

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

WILLIAM (BILL) ANKNER, Transportation Solutions

Dr. Ankner is the founder and CEO of Transportation Solutions, providing consulting services to MassDOT and the MBTA during negotiations with Amtrak and other states on cost allocations for the Northeast Corridor; the Northeastern Illinois Transit Task Force; the Chicago RTA for development of alternative formula allocation; the FHWA for studies on Regional Mobility, Metadata Congestion Analysis, Tolls, and USDOT's future; Texas DOT; Miami CITT; St. Louis Metro's; Delcan; IMG and L-3. He has served as the CEO of two state transportation departments (Louisiana and Rhode Island) and held executive management positions in New Jersey and Delaware, as well as with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He was the Executive Director of three Transportation Trust Fund Authorities and the Missouri Transportation Institute. As an active participant since 1981 in all federal transportation reauthorizations and policy, Dr. Ankner wrote and/or coauthored such financial elements as transit check, federal toll credits, TIFIA, HIPPP (forerunner to private activity bonds), funding flexibility and public-private partnerships; and planning/environmental elements.

MARYSUE BARRETT, Metropolitan Planning Council

Since 1996, MarySue Barrett has served as president of the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC). Prior to joining MPC, Ms. Barrett served in former Mayor Richard M. Daley's first administration. Ms. Barrett began her municipal government work in 1989 in the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and was promoted in 1993 to chief of policy, coordinating initiatives on public safety, economic and community development, and lifelong education. In 1995, she was recruited by Mayor Daley to serve as chief of staff to the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees, part of a new management team charged with bringing revolutionary change to the Chicago Public Schools. Ms. Barrett counts among her top accomplishments Chicago's successful implementation of community policing and the City's successful bid to host the 1996 Democratic National Convention. Ms. Barrett has a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University. She has been selected to participate in leadership exchanges sponsored by the International Women's Forum, the American Council on Germany, the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the British American Project, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Brookings Institution. She completed a Leadership Greater Chicago fellowship in 1994 and was honored that same year as one of Crain's Chicago Business "40 Under 40."

DANIEL BISS, Illinois State Senator

Daniel Biss, a former mathematics professor at the University of Chicago, represented the 17th District in the Illinois House before his election in 2012 to the state Senate. Biss has passed legislation on issues including environmental policy, economic growth, political reform, consumer protection and equal rights for individuals with autism. He emerged as a leader on fiscal matters and was at the forefront of efforts to reform public pensions in ways that protect lower-income workers and workers who are near retirement. He has also championed groundbreaking legislation giving private sector workers access to retirement savings accounts through their workplace, making Illinois the first state in the country to enact such a program. Biss has earned broad acclaim for his public service, including the Community Investment Award from the Woodstock Institute and the Crain's Chicago Business's "40 Under 40" class of 2014. Biss grew up in Bloomington, Indiana, and moved to Chicago after completing a Bachelor of Arts at Harvard University and a Ph.D. in mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He lives in Evanston with his wife Karin and their two sons, Elliot and Theodore.

DAVID BRAGDON, TransitCenter

In the arena of metropolitan planning, David for nearly eight years could claim to be the only regionally-elected politician in the nation, as President of the Metro Council, the MPO for the region of Portland, Oregon – an unusual regional government whose members are elected by the voters rather than nominated by constituent jurisdictions. In his three terms on the Council, David was involved in the regional transportation plan, light rail expansion, a 10,000 acre network of natural areas, and ran the Oregon Zoo and Convention Center. His fascination with transportation started in New York when he and his Dad, an official in Mayor Wagner's administration, kept a log of the buses on Second Avenue in New York City. He returned to New York in 2010 to oversee the update of Mayor Bloomberg's infrastructure and environment strategy. He became Executive Director of TransitCenter in 2013.

