

Speaker Bios

(in order of appearance)



Steven Farber

**University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Dr. Steven Farber is an assistant professor in the Department of Human Geography and in the Department of Geography and Planning at the University of Toronto (UofT). He is the lead of the UofT School of Cities Urban Mobility Cluster and serves on the Academic Steering Committee of the UofT Transportation Research Institute. He is the chair of the Social and Economic Factors Committee of the Transportation Research Board, one of the U.S. National Academies of Science. He is a past board member of the Transportation Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers, and is on the editorial boards of The Journal of Transport Geography, Travel Behavior and Society, Journal of Geographical Systems, and Geographic Analysis. He is the author of more than 50 peer-reviewed journal articles spanning topics in transportation analysis, urban data science, spatial econometrics, public transportation, and the urban determinants of social interaction opportunities. Farber's work has been recognized by the Spatial Analysis and Modelling Emerging Scholar Award and the Meredith F. Burrell award from the American Association of Geographers. He is a past advisor to the City of Toronto Fair Fare Policy Framework, and sat on the City of Toronto/Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Expert Advisor Panel, reporting to the Toronto City Manager and the CEO of TTC.



Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas

**Toronto Transit Commission
Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas is the Toronto Transit Commission's Chief Customer Officer responsible for strategy, planning, innovation and customer experience. She has served local government in Canada for 38 years; coast to coast from Halifax, to Toronto, the greater Toronto Area and Vancouver. Her roles have been diverse: Director of Engineering for the City of Toronto, Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning for York Region, Chief Operating Officer for the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Strategic Adviser to the City of Halifax and General Manager of Arts Culture & Community Services at the City of Vancouver. Kathleen has served on Boards such as the Canadian Urban Institute, Municipal Engineers Association, Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario and Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario and on the Board of the House of Compassion - a high support residential home for residents living with severe and persistent mental illness. She is a member of Lambda Alpha International – an Honorary Society for the Advancement of Land Economics and was named to Vancouver's Power 50 – the 50 most powerful people in Vancouver in 2017. Kathleen holds a Bachelor of Science (engineering) from Queen's University.

**Dennis Kar****Dillon Consulting Limited
Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Dennis Kar is a Partner and Senior Integrated Mobility Specialist at Dillon Consulting Limited with over 19 years of experience in multidisciplinary transit and transportation planning. He has a Master's Degree in Urban Planning and brings a blend of transportation and land use planning knowledge and experience to his work. His work includes the development of strategic transit master plans and corridor studies, detailed transit operational reviews for conventional, dynamic on-demand (microtransit) and specialized transit services, rapid transit network planning, assessment of new mobility and policy planning in both urban and rural areas. Dennis is a frequent presenter and lecturer at various national conferences and training courses, speaking on a broad range of topics including transit planning, community transportation for persons with disabilities, on-demand mobility and transit supportive development. Dennis is also the Transportation Editor for the Ontario Planning Journal, a member of CUTA's Accessible Transit sub-committee; and was previously a part-time lecturer at Ryerson University teaching an Urban Transportation Planning course.

**Gregory Shill****University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa, USA**

Gregory Shill is an Associate Professor at the University of Iowa College of Law. His work explores the ways in which law and policy shape transportation choices and outcomes. Articles by him have been published or are forthcoming in top law reviews, including the N.Y.U. Law Review, the UCLA Law Review, and the Harvard International Law Journal, and have been cited by scholars, courts, and practitioners. Gregory holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. from Columbia University. He joined the Iowa Law faculty in 2017 from a fellowship at Harvard Law School. Previously, Gregory practiced at law firms in New York and London. He began his legal career as a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals. Prior to law school, Gregory worked as a legislative assistant on Capitol Hill and received an M.A. in Judaic studies from the Jewish Theological Seminary. In addition to his Iowa role, Gregory is a Visiting Scholar at the American Bar Foundation and a Program Affiliate Scholar at N.Y.U. School of Law. He is a member of transportation advisory groups at the federal, state, and university level.



David King
Arizona State University
Tempeh, Arizona, USA

Dr. David King is an Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at Arizona State University's School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning. His research explores the impact of local transportation planning on the built environment, public finance and accessibility. As part of this research

David has written about the phenomenon of cruising for parking and used spatial regression techniques to analyze travel behavior. He also studies how public policy influences the adoption of new technologies to address congestion, energy and environmental concerns. These issues are the focus of David's teaching through his courses covering planning techniques and methods, transportation and land use planning and transport policy. Prior to joining Arizona State University, David taught planning at Columbia University from 2008 to 2016. He did his graduate work at UCLA and the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota.



