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Introduction

Hello committee, thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Philbert Wong and I am a member of the Urban Freight Transportation Committee.

Professional Background

I am currently a Transportation Planning Manager with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). At Metro, I have worked on a variety of freight projects including the Alameda Corridor East rail grade separation program, the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan, and the Countywide Strategic Truck Arterial Network for Los Angeles County. In addition, I have managed the goods movement improvements category of the Call for Projects, which grants funding on a competitive basis to local freight projects.

Outside of freight, I've also worked on transit and highway projects including the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension light rail transit project and the ExpressLanes High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes. Prior to working for Metro I worked for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), which is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for southern California.

I have a Bachelors in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California (USC). I also have a Global Logistics Specialist professional designation from California State University, Long Beach.

TRB Involvement

My involvement with TRB began at the summer conference in Boston in 2005, where I met Ted Dahlburg for the first time. My first Annual Conference was in 2008 and I've been fortunate enough to attend a Washington Capitals or Wizards game every trip to DC. In 2014, I became a member of the Urban Freight committee.

Personal Note

I have a pretty wide range of interests and hobbies outside of work. I'm a goalie in an adult roller hockey league and I enjoy photography, camping, and bicycling. I've had the privilege and honor of photographing two friend's weddings.

I also have a nephew and niece and to my surprise, my 14 year old niece recently said that she wants to major in Logistics in college! Although she has a long way to go until college and things can change, I'm impressed that she at least understands and appreciates the importance of logistics!