

Regional Transit System Advisory Board

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Positions Available 1

Number of applicants in this package 1

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Board Name: Regional Transit System Advisory Board

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Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment::

I am chair of the planning and policy committee for the American Public Transportation Association; Alumnus of APTA's Leadership program

Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:

RTS

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?:

I am a transit planner with a focus on grants, environmental justice, and NEPA

Please Agree with the following statements:

I understand this application is the property of Alachua County and subject to public records laws. I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. I understand that Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees". I understand that some boards and committees require Financial Disclosure (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes) and I am willing to file if required. I affirm that my personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?:

Yes

Note: This question is for the Gainesville-Alachua County Airport Authority Board

Do you currently hold any publicly elected office in the State of Florida?:

No

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Have you, as yourself or as an employee, agent or consultant for another person or legal entity, transacted business with the authority within the last 3 years?:

No

Employer :

HNTB

Occupation:

Transit Planner

Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on an Alachua County advisory board? :

Yes

If yes, please list board(s):

RTS

Time of Submission: 11/22/24 10:25:11 AM

Attachments

- Haven Resume.pdf



Christy (Grier) Haven

Christy Haven brings 22 years of professional experience in transportation and environmental planning. She is well-versed in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process requirements and has coordinated the preparation of NEPA deliverables for projects of all sizes across the U.S. and for different lead federal agencies. Christy is known for her expertise at bringing technical subject matter together into high-quality documents on accelerated schedules. She has authored, contributed, or provided quality reviews for over 30 NEPA documents. In addition, she has managed and authored a large range of studies that inform the environmental process, including feasibility studies, alternatives analysis, planning and environmental linkages, environmental justice evaluation, Title VI equity analysis, and Section 4(f) documentation, among others. She currently works as an Environmental Manager and serves as HNTB's national resource on environmental justice and Title VI. Having previously served as an FTA Community Planner at their Headquarters overseeing Federal New Starts Projects, Christy is also very knowledgeable on the requirements for a project to proceed through FTA's Capital Investment Grant (CIG) programs and understands the requirements necessary to obtain CIG funding. A complete listing of Ms. Haven's project experience has been included as Exhibit A.

Education

Post-Graduate Studies, 2001,
Environmental Economics,
University of Florida
MS, 2001, Development and
Environmental Economics,
University of Florida
BS, 1999, Natural Resources &
Environmental Economics,
University of Florida

Certifications & Training

Advanced Level Environmental
Justice Workshop, NTI, 2017
Fundamentals of Environmental
Justice, FHWA, 2017
Introduction to Environmental
Justice, NTI, 2015
Managing the Environmental
Review Process Seminar, 2013,
NTI
Leadership American Public
Transportation Association
(APTA), 2010
Advanced Seminar on
Managing the Environmental
Review Process, 2008, NTI
Alternatives Analysis Workshop,
2007, FTA
Managing the Environmental
Process, 2004, NTI

Professional Affiliations

Women's Transportation
Seminar
Conference of Minority
Transportation Officials
Leadership APTA
APTA Environmental
Justice/Title VI Committee
APTA Policy and Planning
Committee
Transit Cooperative Research
Program (TCRP) Ambassador

Years of Transit

Experience: **22**

Professional Experience

Associate Vice President Southeast Division Transit/Rail Market Sector Lead HNTB, Tampa, Florida 2016 - Present

Ms. Haven is responsible for leading and growing HNTB's transit/rail program in the Southeastern States. She cultivates staff, tracks pursuit opportunities, and actively performs project work for clients.

- Functions as a Project Manager on projects and provide technical expertise on projects as needed, particularly with regards to the NEPA process and FTA requirements.
- Works with Southeast region leadership and National Directors in local and national marketing and production efforts including but not limited to, client management, planning, proposal production, and interviews.
- Develops and implement strategies for client and project pursuits.
- Develops and reviews proposals to clients for contract acquisition.
- Provides professional development, tracks pursuit performance, identifies staffing needs, and exchanges industry information from recent conferences/client contacts.

Sr. Environmental Planner

AECOM, Jacksonville, FL

2008 - 2016

Ms. Haven was responsible for managing and working on environmental planning and Capital Investment Grant projects for clients across the United States.

