



## *Speaker Information*

### **Thursday, July 16**

#### **Keynote Speaker: Mark Fenton**

Mark Fenton is known as an energetic walker *and* talker. A former member and coach of the US national racewalking team, he competed in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Trials in the 50 kilometer racewalk. He is now a transportation, planning, and public health consultant and nationally recognized expert on walking for well-being. He has hosted the PBS television series “*America’s Walking*,” is a contributing editor to *Health Magazine*, and has authored numerous academic articles and several consumer books, including “*The Complete Guide to Walking for Health, Weight Loss, and Fitness*” (Lyons Press, 2008). His professional training is in engineering—he earned BS and MS degrees in mechanical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and spent time as a biomechanics researcher at the US Olympic Training Center and for Reebok. He is a vocal pedestrian advocate and authority on public health issues and the need for community, environmental, and public-policy initiatives to encourage more walking and bicycling. He has facilitated walkable community workshops for the National Center for Bicycling and Walking, and consulted to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center at the University of North Carolina on their national Safe Routes to School training program. Mark also serves on his community’s planning board.



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### **Tuesday, July 14**

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Christopher Dingman joined the Federal Highway Administration-Michigan Division as a Transportation Planner and Research Coordinator in 2007. At FHWA, he is engaged with many transportation issues including international border crossings, freight planning, state research projects, and data monitoring. He is also the FHWA staff representative for the Ann Arbor and Flint metropolitan areas. Prior to FHWA, Mr. Dingman spent 12 years at two metropolitan planning organizations in West Michigan, 4 years in Muskegon and 8 years in Grand Rapids. He has also been an adjunct professor in the geography department at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan.

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Jocelyn Jones is a Transportation Planner for the Federal Highway Administration. At Federal Highway, she works with local and state governments to understand freight and planning issues and identify ways to work with the private sector to plan transportation improvements that benefit the freight industry. For the last 6 years, she has been active with a private sector industry group, the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, and has held many cabinet positions, including President. Prior to FHWA, Ms. Jones' government work experience was at a metropolitan planning organization, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council and the DASH transit system in Alexandria, Virginia. Ms. Jones is a member of the Transportation Research Board's Committee on Freight Transportation Planning & Logistics. She holds a Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Michigan and a business degree from Carnegie-Mellon University.

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Trevor Brydon has served as a Transportation Planner for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments since 2006. Mr. Brydon works in a group that conducts regional planning for a wide variety of transportation concerns, including freight, border crossings, and transit as well as nonmotorized, rail, air, and water travel. Within this group, he focuses on freight planning, GIS, and data analysis. Mr. Brydon holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Calvin College and a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan.



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Ernie Wittwer has been a researcher at the University of Wisconsin, focusing on regional freight issues, since 2008. He founded Wittwer Consulting, Inc. in 2005. Over three years as a consultant, he carried out a number of study efforts related to asset management and freight planning. Earlier, he spent five years as the Director of the Midwest Regional Transportation Center (MRUTC) and adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin Madison. It was during his time at the university that he began what has become an ongoing effort to evaluate, plan for, and coordinate freight movement efforts on the part of the states of the Mississippi Valley Region. While he was Director of the MRUTC, he coordinated the planning and delivery of two national conferences on asset management, oversaw more than 30 research projects related to asset management, developed graduate level courses on transportation management and policy, and developed and presented short courses on asset management related topics. Prior to joining the university, Ernie spent twenty-four years at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Ernie holds master degrees in public management and continuing and adult education.

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Larry Karnes is the Freight Policy Specialist for the Michigan Department of Transportation and has been involved in freight transportation planning for over thirty years. He is responsible for a wide range of strategic and project level freight planning activities, including marine, rail, motor carrier, and international border crossings. He is currently active in several national and regional freight transportation organizations and initiatives. Prior to joining MDOT, Mr. Karnes' professional experience included serving as Chief Planner for a regional planning agency and Metropolitan Planning Organization, and as an analyst for the federal government. He also taught courses in geography and is a guest lecturer on marine transportation at the university level.

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Mr. Gwilliams is a Senior Transportation Planner for the Statewide and Urban Travel Analysis Section at MDOT, primarily specializing in freight movements, including the development of the Michigan Statewide Freight Model. Jesse coordinates the department's Origin and Destination Studies, develops processes to support Economic Benefit Analysis of projects, and works with the section's Data Specialist to maintain industry employment databases. He is in his seventh year at MDOT after graduating from Michigan State University with a Geography degree and GIS specialization.



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Alan Horowitz is a professor of civil engineering at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. He received his BS and MS in engineering and his PhD in urban planning (1974), all from UCLA.

His research spans the areas of travel forecasting, transportation benefits, and social and environmental impacts of transportation policy. His research has been widely disseminated in national and international journals and has been presented at numerous professional society meetings.

Since coming to the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in January 1979, Professor Horowitz has been continuing his research into values of travel time, and conducting new research about urban trip tours, land-use impact assessment, single-route ridership forecasting, trip assignment, subarea focusing, ride quality of highways, intermodal passenger transfer facilities, transportation benefits, freight planning, applications of GIS to transportation networks, hazardous materials routing, intelligent transportation systems, and travel forecasting methodology.

### **Wednesday, July 15**

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Janice M. Brown is currently the Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Promise. She was Superintendent of Kalamazoo Public Schools from July 2000 to August 2007, and prior to that served as Executive Director of Instruction. In addition, she has over 36 years of experience working at all levels of public education. She has been a teacher, consultant, visiting professor, State administrator, principal, and central office administrator.

