

RESUME OF VALERIE JEAN SOUTHERN

Valerie J. Southern is an independent transportation-planning consultant with expertise in transportation systems planning and program management. For nearly 30 years, she has assisted governments and the private sector in the analysis, administration and financing of complex transportation projects and programs. Ms. Southern's career covers all modes of transportation and represents every level of government and the private sector. Her technical skills include transportation systems analysis (all modes), transportation policy and program development, capital plan preparation and budgeting, in-depth knowledge of federal transportation legislation and national transportation research.

EDUCATION

Master in Public Administration - Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1987.

Master in Community Planning - University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, 1980.

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism - University of Rhode Island, 1976.

CURRENT EXPERIENCE

President, Valerie J. Southern – Transportation Consultant, LLC (1998 – Present) **Fairfax, VA**
Independent consultant specializing in transportation systems planning and engineering; policy and program development (all modes) for governments and larger engineering firms.

PAST EXPERIENCE

King County Department of Transportation **Seattle, WA**

Manager, Transportation Planning Division (1996 – 1998)

Administrator and manager of the \$1 billion King County transportation-planning program featuring all modes: roadway, freight, transit, rail, ferry, pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian. Directed the work of 80 professional planners and engineers in developing the County's comprehensive and capital plans.

Executive Office of Transportation and Construction **Boston, MA**

Deputy Secretary, Transportation Planning and Capital Planning (1992 - 1994)

Executive manager and administrator of state transportation policy and strategic plans. Administered \$1.6 billion capital budget, developed and implemented state multi-modal programs, managed 100 professional engineers and planners.

Federal Highway Administration **Cambridge, MA**

Expert Consultant

Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project (1990 – 1992)

Expert Consultant assisting in the planning, administration, oversight and coordination of the 10-year, \$13 billion Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project.

Governor's Office **Providence, RI**

Deputy Director, Policy (1987-1990)

Manager of the Governor's policy office overseeing the development of statewide policy in Transportation, Land Use and Economic Development.

Barton Aschman Associates, Inc. **Evanston, IL**

Transportation Consultant (1984-1986)

Consultant performing municipal and state transportation and land use management analysis and studies including intersection capacity analysis, interchange feasibility studies and pedestrian facilities planning.

District of Columbia Department of Transportation
Office of Policy and Program Development
Transportation Policy Analyst (1980 – 1983)

Washington, DC

Principal analyst in the development of transportation, economic development, and public space preservation policy in the Nation's Capital. Author of the transportation element of the city comprehensive plan. Appointed special assistant to the Mayor and the City Administrator. Received Distinguished Public Service Award.

RECENT TRAINING

- Seminar: *Teaming Agreements, Subcontracts, and Advance Confidentiality Agreements*, George Mason University, 2010.
- Certificate of Completion: *Accounting Fundamentals*, US Small Business Administration, 2009.
- Certificate of Completion: *Profit Mastery – Management Advisory Services*, Bank of America, 2007.
- Certificate of Completion: *Essentials of Industrial Security Management*, Department of Defense, Defense Security Service Academy, 2006.
- Certificate of Completion: *Minority Business Executive Program*, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, 2001.

AWARDS

- *Business Person of the Year*, Issaquah, Washington
- *Top Diversity Business of the Year*, DiversityBusiness.com
- Kahn Fellow, Harvard University
- Regional Finalist, White House Fellowship Competition
- Toll Fellow, Council of State Governments

AFFILIATIONS

- Member: Institute of Management Consultants, USA
- Member: American Small Business Coalition (ASBC)
- Member: U.S. Chamber of Commerce - Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- Member: National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA)
- Member: Springfield, Virginia Chamber of Commerce - Economic Development Committee
- Member: Women's Transportation Seminar – DC Chapter
- Panel Member: Transportation Research Board, Cooperative Highway and Transit Research Programs - Projects 8-41, G-07 and 15-40
- Member: Harvard Alumni Association - DC Chapter