- Functioned as a Project Manager on NEPA projects and provided technical expertise on projects as needed.
- Managed the federal Capital Investment Grant technical submittals for projects.
- Rated the land use and economic development criteria of Capital Investment Grant projects as an FTA contractor.
- Conducted environmental justice and community impact assessments for NEPA projects.
- Conducted economic impact assessments for transit projects.
- Conducted equity analyses for transit service changes.
- Served as a technical writer for technical documents related to transit, such as ridership analysis, evaluation frameworks for alternatives analysis, environmental methodologies, funding scenarios, etc.
- Developed and reviewed proposals to clients for contract acquisition.

Community Planner/New Starts Team Leader for Regions II and IV

Federal Transit Administration, Washington, DC

2007 - 2008

Ms. Haven oversaw projects in the Federal Capital Investment Grant Program for Regions II (New York and New Jersey) and the Southeastern States.

- Responsible for rating grant submittals
- Provided guidance to grantees to assist them in developing successful projects.
- Coordinated with the project sponsor and the FTA administration, FTA Region, and Project Management Consultant.
- Briefed political representatives on New Starts projects in their area.
- Summarized the comments on the Notice for Proposed Rulemaking for the New Starts Process.
- Provided training to potential grantees as part of New Starts Round Tables
- Participated in the expert panel workshop on measuring the economic development benefits of transit projects.
- Served on the Congestion Pricing Committee, a joint effort with the Federal Highway Administration, to identify congestion pricing mechanisms in New York and Miami.

Sr. Environmental Planner

DMJM Harris/AECOM, Washington, DC

2004 - 2007

Ms. Haven was responsible for managing and working on environmental planning and Capital Investment Grant projects for clients across the United States. She conducted economic impact analyses, environmental justice analyses, provided technical writing assistance and quality assurance/quality control, and coordinated production of NEPA documents.

Environmental Planner

Parsons Transportation Group, Washington, DC

2000 - 2004

Ms. Haven was responsible for working on alternatives analyses, environmental planning, preparation of grant applications, and long-range transportation planning for clients across the United States. Served as the Project Management Oversight Contractor for New Orleans Projects.

Exhibit A Project Experience

Transit

GoTriangle Project Management, Durham, NC – Ms. Haven served as the environmental task lead on the engineering phase for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Project. She assisted GoTriangle in their efforts to evaluate the environmental effects of design changes as well as respond to comments from the FTA’s Project Management Oversight Contractor on the project’s project management plans.

Austin Blue Line Project, Austin, TX – Ms. Haven is the environmental manager for this Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is evaluating high capacity transit improvements in Downtown Austin.

MARTA General Planning Contract, Atlanta, GA. Ms. Haven serves as the environmental lead on the task-based contract. She leads NEPA studies for transit project under the ATL program.

Atlanta BeltLine Environmental Assessments (EA), Atlanta, GA. Ms. Haven served as the Project Manager for two EAs being prepared for proposed streetcar service in Atlanta.

NICTD West Lake Corridor Project, Dyer, IN to Chicago, IL. Ms. Haven served as the Environmental Task Lead for an EIS prepared for a proposed commuter rail extension into Chicago, IL.

VIA Metropolitan Transit, Modern Streetcar EA, San Antonio, TX. Ms. Haven served as the Deputy Project Manager for an Environmental Assessment (EA) on modern streetcar service in Downtown San Antonio. She is responsible for conducting the environmental justice, socioeconomic, land use, and neighborhoods analyses for the EA as well as preparing the EA document for submittal to the FTA.

FTA On-Call Contract, Washington, DC. As a contractor for FTA, Ms. Haven evaluated and rated the land use and economic development templates and supporting documentation of New Starts applications for transit projects throughout the U.S.

Clayton County High Capacity Transit Initiative EIS, Clayton County, GA. Ms. Haven serves as the Environmental Task Lead for an EIS being prepared for proposed high capacity transit improvements in Clayton County, Georgia.

Purple Line Light Rail Project FEIS, Maryland Transit Administration, Bethesda, MD. Ms. Haven conducted the Quality Assurance and authored the environmental justice, neighborhoods and community impacts, and economic analysis chapters for the Final EIS. This project was awarded FTA’s Environmental Excellence award in 2015.

Crystal City/Potomac Yard Bus Rapid Transit Project Categorical Exclusion, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Arlington/Alexandria, VA: Ms. Haven served as the Environmental Task Manager for the environmental study of a bus rapid transit project that would serve Arlington and Alexandria, VA. She coordinated the tasks necessary to prepare a Categorical Exclusion (CE). She was responsible for conducting the analysis of potential impacts to area environmental justice, neighborhoods, land use, zoning, and editing the CE.