RON BURKE, Active Transportation Alliance

Ron Burke became Executive Director of the Active Transportation Alliance in August of 2010. For 25 years, Mr. Burke has worked on environmental, public health and transportation issues in the non-profit and government sectors. Prior to joining Active Trans, Mr. Burke was Midwest Office Director for the Union of Concerned Scientists and Associate Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Burke also worked for the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Burke earned an M.S. from Washington University's Department of Engineering and Policy and did his undergraduate work in life sciences at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

DAN CRONIN, DuPage County Board Chairman

Dan Cronin first won election to the office of DuPage County Board Chairman in November 2010, after serving in the Illinois General Assembly for 20 years. As County Board Chairman, he's led the effort to reduce the size, scope and cost of local government. Since 2011, Chairman Cronin has cut the DuPage County budget by more than \$30.5 million without raising property taxes or compromising service. Through his DuPage ACT Initiative (Accountability, Consolidation and Transparency), he introduced a comprehensive approach to reform dozens of independent taxing districts in DuPage County. To date, those reforms, that include the elimination of two agencies, are estimated to save taxpayers \$80 million. Chairman Cronin continues to advocate on behalf of DuPage taxpayers on regional issues such as infrastructure, public transit and economic development. He is a graduate of Fenwick High School with a B.A. from Northwestern University and a J.D. from Loyola Law School. Dan is a resident of Elmhurst where he lives with his wife, Juliann, and their four children. He is a partner in the Oak Brook law firm Power & Cronin, Ltd.

KIRK DILLARD, Regional Transportation Authority Board Chairman

Kirk Dillard is the chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board of Directors. For nearly 20 years, Chairman Dillard served as the Republican senator for the 24th District of the Illinois State Senate. Senator Dillard served on the Transportation Committee, was a strong supporter of mass transit, and sponsored the Secretary of State's Railroad Safety Initiatives. Additionally, he served on a myriad of committees, co-chaired the Judiciary Committee and chaired the High Technology Task Force. Prior to serving as senator, Chairman Dillard served with distinction as Chief of Staff to former Governor Jim Edgar and as Legislative Director to former Governor James Thompson. He is currently a partner at Locke Lord LLP, one of Chicago's oldest and largest law firms. Chairman Dillard has been recognized in Crain's Chicago Business' "Who's Who in Chicago Business". Chairman Dillard has a B.A. from Western Illinois University, a J.D. from the DePaul University College of Law and served as a Public Policy Mentor for the University of Chicago.

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MIKE FORTNER, Illinois State Representative

Mike Fortner is in his fourth full term as State Representative. In the legislature he serves on the committees for Cities and Villages, Tollway Oversight, Energy, Mass Transit, and Transportation: Regulations, Roads, and Bridges. Prior to his election as a Representative, Mike served as Mayor of West Chicago. During his five and a half years in that office he improved city services while cutting the city portion of the property tax bill. He served on the DuPage Mayors and Managers board, and helped form the Metro West Council of Governments. He served as co-chair of the STAR line commuter rail study, chaired implementation of the DuPage Area Transit Plan, and worked on the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus task force for education reform, and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Council of Mayors. For his work with other communities on transportation and public transit, Mike was awarded the 2006 Intergovernmental Cooperation award by the DuPage Mayors and Managers. Before serving as mayor, Mike served as an alderman, school board member, plan commissioner, and he started his public service as a historic preservation commissioner. In addition to his public service, Mike Fortner is an accomplished physics professor and researcher.

GRACE GALLUCCI, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Grace Gallucci is the Executive Director for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, which is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for greater Cleveland and is responsible for transportation planning and resource allocation for a five county region. Ms. Gallucci has nearly 25 years of finance and planning experience in the field of transportation, including working for the Chicago Regional Transportation Authority where she was Chief Financial Officer and Senior Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Performance Management, as well as Deputy Executive Director of Research, Analysis and Policy Development. She also held the post of Director of Office of Management & Budget for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and began her career as an analyst for the Office of Transportation, Broward County, Florida. Ms. Gallucci has been an adjunct professor at Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago teaching courses in public finance, economics, public policy and transportation management. She has served on many research panels for the Transportation Research Board and has been appointed by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood to serve on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Review Advisory Committee for Safety. She was named one of Crain's Business "40 under 40." She holds a Master of Urban Studies, a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

