initiatives, and was a World Ambassador for Road Safety and Sustainable Mobility, representing the voices of youth in advocating for safer, more sustainable transport systems. Amanuel holds a Master's in Transportation Science with a specialization in Transport Policy and Planning from Hasselt University, Belgium, and a Bachelor's in Construction Technology and Management from Addis Ababa Science and Technology University.

Bonnie Roalsen: Bonnie serves on the board of MassBike and is the Bike and Pedestrian Education Lead and an Outreach Coordinator for Massachusetts Safe Routes to School. She works hands-on with schools and communities across the state to improve safety and expand access to walking and biking through education, outreach, and programs such as bike trains and walking school buses. An avid recreational cyclist, she enjoys riding with her kids and is deeply committed to making active transportation safer and more welcoming for families.

Pete Sutton: Pete Sutton is the bicycle and pedestrian program coordinator for MassDOT, where he manages updates to statewide plans, serves as Ex-officio on the MA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, and chairs MassDOT's Moving Together conference. He volunteers with Bike to the Sea and has cycled nearly every MA greenway from Provincetown to Williamstown.

Charlie Ticotsky: Charlie Ticotsky is the Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, a role he began in September 2023. Previously, he worked in the Town Manager's Office in Bedford, Massachusetts. Prior to that role, he was the Policy Director for the advocacy coalition Transportation for Massachusetts and worked in government affairs at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Charlie began his career as a legislative aide in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He has a bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College and a masters in public administration from Suffolk University.

Matt Warfield: Matt serves as Deputy Director of Action Transportation and Station Access at the MBTA, where he works to improve customer access through active transportation. His responsibilities include managing and expanding active transportation infrastructure, coordinating with municipalities, advocates, and developers, and aligning policies and practices with the MBTA's mission. Previously, he served as New Mobility Director for the City of Boston Transportation Department and as a pedestrian and bicycle planner with the Baltimore City DOT. Matt has over a decade of experience in transportation planning and program management and holds master's degrees in Urban Planning and Social Work from the University of Michigan.

Jaclyn Youngblood: Jaclyn is trained as a historian and organizational designer, which means she asks a lot of questions and likes to think relationally. Prior to joining MassDOT, she served as Chief of Staff for the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics (MONUM) at the City of Boston, where she led and supported various prototypes, including the first cargo e-bike in the City of Boston vehicle fleet; the City's Bicycle and Active Transportation Employee Resource Group; and a user-friendly, multilingual family communication prototype with the Boston Public Schools Department of Transportation. Jaclyn co-founded and co-led the Boston Public Schools Experience Lab, a joint

initiative of MONUM and Boston Public Schools. She has worked with nonprofits and small businesses around the country to dream fearlessly and then build the organization it takes to implement those aspirations. When she's not in the office, you can find her on a bus, bike, or train with her toddler, in search of the Commonwealth's greatest pastries.