

Transportation Task Force
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Speakers' Bios

Alan C. Wulkan is a director with InfraConsult LLC. Alan has been in the forefront of new start transit system development in the United States for more than 30 years. His experience includes the development and management of new start rail, bus, and automated guideway projects and is nationally recognized for his work in Washington, D.C. on legislative issues affecting the transit industry. He was involved in the Charlotte and Phoenix referendums to fund their light rail transit systems.

Transit Initiative: Phoenix, Arizona
 Charlotte, North Carolina
 Broward County, Florida

Elizabeth A. Rao has 25 years of experience with transportation planning and program development. This includes the Denver transit referendum. Ms. Rao brings first hand experience with what makes for a successful transit initiative.

Transit Initiative: Denver, Colorado

Maria Garcia Berry, CEO of CRL Associates, Inc., is experienced at forging links among diverse interests and groups. She is widely recognized for her expertise in government and public decision making, public finance, strategic planning, coalition building, crisis communications, community outreach, public positioning and legislative advocacy. Ms. Berry lead the referendum effort in Denver for their funding of light rail.

Transit Initiative: Denver, Colorado

Peter J. Haas is the Education Director for the Mineta Transportation Institute, a research and education organization located at San Jose State University. Dr. Haas has focused on factors influencing voting results of local transportation funding initiatives and why campaigns for local transportation funding initiatives succeed or fail.

Transit Initiative: Author/Co-Author of several publications including “Voting Outcomes of Local Tax Ballot Measures with a Substantial Rail Transit Component: Case Study of Effects of Transportation Packages.”