MICHAEL PAGANO, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

Michael A. Pagano is Dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago, professor of public administration, elected Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, former co-editor of *Urban Affairs Review* (2001-14), and Faculty Fellow of UIC's Great Cities Institute. He is Project Director of an annual conference, the UIC Urban Forum, designed to address contemporary urban problems. He has published six books, including *Metropolitan Resilience in a Time of Economic Turmoil*, *Citiescapes and Capital* and *The Dynamics of Federalism*, and over 80 articles on urban finance, capital budgeting, federalism, transportation policy, infrastructure, urban development and fiscal policy; since 1991, he has written the annual City Fiscal Conditions report for the National League of Cities and is currently the Principal Investigator of a 3-year project funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to research city fiscal behavior and city financial adaptations during the Great Recession.

JOSHUA SCHANK, Eno Center for Transportation

Joshua L. Schank is President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportation, a non-profit foundation with the mission of improving transportation policy and leadership. Dr. Schank, who is an urban planner, has worked on federal and state transportation policy over a decade. Before joining Eno, he directed the National Transportation Policy Project at the Bipartisan Policy Center which proposed a new vision for the Federal role in surface transportation policy. Dr. Schank was Transportation Policy Advisor to Senator Hillary Clinton during the development of the last six year transportation authorization bill (SAFETEA-LU). He has also worked as a Consultant with PB Consult and Senior Associate at ICF International in Washington, D.C., as well as the Office of the Inspector General's in the U.S. Department of Transportation, and with the Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City. Dr. Schank holds a Ph.D. in urban planning from Columbia University, a Master of City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a B.A. in urban studies from Columbia University. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife Lindsey and his sons, Max and Jonah.

STEPHEN E. SCHLICKMAN, Urban Transportation Center

Mr. Schlickman is the current executive director of the UTC, a position he's held since the fall of 2010. Getting his start as a bus driver for Georgetown University, Mr. Schlickman has worked for the Chicago Transit Authority, the City of Chicago Washington, D.C. office as its director, and Parsons Brinckerhoff, an international transportation planning and design firm. He ran his own consulting practice during which his client purchased the Chicago Skyway tollway for \$1.8 billion. He has been the executive director of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) of Northeastern Illinois. In these various capacities Mr. Schlickman has been involved in most of the major transportation funding initiatives at the federal and Illinois levels, including the funding and reform of the Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Authority in 1983 and 2007/08. He has initiated two major national transit coalitions, one focused on transit rail expansion and one on the needs of old rail transit cities. Mr. Schlickman served on the board of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, he's a past president of the Illinois Public Transportation Association and he is an active member and leader on the legislative committee of the American Public Transportation Association. He is also on the board of directors for the Center for Neighborhood Technology, the Active Transportation Alliance, and the Neighborhood Capital Institute.

KATHY THOLIN, Center for Neighborhood Technology

Appointed CEO of CNT in September, 2005, Kathy directs and oversees CNT's research, demonstration, and policy development. From 2000 to 2005, Kathy was the founding General Manager of the Community Energy Cooperative (later changed to CNT Energy, now Elevate Energy). She was responsible for the development and management of its energy-efficiency and demand reduction programs in the Chicago area, including an innovative multifaceted, geographically targeted demand reduction program; a natural gas price protection program for residential consumers; and the Energy-Smart Pricing Plan. Kathy has also served as Project Director of the Illinois Smart Grid Initiative, a collaborative project to develop a consumer-centered approach to smart grid development in Illinois. Kathy has more than 25 years' experience in program management, policy development, and research on a wide range of community development, environmental and energy areas. Prior to joining the Community Energy Cooperative she served as Executive Vice President of the Woodstock Institute in Chicago, National Director of the Success Measures Project of the Development Leadership Network, and Assistant Director for Policy and Communications at the Center for Neighborhood Technology. She is a founder and board member of the Chicago Community Loan Fund.