

Idaho Walk Bike Summit 2018
Presenter Bio's
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Greg Weitzel

Greg A. Weitzel is Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Idaho Falls. He was previously the Director of Parks and Recreation for the cities of Lewisburg and Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Peter Eun

Peter Eun is a Transportation Safety Engineer with the FHWA Resource Center's Safety & Design Technical Service Team and is located in Olympia Washington. He is currently a Co-Lead for the EDC4 STEP initiative. He also Co-Leads the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Focused Approach to Safety. In both initiatives, he develops and delivers training, provides technical assistance in various forms, such as Road Safety Audits.

Matt Edmond

Matt oversees efforts to improve various public spaces in downtown Boise, including pathways, plazas, sidewalks, and streets in downtown Boise's four urban renewal districts at Capitol City Development Corporation (CCDC). Matt and CCDC are dedicated to developing urban spaces that will provide recreational opportunities for Boise's pedestrians and attracting residents and visitors to downtown.

Prior to joining CCDC, Matt was a Senior Transportation Planner at the Ada County Highway District. There he managed the \$250M+ Integrated Five-Year Work Plan and served as the Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator for Ada County. Before his time in civilian public service, Matt served as an aviation officer and Chinook helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army.

Matt holds a Master's of Public Administration from Boise State University and a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Matt is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and has earned the CTAI I-way Leadership Award and the Compass Leadership in Motion Award for Leadership in Practice.

Elaine Clegg

Elaine Clegg, Program Coordinator, joined the Idaho Smart Growth staff in 1998. An Idaho native, she has been an activist in growth management issues in the Boise area since 1984, including serving as neighborhood association board member and president. She was a leader in establishing the Hull's Gulch Nature Preserve. Elaine has served as a director on many boards and currently serves on COMPASS, Valley Regional Transit, and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Boards of Directors and on the Idaho Safe Routes to School Advisory

Committee. Elaine has researched and authored Idaho Smart Growth publications on Best Practices, Infill and Safe Routes to School. She has most recently been working directly with communities to implement policies related to Safe Routes. Elaine was re-elected to the Boise City Council for her fourth term in 2015 and serves as Council President. She has a B.A. in painting and drawing from Boise State University, is a professional graphic designer, and has attended numerous trainings on planning, smart growth and Safe Routes to School.

Daren Fluke

Daren Fluke joined the City of Boise as the Comprehensive Planning Manager in the summer of 2013 where he oversees a team of five planners working on transportation and neighborhood planning, urban design, and land use policy. Notable projects completed during his tenure include the Downtown

Boise Public Space/Public Life Study, the Transportation Action Plan, and the Downtown Parks and Public Spaces Plan. He is currently working in partnership with the Capital City Development Corporation on the Front & Myrtle Couplet Alternatives Analysis as well as an interagency team planning for Transit Oriented Developments along the future State Street Bus Rapid Transit corridor. Daren previously worked as a Senior Planner and Project Manager with J-U- B Engineers, managed the current planning division at Ada County, and worked in long range planning with the City of Eugene. He holds degrees in Geography and Environmental Studies from the University of Oregon, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, a board member of the Treasure Valley Cycling Alliance, and served three terms as the president of the Idaho Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Don Kostelec

Don started walking on his first birthday. He has walked every day since then. He does not view walking and bicycling as alternative transportation, rather it is original transportation. It is what we are designed or created to do as human beings. Driving is the true alternative transportation.

Don is a private consultant who specializes in planning and designing for original transportation. He began his career at Chicago Transit Authority and worked at Ada County Highway District from 2002 to 2008 before moving back to his native North Carolina to work in consulting for 8 years. He returned to Boise in 2016 and regularly travels by foot, by bike or by bus. He has walked or biked to school with his daughter since she was 3 years old.

During his career, Don has worked with 13 state Departments of Transportation, federal government agencies, more than 15 metropolitan planning organizations, and numerous municipal governments. He has led more than 50 pedestrian, bicycle and greenways planning and design projects for places large and small. His passion for walking stems from working with people who are disabled and analyzing a variety of data and crash reports related to how vulnerable people are when walking on our streets.

Prior to returning to Idaho, Don served on the Boards of Directors for BikeWalk NC, the Asheville (NC) Design Center, and Rainbow Community School. Don has also served on the Transportation Research Board's Standing Committee on Transportation Demand Management and the City of Asheville's Multimodal Transportation Commission.