Atlanta Downtown Streetcar Environmental Assessment and TIGER Grant Application, Atlanta, GA. Ms. Haven served as Environmental Task Leader for the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact of a streetcar project in Downtown Atlanta. She conducted the equity and environmental justice analyses for the project and worked with the team to develop the Department of Transportation TIGER Grant Application, for which the City of Atlanta was granted \$49 million to fund the streetcar project.

Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Study EIS/EIR, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation

Authority, Los Angeles, CA: Ms. Haven served as a Senior Planner on this EIS of a proposed light rail transit extension within the Eastside Corridor in Los Angeles. She was responsible for developing the Ridership Technical Report and conducted the environmental justice and equity analyses for the Draft EIS/Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Exposition Corridor Transit Project Phase 2 EIS/EIR, Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority, Los

Angeles, CA: Ms. Haven served as a Senior Planner on this environmental impact study of a proposed light rail transit extension within the Exposition Corridor in Los Angeles. She was responsible for developing the Ridership Technical Report as well as environmental justice, land use, community and neighborhood analyses for the Draft EIS/EIR. This project is under construction.

South Bay Metro Green Line Extension EIS/EIR, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation

Authority, Los Angeles, CA: Ms. Haven served as a Senior Planner on this environmental impact study of a proposed light rail transit extension within the South Bay Corridor in Los Angeles. She was responsible for developing conducting the environmental justice and equity analyses as well as quality assurance and quality control for the Draft EIS/Draft EIR.

West of the Hudson Regional Transit Access Study, Metro-North Railroad, New York, New York:

Ms. Haven served as a New Starts Task Leader on this Alternatives Analysis of proposed transportation improvements in Central Orange County and in the corridor from Central Orange County to New York City. She was responsible for writing the Purpose and Need statement, developing the evaluation methodology and screening measures, conducting the screening analysis, and preparing all documentation required to be admitted into the FTA Federal New Starts process.

In-Town Transit Partnership Project AA/Environmental Assessment, Regional Planning Commission of

Greater Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama: Ms. Haven served as a Task Manager for this Alternatives Analysis for major transit service improvements proposed in Birmingham. The project examined transit options, including LRT and BRT, to provide enhanced transit circulation within the central business district and support continued expansion of the adjacent university campus project. Ms. Haven was responsible for the documentation required by the FTA for New Starts projects, as well as the economic analysis for a TIGER Grant Application.

Weber County to Salt Lake City Commuter Rail Project EIS, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), Utah:

Ms. Haven served as an Environmental Planner on the EIS for a 45-mile commuter rail project to operate between Ogden and Salt Lake City. She was responsible for indirect and cumulative effects analysis and the evaluation of alternatives chapter of the EIS and editing the remaining chapters of the document. The project connects cities and communities in three counties in this corridor via a total of nine stations. It is currently in operation.

South Corridor Light Rail Project Preliminary Engineering/EIS, Charlotte Area Transit System, Charlotte,

North Carolina: Ms. Haven served as a Senior Environmental Planner responsible for preparation of the draft and final EISs evaluating light rail transit options. Her responsibilities included research, writing, and conducting an economic impact analysis for the population, housing, and economy chapter; and authored and edited other chapters of the EIS, including the definition of alternatives, evaluation of alternatives, and indirect and cumulative effects. The project is currently in operation.

West Corridor Light Rail Transit Project EIS, Denver, CO - RTD, Denver, Colorado:

Ms. Haven served as an Environmental Planner for an EIS that evaluated light rail options that would serve Denver, Lakewood, and Golden. She was responsible for writing and editing the EIS, conducting the economic impact analysis, and assisting in public involvement workshops for community stakeholders.

Peninsula Rail Transit Project Alternatives Analysis, Hampton Roads, Virginia: Ms. Haven served as the Deputy Project Manager on this Alternatives Analysis project. She was responsible for derivation of the work program for the project, development of specific tasks, and authoring significant portions of the planning documents. The project evaluated light rail transit options in the following jurisdictions: Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg, James City County, and York County.

New Orleans Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC) New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA), Louisiana: Ms. Haven served as the Deputy Project Manager on the PMOC team in charge of budgeting for the project, site visits, review of all planning related materials generated for all RTA major transit projects funded by the FTA and authoring of the monthly progress reports and final report to the FTA.

