

Nashville Area Complete Streets Symposium & Workshop

Franklin, Tennessee Panel Discussion Participants

January 29, 2010 9:00am – 10:00 am

Michael Skinner - City of Franklin 3rd Ward Alderman

Before being elected in October 2009, Michael was a neighborhood activist and a graduate of the City of Franklin Citizen's Government Academy in the Fall 2007 class. He is also a graduate of the Citizen's Fire and Police Academies in 2009. After 27 years of public service with the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department he retired and moved to Franklin with his family in February 2005.

Alderman Skinner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Memphis State University in 1976. While at the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, he worked in a variety of leadership roles: Food Sanitation Supervisor, Senior Environmentalist, Neighborhood Clinic Supervisor and Manager of Environmental Sanitation. He was certified as a Registered Professional Environmentalist with the state of Tennessee, served on the Advisory Board of the Memphis Food Bank and the State of Tennessee Food Safety Committee and was a member of the Unified Personnel Committee for Shelby County Government and the National Environmental Health Association.

Eric Gardner - City of Franklin Director of Engineering

Mr. Gardner began with the City as the Assistant City Engineer in 2005 and was promoted to the Director of Engineering in 2007. Prior to working for the City, Eric worked as a consultant for seven years, mainly doing transportation design for clients such as the Tennessee Department of Transportation. He is a professional engineer (P.E.) and a certified professional in erosion and sediment control (CPESC). He serves as the P.E. Review Chair for the Nashville Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Mr. Gardner graduated from the University of Evansville in 1998 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Emily Hunter – City of Franklin Principal Planner Department of Planning and Sustainability

Ms. Hunter recently passed her American Institute of Certified Planners exam in November 2009. She has been with the City of Franklin as a planner for two years, and during her time with the City, she has worked with the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Sustainability Commission's Urban Design Committee. Her primary duties involve reviewing development proposals, preparing staff recommendations to Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, and preparing amendments and revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. Prior to joining the City of Franklin staff, Ms. Hunter was a Research Associate with the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR).

Ms. Hunter graduated with her Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Memphis in 2007. While in Memphis, Emily was employed by the Shelby County Department of Housing, the Memphis and Shelby County Office of Economic Development, and the Regional Economic Development Center.

Bob Murphy – RPM Transportation Consultants, LLC, President

Mr. Murphy has 30 years experience in transportation planning and traffic engineering. Mr. Murphy specializes in multi-modal planning and design. At RPM, he is responsible for a wide range of projects including transportation master plans, traffic impact studies, bikeway and pedestrian planning and design, sustainable design, roadway and intersection design, traffic signal design, intelligent transportation systems, and parking studies and designs.

Mr. Murphy is a registered Professional Engineer in five states. He obtained a Bachelor of Science from the University of Tennessee in Engineering. He has served as an instructor for the University of Tennessee Transportation Center, and has been an Adjunct Professor for Vanderbilt University where he taught Traffic Engineering. He has authored several papers on transportation planning and traffic engineering subjects and is a frequent presenter at professional conferences.

Mr. Murphy is a Board Member and Past Chairman of the Transportation Management Association (TMA) of Franklin Board Member of Cumberland Region Tomorrow, Past President of the Tennessee Section of ITE, Past President of the Southern District ITE, Board Member and Past President of Walk/Bike Nashville, Board Member of the Nashville Chapter of American Consulting Engineers Council, and a member of the Downtown Nashville Rotary. Mr. Murphy is an active runner and cyclist and often commutes by bicycle to work.