Idaho State Representative Melissa Wintrow

Born in Troy, Ohio; B.A. in English literature from Miami University; M.Ed. in higher education from the University of Georgia; 27 years' higher education service, providing leadership to students, faculty, and staff; held formal leadership positions as a women's center director, Faculty in Residence program director, program manager for NEW Leadership (a national women's leadership institute), and instructor of gender studies; co-owner of SAGA Strategic Consulting firm, specializing in diversity and inclusion, women's leadership, and team collaboration.

Jaap Vos

Jaap Vos is the Director of the Urban Design Center and the Program Head for Bioregional Planning and Community Design at the University of Idaho. He has a Ph.D. in Regional Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a MS in Environmental Science from the University of Wageningen in the Netherlands. His main research interests include environmental justice, sustainable development, community involvement and planning education. He has published articles about planning education, community participation, environmental justice and equity in planning as well as technical reports on redevelopment, the relationship between land use and transportation, equestrian planning and fire in the wildland urban interface. After he moved to Idaho in 2012, he has increasingly become interested in planning and increasing planning capacity within the unique context of the American West.

Lori Porreca

Lori is a community development professional with a background in planning, development and sociology. She has 16 years of experience working with communities on a variety of planning and development efforts including community development and transportation planning, policy analysis for agricultural land use analysis, recreation and master plan development, land use and food policy analysis, and GIS modeling. As the community planner for the FHWA Idaho Division office, Lori works with communities across the state on their livability, transportation planning and alternative transportation initiatives and projects. Lori has a master's degree in landscape architecture and environmental planning, and a PhD in Sociology with a focus on rural and international development. Lori's main focus is on promoting, facilitating and doing sustainable community development.

Bill Kotowski

Bill Kotowski is a Public Information Officer at the Idaho Transportation Department. He currently works as the group's liaison to the Office of Highway Safety to help develop outreach messages and materials. Prior to working at ITD, Bill spent more than a dozen years working in television news as a producer and as a reporter. Bill is a graduate from Idaho State University with a degree in Mass Communications with an emphasis in television production and a minor in Spanish.

Ken Corder

Ken is the Office of Highway Safety's first dedicated communications manager. Before joining the OHS staff in 2016, Ken spent five years serving on the mayor's staff in Meridian. Acting as the City's Community Liaison, Ken was instrumental in expanding the teen-led Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) to the largest in the country, launching a regionally specific driving skills class for senior citizens, and creating the popular Treasure Valley Youth Safety Summit. He is passionate about building community partnerships and grass roots efforts to 'move the dial' as he likes to say in improving behaviors on Idaho's roadways. Ken has served in various community outreach roles in addition to being an elementary school teacher for over 15 years. Ken and wife, Megan, have five kids, aged from seven to twenty-two.

Brooke Struve

Brooke Struve is a Safety and Geometric Design Engineer for the Federal Highway Administration's Resource Center. She provides technical assistance and training nationwide on design flexibility, performance-based design decision-making, and designing for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Brooke has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Brigham Young University and is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Utah.

Erin Bacon

Erin Bacon is a lifelong resident of the Palouse. She studied Business Management and Psychology at Washington State University before moving to Moscow, Idaho to raise a family. Passionate about community engagement, children's safety, and an avid walker and biker herself; Safe Routes to School (SRTS) was a natural fit. She has been the Moscow SRTS program coordinator since 2016 and spends her time advocating for pedestrian and cycling safety with the school district and city while also providing encouragement and education to students K-12 to use active travel methods to get to and from school.

Andrew Mentzer

Andrew is an Idaho native with a diverse personal and professional background. As the Executive Director for the West Central Mountains EDC, Andrew works closely with stakeholders across the region to build systems for community prosperity. Previously, Andrew founded Boise's first international traveler's hostel, and managed the Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission (IGEM) for the Idaho Department of Commerce. He has also worked as an Account Manager for Stoltz Marketing Group and was most recently the Statewide Operations Manager for the Idaho STAR Motorcycle Safety Program. Andrew is well-versed in economic development, strategic planning, marketing, operations, journalism and public policy. He holds a BS in Political Science, Masters Certification in Community & Regional Planning, and Master of Public Administration—all from Boise State University. He is an accomplished mountains cyclist, trail runner and duathlete, and in his spare time, Andrew mentors 6th graders through Junior Achievement. He also moonlights for the Boise Weekly and college of Western Idaho--and enjoys exploring Idaho's wild places with his wife, Genny, and dog, Sam.

