

Tom Church, Secretary, New Mexico Department of Transportation

Tom Church, secretary of the New Mexico Department of Transportation, has worked for NMDOT for the past twenty years, serving in many roles including chief of staff, deputy secretary of business and financial operations, deputy director of administrative services, and quality management bureau chief. He served as acting secretary prior to being announced as secretary. Church is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado.

Gregory Heitmann, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration – New Mexico Division

Greg Heitmann has nearly 12 years of experience with the Federal Highway Administration. He has worked for the FHWA in Iowa, Texas, and New Mexico. Heitmann graduated from the College of Engineering at South Dakota State University in 1992.

Rodney Vaughn, Environmental Program Specialist, Federal Highway Administration

Rod Vaughn is an environmental program specialist for the FHWA Resource Center Environment Team. A civil engineering graduate of the University of Michigan in 1980, Rod worked in the Wyoming Division Office for 20 years before joining the Resource Center. Rod is the lead Resource Center contact person for Context Sensitive Solutions and is also involved with PEL, Document Quality, NEPA Process Management, Wildlife Connectivity, NEPA, and other areas. While in Wyoming, he had extensive experience in the Yellowstone and Teton National Park areas along with several national forests. Rod has held several positions along with his environmental duties including Right-of-Way, Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness, Scenic Byways, Recreational Trails, Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, Area/Operations Engineer, and was even a bridge designer for a while.

Albert “Bert” Thomas, Vice President and Engineer, Bohannon Huston

Albert “Bert” Thomas, PE, is a senior vice president and transportation engineer with Bohannon Huston, a civil engineering firm headquartered in Albuquerque. He is past president for the New Mexico Institute of Transportation Engineers, a member of American Society of Civil Engineers, currently serves on the state board of directors of the American Council of Engineering Companies of New Mexico, and is a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council for the New Mexico State University College of Engineering.

Jeff Fredine, Environmental Planner, Parsons Brinkerhoff

Jeff Fredine is an environmental planner and architectural historian with 15 years of experience in New Mexico. He spent ten years with the New Mexico Department of Transportation in Santa Fe before pursuing his current position with Parsons Brinkerhoff. As such, Fredine has experience implementing a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process from both a government perspective and a consultant perspective. He has been involved in CSS applications that successfully address transportation needs in such culturally sensitive areas as the Lincoln National Historic Landmark and the Battle of Glorieta Pass National Historic Landmark.

Ross Lockridge and Ann Murray, Stakeholder Community Representatives, Cerrillos, NM

Ross Lockridge and Ann Murray met in 1970 while studying fine arts and a few years later moved to the Village of Cerrillos, along the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway, where they have resided for 40 years. They became involved with the community in environmental issues and planning. They worked for over a decade with the New Mexico Department of Transportation as Citizen’s Advisory Committee representatives on the NM 14 reconstruction project. They also worked in the planning and creation of what has become the Cerrillos Hills State Park. Both of these projects are among the most rewarding of their volunteer activities. Later, they worked on the

Santa Fe County Growth Management Plan making sure that Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) is well embodied in the Plan. More recently they have pressed that CSS be encouraged in the new County Code and gained a listing for the AASHTO Roadside Design Guide that should enable engineers to practice CSS through restricted environments.

Charlie Deans, Urban Planner, New Mexico MainStreet

Charlie Deans is the New Mexico MainStreet program associate in Urban Planning and has over 30 years of urban design and redevelopment experience. As principal of CommunityByDesign, he has extensive experience with downtown revitalization plans and creating walkable communities. He incorporates an approach that regenerates the social, cultural, environmental, and economic elements to create a unique place-based sense of community. Deans has received several planning awards and professional recognition for his work on sustainable community practices and community-based outreach processes. He also serves on the New Mexico Arts and Cultural Districts State Council.

Bill Hutchinson, Landscape Architect, New Mexico Department of Transportation

William Hutchinson is a licensed landscape architect with 30 years of experience in New Mexico. He has an extensive background in landscape design-build and for the last eight years has worked statewide managing Context Sensitive and Roadside Environment design at the New Mexico Department of Transportation in Santa Fe. This work includes citizen participation in transportation decision-making, public art, roadside revegetation, and urban streetscapes. He enjoys working with communities on their transportation needs. A native of Colorado, he has also worked on both coasts and done a variety of projects in Europe, Australia, and Mexico.

Alf Simon, Professor and Associate Dean, School of Architecture and Planning, University of New Mexico

Alf Simon is a professor in the Graduate Program in Landscape Architecture and the associate dean in the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico. He holds a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Manitoba in Canada, and a Ph.D. in geography from Arizona State University. He was a faculty member at the University of Manitoba, in Canada, from 1990 to 2000 and came to the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico in August, 2000 to start a new graduate program in Landscape Architecture. His interests are in landscape and infrastructure, cultural landscape studies, urban design and environmental art. Simon was a principal of Llewellyn Simon Associates, a Landscape Architecture and Architecture office. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, has served on the CSLA Board of Governors, and is a past president of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA).

Keith Wilson, MPO Senior Planner, Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

Keith Wilson has over 18 years of experience working in the transportation planning field. He has worked as the senior planner for the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) since April 2009 and as one of two staff at the MPO works on a variety of transportation planning activities across all modes (vehicular, train, transit, bicycle and pedestrian). Wilson has a Bachelor of Civil and Transportation Engineering from Napier University in Edinburgh, Scotland where he grew up. After working for a year in London, England, Wilson moved to the United States in 1995 to work for a Regional Planning Agency (MPO) in Western Massachusetts. During that time he worked on a variety of transportation issues with a major focus on safety planning. Wilson is a member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.