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Bob Jorth is the Executive Administrator of the Kalamazoo Promise scholarship. He has established all of the processes and procedures for the implementation of this groundbreaking, nationally recognized scholarship program. He served on the Interfaith Strategies for Advocacy and Action in the Community (ISAAC) organizing committee and executive board for 3 years. He also was head of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 211 board for 2 ½ years. He has a Masters in Public Administration from Western Michigan University and a bachelors degree from Wartburg College. He has 2 children and has been a resident of Kalamazoo for over 20 years.



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Abby Dart has been Executive Director for Scenic Michigan since 2008, prior to that served as Program Director for 4 years. Her background includes political and community organizing, lobbying and fundraising and education includes a law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. She originally got involved with Scenic Michigan after working with some of the Scenic Michigan supporters on a referendum in 2004 to block a big retail development on farmland on the outskirts of the city of Petoskey.

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As Vice President for Economic & Business Development, Mr. DeHaven is responsible for economic development activities of the college including the Wind Energy Center, Michigan High Throughput Screening Center, the RFID Technology Center, the Emerging Technology Center, and the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC)’s non-credit training activities and facility. Prior to joining Kalamazoo Valley Community College in 2003, he served as an elected trustee of Kalamazoo Valley Community College for 13 years including positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer.



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Russell Wicklund is the Owner / Planning Consultant for PREIM Group LLC. From 2002 to present, he consults with cities, villages and townships in primarily Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties, providing services include new master plans, recreation plans, zoning ordinances and amendments. Prior to that, he worked for Prein and Newhof from 1997 to 2002 as the Planning Director and Kalamazoo Office Manager.. He has a Masters Degree from Western Michigan University in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning from Michigan State University.

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In February (2009), Cliff Rothenstein joined the Federal Highway Administration as the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs and Policy Communications. As director, Mr. Rothenstein is FHWA's primary point of contact with Congress, providing technical assistance and support to Congressional members and staff and for coordinating issues and policy positions on reauthorization and other legislative and policy issues.

Mr. Rothenstein came to the FHWA from the Environmental Protection Agency where he worked for almost 20 years in a number of important positions. Most recently, Mr. Rothenstein was the Director of EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks. As Director, Mr. Rothenstein was responsible for regulating almost 200,000 gas stations to ensure proper design, operation and compliance with federal requirements.

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Received Governor's Traffic Safety Advisor Commission Award in 2008 for outstanding contribution in promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety. Received PWA 2008 Award for Public Works Project of the Year in Technical and Management Innovation Category.



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Jerry is a volunteer supporter of Kalamazoo County parks. He is the President of the Parks Foundation of Kalamazoo County and a member of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail campaign. He has been involved with County Parks since 1996.

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Toni volunteers as a supporter of Trails and Greenways. She is the President of the Friends of the Kalamazoo River Valley and the Vice President of the Parks Foundation of Kalamazoo County. She is also Chairperson of the Board for MTGA (Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance) and has been involved with trails since 1991.

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Eric specializes in the design of waterfronts and riverfronts, parks, trails and greenways, and downtown planning and design. Eric was part of the original (1998) Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway Master Plan team, and has assisted the cities of Kalamazoo and Parchment with implementation of segments of the trail. Eric received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from Michigan State University and is a registered Landscape Architect in the State of Michigan.

Eric is a Principal and Chairman of the Board of O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates, Inc. He has been an integral part of OCBA since 1984 and has over 30 years of experience as a landscape architect.

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Dave has been the Director of Kalamazoo County Parks for five years and previously was the Director of St. Joseph County Parks for 6 years and also worked in the Park and Recreation for the Town of Munster Indiana and for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Kalamazoo County Parks operates six county parks and the Expo Center and Fairground totaling over 1400 acres. Annually the parks host over 470 events and serve 828,568 visitors. The first 4.8 miles of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail opened in August is the newest Kalamazoo County Park.



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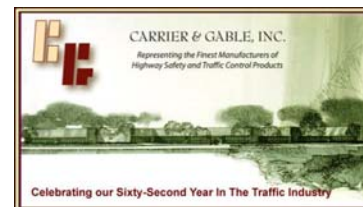
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Dr. Lighthizer earned a B.S.C.E. from Michigan Technological University. After working in engineering for about 10 years, he returned to school earning a M.S., and a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at Michigan State University. He has over 30 years experience working in transportation engineering. During the last 20 years, working for the Michigan Department of Transportation, he has held several engineering positions. Prior to joining MDOT he worked as a Traffic Engineer for the City of Flint, Michigan, and has worked as a traffic engineering consultant. Dale developed and taught several continuing education engineering courses offered through the Highway Traffic Safety Programs, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Michigan State University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Michigan.

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Stewart McKenzie is a Community Planner with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region V Office in Chicago where he is responsible for managing the development, approval and administration of capital, operating and planning grants and serves on planning certification review teams with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to ensure that metropolitan planning organizations are compliant with federal requirements. He also serves as a regional project team leader for New Starts and Small Starts projects in Michigan and Wisconsin where he works with project sponsors in alternatives analysis and environmental impact statements to prepare projects for entrance into preliminary engineering and final design.

Stewart received his master's degree in urban affairs and public policy and his bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Delaware and is a member of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners.

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William J. Schomisch earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1971. Between 1971 and 1980 he worked for the City of Oshkosh in the Planning Department as Grants Coordinator. During this time, he assisted in the successful transfer of the Oshkosh Transit System from a private operator to the City of Oshkosh following a public referendum. In March 1980, he was appointed as the Administrator for the Kalamazoo Metro Transit System. He later was appointed as the Executive Director in July 1984, a position he holds today.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Public Transit Association (MPTA) and also serves on several subcommittees of the American Public Transit Association (APTA). He is a graduate of Leadership Kalamazoo, serves on the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) Technical Committee and is a member of the Transportation Advisory Council of the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce.