Daniel Jose

As the Transportation Planner, DaNiel is the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator at the Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Organization. She has lead the state's most successful Bike To School Month for several years.

Francoise Cleveland

Françoise Cleveland, an Idaho Falls native, developed a love for public policy and service early in life while volunteering in the local mayor's office. She went on to earn her Master of Public Administration from Idaho State University. She worked for the U.S. Senate on policy and constituent issues, as well as around the Idaho Capitol for the Idaho House of Representatives, the Department of Education, and most recently for AARP where she serves as the Director of Advocacy. In her free time, she enjoys tennis and spending time with her husband and children.

Jimmy Hallyburton

Jimmy Hallyburton was born and raised in Boise, Idaho, and loves to share his passion for BICYCLING and the NONPROFIT community. At an early age Jimmy pedaled out of his driveway and discovered a world of freedom, opportunity, and community connection on two wheels. Today he helps others discover those same feelings as the Executive Director and founder of the Boise Bicycle Project. As a member of BBP's passionate team of staff and volunteers, he has helped fix and distribute over 15,000 bicycles into the Boise community and beyond, including 6000 bicycles donated to children. BBP's innovative programs for prisoners, refugees, and youth have received national attention, and have been implemented in communities around the world.

When Jimmy reaches the end of the road he hopes people will remember 2 things about him... The dude sure pedaled his heart out. And he sure knew how to surround himself with amazing passionate people (who actually did most of the work).

Duane Wakan

Duane Wakan holds a Master's degree in Urban Planning and Bachelor's degree in Economics both from the University of Utah. Duane has been with COMPASS for just over a year leading public transportation, active transportation and rails-with trails workgroups as a principal planner. Previous to COMPASS, Duane worked for a metropolitan planning organization in New Mexico where he oversaw the adoption of complete street design guidelines, the update to a long-range plan, transit studies. He has a passion to visualize planning concepts that engage dialogue and introduce ideas. Duane has been married for 17 wonderful years and has six children (4 boys, and 2 daughters).

Tom Laws

Tom is an Associate Comprehensive Planner the City of Boise focusing on long-range planning, agency coordination, mapping, and demographics.

Mr. Laws holds a Master's degree in Geography with a focus in Transportation Planning and Natural Resource Management from Western Washington University, Bachelor's Degrees with honors in Geography and Environmental Studies with a focus in Planning, Public Policy, and

Management from the University of Oregon, and a Graduate Certificate in Community and Regional Planning from Boise State University.

Chris Danley

Chris Danley is owner of Vitruvian Planning, in Boise, Idaho and has worked in the planning profession since 2005. He is a recognized national expert in planning and health integration, Health Impact Assessments, is co-creator of a two-day walk audit training course called the Looking Glass Academy, and has conducted planning and assessment projects throughout Idaho, North Carolina, Utah and several other states. Chris is a certified Safe Routes to School and League of American Bicyclist instructor, recent Board President of the National Physical Activity Society, and former Boise Planning & Zoning Commissioner. Chris holds a BS in Social Sciences and Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning, is a former personal trainer, basketball coach, is an avid runner and cyclist and dad to two young girls.

Kurt Holzer

Kurt Holzer is a James J. May award-winning trial attorney. His fellow Idaho Trial Lawyers selected him as the 2011 Idaho Trial Lawyer of the Year. Like all his partners, he has an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating as a Personal Injury Lawyer from Martindale Hubble, its highest. He has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America© both for plaintiff's representation and for insurance litigation; as a "Local Litigation Star" for injury litigation by Benchmark Litigation; with the SuperLawyer designation from Thomson Reuters for a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement over the past decade; and, has a "Superb" rating of a perfect 10 from the rating organization AVVO.

As trial counsel, Kurt has obtained several seven figure jury verdicts in trucking, dram shop, and premises liability litigation. He has also recovered tens of millions of dollars in settlements for his clients. You can contact him via email or our online contact form.