Jupiter Corridor Alternatives Analysis, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), Palm Beach County, Florida: Ms. Haven served as the Deputy Project Manager on this Alternatives Analysis and was responsible for coordinating work of the project team, public involvement meetings for area stakeholders, and preparing the final deliverables. The objective of the project was to define and evaluate premium transit options for the Palm Beach County portion that would extend northward from the City of West Palm Beach to the Town of Jupiter, about 16 miles. The options included transportation system management, bus rapid transit, and commuter rail alternatives.

Central Florida North-South Commuter Rail Alternatives Analysis, LYNX, Orlando, Florida: Ms. Haven served as an Environmental Planner responsible for environmental and technical documentation for a 60-mile investigation into the feasibility of providing commuter rail for the central Florida counties in the Orlando area.

Central Corridor Light Rail Construction Cost Escalation Study, Metropolitan Council, St Paul, Minnesota. Ms. Haven worked with the team to conduct the economic impact analysis as part of the EIS for this LRT project.

District of Columbia Transit Return on Investment Study, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Washington, DC. Ms. Haven worked on this return on investment study to evaluate which transit improvement projects would generate the greatest return on investment in the DC Metro area.

Rail

Empire Corridor High Speed Rail, New York. Ms. Haven prepared the Locally Preferred Alternative Report for a Draft EIS evaluating proposed high-speed rail service in New York.

NEC Future Rail Project Tier I EIS, Washington, DC to Boston, MD. Ms. Haven conducted the analysis for land use, parklands, and Section 4(f) and 6(f) for the Tier 1 EIS being prepared for this Federal Railroad Administration document.

Richmond to Hampton Roads High Speed Rail Tier I EIS, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Richmond, VA. Ms. Haven served as a Planner on this environmental impact study of a proposed high-speed rail project from Richmond to Hampton Roads. She was responsible for environmental justice and land use analysis, evaluation of funding options, public involvement, and editing chapters for the Draft Tier I EIS.

California High Speed Rail EIS/EIR, Sacramento, California. Ms. Haven conducted the socioeconomic and environmental justice analyses for the high-speed rail EIS.

Atlanta to Chattanooga Tier 1 EIS, Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Haven was the Project Manager for this Tier 1 EIS that evaluated high speed rail options connecting Atlanta and Chattanooga.

Highway

Tampa Interstate Study, Tampa, FL – Ms. Haven serves as an environmental lead on this Florida Department of Transportation study on express toll lanes and express bus. She focuses on environmental tasks related to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement that is being prepared for the project, as well as helping to develop transit alternatives to be considered for the project.

Florida Fuel Distribution Study, Tallahassee, FL. At the request of the Florida Governor, Ms. Haven led a study of fuel distribution issues in the State of Florida during hurricane evacuations. As part of the project, she interviewed local, state, and federal emergency management officials; oil, gas, and trucking lobbyists; as well as Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation. The effort culminated in recommendations for the state to implement to ensure that fuel is available during emergency events where evacuations are required. The results were presented at the annual Hurricane Conference.

I-11 & Intermountain West Corridor Study. Phoenix, AZ. Ms. Haven is the Environmental Justice lead for this Tier 1 EIS to identify a Selected Corridor Alternative for highway improvements between Nogales and Wickenburg, Arizona.

Tappan Zee Bridge/I-285 Environmental Review EIS and Tier I EIS, New York State Department of Transportation, Thruway Authority, Metro-North Railroad, New York. Ms. Haven served as a Senior Planner on this transit, highway, and bridge replacement project. Ms. Haven was responsible for analyses of the following topics: land use, neighborhoods, community resources, environmental justice, acquisitions and displacements, socioeconomics, and parks. She also authored several chapters of the EIS.

I-10 Corridor EIS. Phoenix, AZ. Ms. Haven conducted the Environmental Justice analysis for this EIS that was prepared for proposed capacity improvements on I-10 between Nogales and Wickenburg, Arizona.

Organizational Assessments and Long-Range Planning

Realizing the Vision – Board AdHoc Committee for Regional Funding and Governance, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Haven worked with the team to develop an implementation and prioritization plan for MARTA's program of projects.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Organizational Assessment, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Richmond, Virginia. Ms. Haven worked with the team to conduct an organizational assessment for the DRPT.

Puerto Rico Long Range Transportation Plan, Departamento de Transportacion y Obras Publicas, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Ms. Haven served as a transportation planner to develop the long-range transportation plan for Puerto Rico.