



Paula Dowell, Ph.D

Ph.D., Economics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2000

M.A., Economics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1998

B.B.A., Economics, East Tennessee State University, 1994

Professional Background

Paula Dowell has more than 17 years of experience in economic analysis and planning, including 14 years of experience focused on transportation economics and freight transportation planning. Since joining CS, Ms. Dowell has served as Project Manager/senior consultant on a project examining the economic benefits of freight investments for the National Academies of Science, the Central Florida Regional Freight Mobility Study, the Arizona Multimodal Logistics Center Feasibility Study, the Lamar Ave FASTLANE grant for TNDOT, the Georgia Statewide Freight and Logistics Study and the Houston-Galveston Regional Freight Plan. In all of these efforts, Dr. Dowell focused on the linkages between freight transportation, land use and economic development opportunities. She is currently managing the NC State Freight Plan and a 5 year contract for the implementation of the Texas State Freight Plan. Prior to joining Cambridge Systematics, she served as the National Practice Leader for Freight and Economics at Wilbur Smith Associates. While there she served as project manager/senior consultant for numerous freight and economic planning studies including the Atlanta Regional Freight Mobility Study; Niagara/Buffalo Regional Freight Study, Nashville Regional Freight Study, Mexico Multimodal Freight Corridor Master Plan, and Mississippi Statewide Freight Master Plan.



TRB Involvement

Past member of Transportation and Economic Development and Transportation Economics (cycled off after 9 years on each)

Currently in third rotation on the Urban Freight Committee

First year on Agricultural Transportation Committee

Organized and/or served as moderator of 9 TRB sessions, Presenter in 5 sessions for TRB annual meetings

Served on organizing committee for ITED (International Transportation and Economic Development) conference in 2006 ,2014.

Personal Note

Proud "parent" to a 2 year Jack Russell Terrier rescue that has taught me the real meaning of patience! I enjoy traveling and experiencing new places, people, cultures and foods. While traveling, I am often caught stopping to take pictures of railroads, ports and other interesting freight movement photo ops. Other hobbies include never ending home improvement projects, cooking and exploring all the new reuse developments happening in Atlanta.



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