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## Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself, I am Becky Karasko. I served as the Committee's first Communications Coordinator, now in Akiko's capable hands!

## **Professional Background**

I am a Principal Transportation Planner and have been managing the Freight Planning Program at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the past six years. NCTCOG is a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, tasked to coordinate regional planning efforts throughout 12-counties in North Central Texas. NCTCOG's Freight Planning Program recently completed a multi-year regional freight study in which we assessed the current state of the regional freight system and identified future needs/knowledge gaps.

## **TRB Involvement**

I became involved in TRB in 2008 attending TRB conferences and workshops, serving on NCFRP Project Panels and TRB Committees.

## **Personal Note**

I have always been interested in maps and why things are located where they are, planning is perfect for me! My two oldest daughters are huge "Thomas the Tank Engine" fans, so they think I have a pretty cool job working with "trucks and trains".