Kurt is also past President of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association. A 1992 graduate of the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah, Kurt was a William H. Leary Scholar and served as Executive Editor of the Utah Law Review.

He is an active presence in the Idaho Legislature and for many years has served as co-chair of the ITLA Governmental Relations committee. He continues to serve, as he has since 1999, as a member of the Professional Conduct Board of the Idaho State Bar. Kurt has published a number of articles on trial preparation and litigation skills as well as a study on Idaho jury behavior. He has also served as the director of the ITLA "Rookie Camp" program teaching new lawyers about plaintiffs' civil litigation practice. For more about Kurt's professional background you can visit his personal Linked In page.

Kurt is a member of the BikeLaw network of independent cycling attorneys. On his favorite day of the year, Kurt announces bicycle racing at the Boise Twilight Criterium. He also spends an inordinate amount of his own time in the saddle. For more than a decade he represented America's Olympic cycling organization, USACycling, in Idaho. He resides in Boise with his wife Ellie and a pair of rescued basset hounds named Floyd and Roy.

He recently became ordained to be able to serve as an officiant at weddings. Kurt has previously served two terms as the head of the Hidden Springs Homeowners Association.

Dr. Michael Lowry

Dr. Michael Lowry is an associate professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Idaho and conducts research for the National Institute for Advanced Transportation Technology (NIATT). His research focuses on engineering and planning for bicycle and pedestrian travel. Dr. Lowry serves on the National Academy of Science Committee for Bicycle Transportation Research and the Committee for Transportation Investment Decision-Making. He teaches courses on transportation planning, benefit-cost analysis, and geographic information systems. He was awarded the College of Engineering Outstanding Young Faculty award for excellence in teaching and research. Dr. Lowry has spent substantial time abroad as a visiting scholar in Spain, Norway, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

Dave Fotsch

Dave Fotsch is the Director of Boise GreenBike, the bike share system for downtown Boise and Boise State University. Dave's diverse background includes many years in media, public relations, education and bicycling. A Wisconsin native, Dave moved to Boise in 1991 on a graduate assistantship through Boise State Radio, where he hosted Morning Edition.

He taught junior high science in the Boise School District before returning to media, working at KIVI TV Channel Six. From there Dave leveraged his media experience into the field of public relations with the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho and the Central District Health Department. Four years ago, he was hired as Director of Boise GreenBike and launched the system in April of 2015. Dave serves on the Bicycle Advisory Committees for the Ada County Highway District and Mayor Dave Bieter.

Dave's love of bikes extends much further than his job. He is an avid bike commuter and bike tourist. In September 2016 he completed the grueling 472-mile Smoke 'n Fire bike-packing race. He and his wife Stephanie McCurdy live in Boise and are proud parents to a pair of cats and a dog.

Mayor Gordon Petrie

Gordon Petrie is a retired trial judge and retired Idaho Army National Guard Colonel currently holding the office of mayor in Emmett, Idaho. Born and raised in Idaho, he graduated from Idaho State University in 1971, spending two years on active duty with the US Army. Leaving the Army in 1973, he entered the University of Idaho School of Law, graduating with a Juris Doctor in 1976. He has been married to the former Patrice Turner of Boise, Idaho, for 49 years as of January 25, 2018. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren, all living in Emmett. Walking is important to Mayor Petrie because US body masses are increasing, leading to chronic conditions that make us less healthy as a nation. Mayor Petrie believes walking will help combat this problem and is actively involved in making his community more walkable and inviting for movement, thus enhancing his community's health, economy and engagement. He recently won his third Mayor/School Walking Challenge in a row, competing against 41 other mayors in southern Idaho by walking 650 miles (over 1.4 million steps) during the month of October 2017. He does his best to set the example.

Chris Bosley

Chris Bosley is the city engineer and lead project manager for the city of Coeur d'Alene. Bosley has nearly two decades of engineering experience, with work in geotechnical and transportation. A former employee of Welch-Comer Engineers, he has worked on numerous city projects, including the recent Four Corners Master Plan improvements at Memorial Field, the Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive Master Plan and the City's Education Corridor.

