



## Session 1: How does transit funding work?

*A look at transportation project funding in the United States and Tennessee*

Wednesday, September 16

- 4:00 pm Welcome and overview of TCLA**  
Jessica Dauphin, Transit Alliance of MiddleTN  
Jim Schmitz, Transit Alliance of Middle TN
- 4:45 pm Perspectives from the Federal Level**  
Pam Kordenbrock, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- 5:15 pm Perspectives from the State Level**  
Suzanne Carlson, Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)
- 5:45 pm Session Wrap Up and Virtual Networking**



## **JIM SCHMITZ, Transit Alliance Board Chair** **Area President Middle Tennessee, Regions Financial Corporation**

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As market leader, Jim oversees the market expansion efforts for Nashville and surrounding areas by proactively initiating, fostering, and managing the firm's business and community engagement initiatives. Prior to assuming his role at Elliott Davis, he oversaw operations in 15 Middle Tennessee counties for Regions Bank. Before that, Jim held the same role for Regions managing the Florida Panhandle. He also spent time responsible for the bank's North Florida real estate banking group, holding positions as a banking executive and relationship manager. He spent more than 10 years in the banking and mortgage industry previous to joining Regions.



## PAM KORDENBROCK

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

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In February 2010, Pam Kordenbrock became the Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Tennessee Division. In this capacity she leads a multi-disciplinary staff of 22 that is responsible for a \$900 million federal-aid program and provides policy guidance to FHWA's State, local and other federal partners.

A 26 year veteran of Federal Service, Pam has also worked in FHWA offices in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Washington, DC; San Francisco and Los Angeles, California; Baltimore, MD and Chicago, IL. She has a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia. Pam is also the proud Dog Mom to two rescue pups named Guinness and Becks.



## SUZANNE CARLSON

Multimodal Transportation Resources Division Director, Tennessee Department of Transportation

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Suzanne Carlson is the Director of TDOT's Multimodal Transportation Resources Division, where she and her team support transit agencies and promote bicycle, pedestrian and low-speed mobility facilities. Previously, she worked as Innovate Memphis' Transportation and Sustainability Program Manager, which included leading a redesign of Memphis' transit network. She serves on the Boards of Memphis' Downtown Mobility Authority, Explore Bike Share, and the Compost Fairy. She previously worked as Pedestrian Program Manager for Chicago Department of Transportation and Director of Environmental Affairs at Chicago Public Schools. Suzanne is passionate about sustainability in all forms. You can hear her discussing the connections of transit and healthy cities in her [January 2018 TEDx Memphis Talk](#).