

Thomas Brennan

Principal



Thomas Brennan, Principal and manager of the firm's Portland office, has over 15 years of experience in transportation planning. His clients include a broad range of public sector, private company, and non-profit groups. Thomas has special expertise in transit service design and policy, parking management, TDM, and strategic transportation planning. He has led many of the firm's largest transit system planning and multimodal transportation planning projects.

EDUCATION

M.S., Community and Regional Planning, University of Oregon
B.A., English Literature, Hamilton College

EXPERIENCE

Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates Inc.

Principal, 2004–Present, Senior Associate, 2002–2004, Associate Project Manager, 2000–2002

Public Involvement and Outreach

- Spearheaded first-ever long range public transportation vision for Kootenai County Public Transit through a feasibility study and public outreach campaign encouraging local school districts to examine opportunities for coordination.
- Established support for Whatcom Transportation Authority's Long Range Strategic Plan (\$400,000), a ground up effort to reshape the agency's mission, vision, and service delivery, through development of a public involvement campaign.
- Conducted extensive stakeholder outreach for transportation projects in Walla Walla County, WA, Yakima County, WA, Boise, ID, Coeur d'Alene, ID, The Dalles, OR, Medford, OR, Santa Fe, NM, Antelope Valley, CA, Eureka, CA, Missoula, MT and many others.
- Designed outreach program including stakeholder outreach, print materials, and open house meetings for Santa Fe Trails Five-Year Development Plan.
- Managed public involvement processes for over 20 transit development plans in Oregon, Washington, California, and across the western United States.

Paratransit and Rural Transportation System Planning

- Determined optimal service delivery model for Rogue Valley Transportation Authority through a paratransit feasibility study that examined factors such as the costs and benefits of in-house vs. contracted services and the current system's compliance with ADA regulations.
- Recommended traffic solutions to cities ranging in population from 45,000 to 200,000 through Downtown Parking Management and Mobility Studies.
- Led new-start public transportation feasibility study in Coeur d'Alene – Post Falls, Idaho.
- Contributed a detailed analysis of Worker/Driver Programs in Mason County, WA, to the NW research component of a Transit Cooperative Research Project.
- Managed Five-Year Transit Development Plans for the cities of Eureka and Arcata, CA (fixed route and paratransit).
- Cultivated development of new intracity service design for South Clackamas Transit District in Oregon.
- Provided mapping, service planning and data analysis assistance for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Northeast Area Restructuring Study.
- Oversaw development of a Mobility Action Plan for Wasco County, OR.

Transit Service Design

- Project Manager of a study evaluating potential High Capacity Transit corridors as a component of Portland Metro's Regional Transportation Plan, including technology, operating plans, capital costs and financial plan.

Transportation Demand Management and Parking Management

- Lead Planner for Transportation Demand Management element of the City of Kirkland, WA Downtown Parking Management Plan.
- Studied approaches to TDM and Vanpool Services for the Missoula-Ravalli Transportation Management Association.
- Developed parking management and employee commute trip reduction recommendations – including an employee transit program – for the State of Oregon Capital Mall in Salem.
- Examined cost/benefit analysis of privatization of on-street parking management and enforcement functions in Spokane, WA for Nelson\Nygaard component of Parking Management Study.
- Currently studying commuter transit and vanpool options for Edwards Air Force Base and the Mojave Airport Complex, a large Aeronautics complex in Southern California.
- Evaluated the Antelope Valley Transit Authority's Commuter Express Service to Los Angeles, the West San Fernando Valley and Century City/West LA.
- Devised parking management strategies for downtown Ashland, OR. Recommendations focused on resolving conflicts between local business traffic and visitor traffic in this quaint downtown.
- Surveyed multiple on-street pay technologies including state of the art pay stations and in-vehicle technologies for an on-street parking technologies study for the Ashland Transportation Committee.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

University of Oregon Community Planning Workshop

Project Manager, 1998–1999

- Acted as project manager for numerous economic development and planning projects for clients such as non-profits, municipalities and major state agencies.

Linn County Affordable Housing

Program Developer, 1998–1999

- Private contractor hired to develop State of Oregon Pilot project for investment of local CDBG funds in low-income housing and community redevelopment projects.

City of Lebanon, Oregon

Planning/Public Works Assistant, 1997–1999

- Long-range planner for this growing city in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Completed the city's first major Comprehensive Plan Update in over 10 years, which included the incorporation of new smart growth and urban design policies.

Peace Corps, Niger, West Africa

Community Development Agent, 1994–1996

- Project liaison for a sustainable housing and agro-forestry project in the Sahel region of West Africa.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Awarded the 1998 American Planning Association, Oregon Chapter, Student Achievement in Planning Award for "Siting Affordable Housing in Oregon Communities" report.