

Multi-State Freight Working Group
Off-Shore Wind Development Needs and Implications for Regional Planning and Transportation
Virtual Workshop
Speaker Bios

<i>Name</i>	<i>Bio</i>
David Behrend	David Behrend is the Executive Director of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and has held various positions over his more than 22 years with the agency. Prior to joining the NJTPA, he worked as a journalist in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey, specializing in transportation, the environment, development, and related areas. He has a bachelor's degree in government from Cornell University and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. He is also a 2012 Lead New Jersey Fellow.
Anne Strauss-Wieder	Anne Strauss-Wieder is a nationally respected senior executive and expert who currently serves as the Director of Freight Planning for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). She has over 40 years of public and private sector experience involving supply chains, industrial and economic development, resilience, and freight movement. She was the 2022 recipient of the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lectureship. Ms. Strauss-Wieder is in leadership roles in several national professional organizations. She was an appointed member of the US Department of Commerce's Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness and the US Maritime Administration's Marine Transportation System National Advisory Committee. She also teaches a graduate class on freight and public policy at Rutgers. Ms. Strauss-Wieder has a BA and MA in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania and was a 2010 Lead New Jersey Fellow.
Paul Baumer	Paul Baumer serves as the Acting Deputy Director for Infrastructure in the Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy in the Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. He is responsible for implementing National Freight Policy, developing the National Multimodal Freight Network and National Freight Strategic Plan, and advising on DOT leadership on freight infrastructure programs. Until September 2023, he was served as the program manager for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program, which included oversight of the INFRA, Mega, and Rural grant programs that have collectively awarded \$7.8 billion in federal discretionary grant funding to 165 projects across the country. Prior to joining U.S. DOT in 2010, Mr. Baumer worked for the Economic Directorate of the Census Bureau and in the Office of Financial Services Industries

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	in the International Trade Administration. He has a BA in International Affairs and an MA in International Trade and Investment Policy from The George Washington University.
Monique Stinson	Dr. Monique Stinson is the Freight Estimation, Forecasting and Analysis Manager at the USDOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics, where she manages the Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) program. Previously, Dr. Stinson previously was Technical Manager of Freight Systems and Analytics at Argonne National Laboratory, where she led research in in urban freight, e-commerce, electrification, and other areas under the Energy Department’s SMART and SuperTruck 3 programs. Her novel, agent-based freight transportation model--called CRISTAL (Collaborative, Informed, Strategic Trade Agents with Logistics)--was awarded the 2023 Best Paper by the TRB Freight Transportation Planning and Logistics Committee. Her earlier contributions in freight modeling include developing the first supply chain and logistics model to be implemented by a US MPO. Dr. Stinson is a member of the TRB Freight Data and Freight Planning and Logistics Committees, chairs the Freight Modeling Subcommittee, and serves as an editor for the Transportation Research Record and Transportation Letters. Dr. Stinson earned her PhD from the University of Illinois at Chicago and her BS and MS at the University of Texas at Austin.
Jakub Rowinski	Jakub Rowinski is currently the Manager of Freight Planning at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). At NJTPA since 2008, Jakub has a total of more than 25 years of experience in freight and mulimodal planning specifically and many other aspects of transportation planning generally. Jakub managed several of NJTPA's Freight Forecasts studies including the last one where the underlying commodity data was changed from Transearch to the Freight Analysis Framework (FAF).
Marygrace Parker	Marygrace M. Parker serves as the Freight Program Director for The Eastern Transportation Coalition (formerly the I-95 Coalition) Parker provides staff support to Coalition members and agencies participating in the Coalition’s Freight Committee and working groups, including TETC’s Freight Data & Planning Working group and Truck Parking Working group and for the Coalition’s Transportation Data Marketplace on a number of activities including sharing best practices, lessons learned and innovative applications of data. This includes TETC’s project in 2022/23 to emphasize use of publicly available data sources by providing disaggregated FAF data to TETC agencies for their use, as well as a current effort underway continuing this work.

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Sara Walfoort	Sara Walfoort is the Freight Planning Manager for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, the MPO for the Pittsburgh region. This expansive region is served by three Interstate Highways and the Pennsylvania Turnpike; more than a dozen Class I, Regional and Shortline railroads; two hundred miles of commercially navigable inland rivers; and an international Airport. As such, all freight activities conducted in this region include an intermodal or multimodal element. Coordination of regional transportation efforts occurs across the ten county region, as well as with extra regional partners such as the Appalachian Regional Commission and planning partners in Ohio and West Virginia. Sara holds a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and is a 2008 (inaugural class) alumna of the I-95 Corridor Coalition Freight Academy.
Dan Beagan	After spending the first half of his career working for MPOs and the DOT in Massachusetts, Mr. Beagan has been honored to spend the last 26 years working for Cambridge Systematics. He is the author of the second and third editions of the Quick Response Freight Manual. He has had the privilege of working on transportation models and plans, particularly freight models and plans, for MPOs and DOTs throughout the country. He has a Civil Engineering Bachelor’s degree from Brown University and a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania
Birat Paney	Birat Pandey is Freight Analysis and Data Program Manager for FHWA. He provides expertise in freight data development, data applications, modeling and leads research initiatives to support national freight transportation policies and programs. He manages National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) program for FHWA and works on initiatives that are related to freight truck automation and emerging technologies. Birat is also a registered professional engineer.
Megan Konar	Megan Konar is an associate professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prof Konar's research focuses on the intersection of water, food, and trade. Her research is interdisciplinary and draws from hydrology, environmental science, and economics. Dr. Konar received a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Princeton University in 2012, MS in Water Science, Policy and Management from Oxford University in 2005, and BS in Conservation and Resource Studies from UC Berkeley in 2002. She was recently awarded the NSF CAREER award, Early Career Award from AGU Hydrologic Sciences, and Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

