

Jeffrey F. Boothe represents public and private sector clients in the area of federal transportation law. He has substantial experience in representing public transit authorities and metropolitan areas through the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") approval process for new start projects, on matters relating to federal transportation policy and legislative and regulatory affairs, and transit oriented development.

Mr. Boothe earned a B.A. from Stanford University in 1977 and is a 1987 graduate from George Mason University Law School. Prior to graduation from law school, he served as a legislative assistant to Senator Mark O. Hatfield (R-OR) and as a professional staff member on the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Boothe is an active participant in several organizations that work with Congress and the federal agencies in the formation of surface transportation policy. Since 1995 he has chaired the New Starts Working Group ("Working Group"), which is a coalition of transit properties, cities and private sector companies which actively support expansion of federal funding for the construction of mass transit rail projects. The Working Group is extremely active in developing federal policy to ensure that growing metropolitan areas retain a broad array of surface transportation options to respond to concerns regarding climate change, transit oriented development, and promoting economic development to improve the quality of life for local citizens. The Working Group has also been active in shaping the FTA criteria for evaluating new start and small start projects.

He also serves as Executive Director of the Community Streetcar Coalition ("CSC"). The CSC is an organization of cities, transit authorities and architectural and engineering firms established to affect federal legislative and regulatory issues that impact the funding and advancement of streetcar projects nationwide. He served as counsel to the first transit oriented development project in Portland, Oregon, worked intimately on the statutory and regulatory framework for FTA's transit oriented development ("TOD") policies, and has represented clients seeking to use federal funds to undertake TOD projects.

He is an original board member and current vice chair of Reconnecting America, which was created to provide to promote an intermodal transportation to addressing the nation's transportation needs. Reconnecting America also houses the Center for Transit Oriented Development that is a leading industry voice in support of linking transit, housing and development at the local level and in Federal policy actions. He is a board member for the Center for Transportation Excellence, which was established to assist local areas to respond to transit critics and conduct successful elections for transit ballot initiatives.

He has substantial experience in representing public transit authorities to secure FTA bus and rail project approval. Specifically, he has been actively involved in working with Congress, the FTA, elected officials, transit authorities and business leaders in developing strategies to secure FTA approval for the following fixed guideway projects that are either completed and open for revenue service or that are currently under construction:

- Portland Banfield Light Rail Project (1986)
- Portland Westside Light Rail Project (1998)
- Portland Airport MAX Project (2001)
- Portland Interstate Avenue Project (2004)
- Sacramento Southline Phase I (September 2003)
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Rail Car Acquisition (2006)
- Charlotte South Corridor Light Rail Project (November 2007)
- Norfolk Light Rail Project (Fall 2011)

He has substantial experience at the project level working with project teams to help transit authorities and other project sponsors navigate the FTA New Starts and Small Starts requirements and develop successful approaches to secure FTA project approvals. He is currently working as part of project teams on the following projects to assist them in advancing through the FTA project approval process:

- Sacramento Southline Phase II
- Grand Rapids BRT Project
- Grand Rapids Downtown Streetcar Project
- Northern Indiana Commuter Rail District Southshore Extension
- West Sacramento - Sacramento Streetcar Project
- MARTA General Planning (several project corridors)
- Columbus Light Rail/Streetcar Project
- Detroit Woodward Avenue Light Rail Project
- Tampa Regional Rail Project
- Lansing Alternatives Analysis

Mr. Boothe has been instrumental in developing comments and leading industry efforts in response to the 2007 FTA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding Major Capital Projects which sought to implement changes made to the New Starts program in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). He led industry opposition to those proposed changes that resulted in Congress blocking any funding to FTA in the FY 2008 and FY 2009 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Acts to advance to a final rule.

He was elected in 2005 to serve on the American Public Transportation Association ("APTA") Business Member Board of Governors. He is also an active member of the APTA Legislative, Legal Affairs and Policy and Planning Committees; the Major Capital Investment, Environmental and Land Use and Development Subcommittees; and the Surface Transportation Authorization Task Force.