Shagithya Deivandran
City of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Shagithya Deivandran has been working in policy development within the transportation sector since 2014. Her areas of focus have been stakeholder engagement, government relations, research and regulation. Shagithya is currently a Project Lead on Automated Vehicles for the City of Toronto.

She has contributed to a number of AV-related initiatives for the City including a review of the Municipal Code, a variety of consultation and public education pieces, and most notably, the City of Toronto's Automated Vehicles Tactical Plan. Shagithya is currently responsible for acting as Secretariat for the City's Interdivisional Working Group on Automated Vehicles, empowering parallel City Divisions to prepare for this emerging technology, and finalizing as well as engaging stakeholders on the Tactical Plan approved by City Council October 29, 2019. Shagithya has previously worked on transportation-related plans and policies like the Toronto 360 Wayfinding Strategy, and the City of London's Transportation Master Plan; and has a variety of work experience in the banking industry. She has an undergraduate degree from the University of Toronto in Criminology and Political science; as well as a graduate diploma in Justice System Administration, and a master's degree in Public Policy, Administration and Law from York University.



Jennifer Dean
University of Waterloo
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Dr. Jennifer Dean is an Assistant Professor in the School of Planning at the University of Waterloo where she teaches and conducts research on healthy and inclusive communities. Her current research examines the social and health impacts of active transportation with specific focus on active electric mobility. Jennifer teaches in the areas of healthy communities, planning theory, social planning, and diversity and equity. She has published in a wide range of fields including urban and rural planning, public health, social and health geography, transportation and housing policy, cultural studies, and social and community development. Jennifer holds a PhD in Geography from McMaster University, an MA in Geography from the University of Toronto and a BA in Women's Studies and Geography from the University of Toronto Mississauga.



Daniel Firth
WSP Canada
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Daniel Firth brings 20 years of extensive urban planning experience in North America and Europe with a focus on strategy, research, programming, congestion management and implementing sustainable urban transportation. He supports WSP Canada's efforts in Canada and Sweden relating to strategic planning and policy, including congestion pricing, Vision Zero and transportation and street management. Prior to joining WSP, Daniel was Executive Director at the Metro Vancouver Mobility Pricing Independent Commission, where he managed a research study and public engagement process on the pricing of urban mobility in Vancouver. Previously, he was the Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Strategic Planning at the City of Stockholm's Department of Transportation, leading a team to deliver innovative strategies for transportation and street management to support the city's goals for sustainable growth and efficiency. Daniel holds a BA Honors and MA in Town Planning from the University of Newcastle.



Shavon Edwards
WSP USA / City of Detroit
Detroit, Michigan, USA

Shavon Edwards is a Senior Mobility Strategist at WSP USA. She is an embedded consultant for the City of Detroit's Office of Mobility Innovation where she specializes in the creation and implementation of mobility pilots for Detroit residents. Her office uses a Human Centered Design framework to guide their work and in making sure residents' needs are at the core of their projects. She has served on the Advisory Board for the mobility justice organization the Untokening and is a member of the Detroit chapter of Young Professionals in Transportation. Shavon is a native Detroiter and holds a BA in Political Science and the History of Law and Policy from the University of Michigan.

About Us

Transport Futures was established in 2008 by Healthy Transport Consulting. Working with our valued advisors, staff, volunteers, sponsors and in-kind supporters, our goal is to facilitate a rational and non-partisan dialogue on mobility pricing as a key demand management and infrastructure funding measure. In 2015, we also began exploring other transportation infrastructure and policy issues related to public-private partnerships, automated vehicles and intercity travel. Combining these learning events with effective research and media outreach, Transport Futures has made a solid contribution to the public discourse on transportation planning in Ontario and the rest of Canada.



Martin Collier

Director, Healthy Transport Consulting
Founder, Transport Futures
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Besides managing Transport Futures, Martin Collier provides government, private sector and non-profit organizations with sustainable transportation and land use policy, planning, research and project/event management services. Clients have included Transport Canada, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, Pollution Probe, Poulos and Chung Transportation Consultants, Smart Cities Research Services and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario. Martin co-founded the Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation, the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation and has managed the Ontario Smart Growth Network, Moving the Economy/Transportation Options and the Community Bicycle Network. He has also provided conference programming, logistics and financial advice to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Prior to his work in the planning field, Martin worked for a decade in the music industry as a guitarist and band manager. He holds a Master of Environmental Studies degree in Urban Planning from York University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queen's University.

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