Erin Bennett

Erin Bennett has worked in public policy and politics since 1999 and was a campaign volunteer and youth advocate prior to beginning her career. As a lobbyist and policy consultant, she has helped create successful legislation, craft effective communication tools and shape strategy and message development for trade associations, non-profits, and business. Her experience working with federal, state and local government officials and state agencies has allowed her to establish experience and expertise across a broad range of issues including education, health care, energy and taxes. Bennett has also been involved in several successful candidate and issue campaigns, where she focused on new media and grassroots organization to drive interest and secure votes. She has worked in opinion research and polling, event management and fundraising and uses this experience to create engaging messages and successful public policy. Currently, Erin serves as the Government Relations Director for the American Heart Association / American Stroke Association for the State of Idaho.

Erin earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of Idaho and received her Master's in Political Management from George Washington University and is a graduate of the College of Europe, Politics and Policies of the European Union program. She currently lives in Boise, Idaho where she is involved in community and volunteer organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program, the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, Girls on the Run, and serves as an advisor in the local foreign exchange student program. In her spare time, she plays and coaches water polo, travels as much as possible, and annoys her dog.

Courtney Frost

As Program Officer, Courtney Frost works closely with mayors, schools and community partners statewide to implement programs under High Five, the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health's initiative for eliminating childhood obesity in Idaho. In this role, Courtney uses her experience in health-focused nonprofits and natural organizational skills to rally support, manage the day-to-day details of the programs, and track outcomes.

Kevin Kuther

Kevin Kuther works for the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council with a focus on the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (LHSIP). He is proud of the support and assistance that he and LHTAC provides to the 288 Local Highway Jurisdictions throughout the State. His free time is spent enjoying the outdoors and his family.

Amanda LaMott

Amanda LaMott works for the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council with a focus on the safety & transportation alternatives programs. Prior to LHTAC, she spent eight years working for the Idaho Transportation Department doing bridge design, construction management, and planning. In her free time, she enjoys biking, hiking, and skiing with her two

Angie Gribble

Angie Gribble is the System Wellness Manager for St. Luke's Health System. In this role, Angie works on employer well-being strategies to improve the health of companies' employees and general community members. Prior to working at St. Luke's, Angie worked at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Public Health as the Idaho Physical Activity and Nutrition (IPAN) Manager. While working as the IPAN Program Manager, Angie managed both state and federal funds to lead obesity prevention efforts throughout the state, partnering with local public health districts, the State Department of Education, and various community organizations. She also helped lead the Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) Idaho network. Angie has also worked at the Treasure Valley Family YMCA in various fitness and wellness positions within both their Downtown and Healthy Living Branches. Angie currently serves on the St. Luke's Treasure Valley Community Board, the YMCA Healthy Living Advisory Board, and the Inspire! Workplace Wellness Steering Committee. Angie has a Bachelor of Science degree in both Mathematics and Exercise Science from the College of Idaho, and a Masters of Health Science with an emphasis in Health Services Leadership from Boise State University.

Eric Selekof

Eric Selekof is a Program Coordinator, overseeing the Employee Transportation program, for St. Luke's Health System. The Employee Transportation program is offered on every St. Luke's campus in Idaho and encourages employee participation as well as infrastructure improvements to assist in providing employee travel options. Before joining the St. Luke's team, Eric held other health related positions including: teaching Physical Education at Riverstone International School, working with members at the YMCA and training youth athletes at The Athletic Training Center. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors for two local non-profit organizations: Treasure Valley Cycling Alliance (TVCA) and the Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho. Eric earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from Boise State University in 2006 and is a National Strength and Conditioning Association Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

Ed Miltner

Ed Miltner is the Bridge and Structures Engineer for the Federal Highway Administration's Idaho Division office. He has served in this office for nearly 11 years. In addition to working with bridges and structures, Ed has served as a project engineer on various road and bridge projects around the state working to ensure all modes of travel are able to use our road and highway infrastructure. Ed is a regular bike commuter to and from work as well as enjoys cycling for exercise and leisure rides with his family.

Ken Kenownik

Ken has a B.S. in Mathematics from Salisbury University, his work experience is 7 years at the Virginia Dept. of Transportation, 5 of those years were as a Bicycle and Pedestrian Engineer, 7 years at the Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation as a Transportation Planner. In 2017, Ken relocated to Idaho to take a position as the Idaho Transportation Department's Long-Range Planner. Recently, Ken has moved into the position of ITD's Planning Services Manager.