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July 5, 2020

Dear Mayor Brummel:

I noted in the July 2020 issue of *Hometown Happenings* that you are seeking a motivated volunteer to serve on the City of Warrenville's Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC). I have been a resident of Warrenville for over 23 years and I am an avid walker throughout the community. I recently retired with over 40 years of transportation experience, including 31 years with the Illinois Department of Transportation. Attached is a copy of my resume.

I believe a combination of my long-time residency in Warrenville and transportation knowledge makes me a viable candidate for the open commissioner position on the BPAC.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. You may reach me on my mobile phone or via email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Sikaras".

Charles Sikaras



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### *Professional Experience*

**December 2015 to December 2016**      Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)  
Unit Manager  
*Illinois Department of Transportation*  
*(IDOT)*

- ◆ Same responsibilities as Acting IDOT ITS Program Manager.
- ◆ Retired December 2016

**September 2012 to December 2015**      Acting IDOT ITS Program Manager

- ◆ Managed all IDOT ITS Program Office functions and responsibilities.
- ◆ Supervised IDOT ITS Program Office staff that included two ITS Program Specialists.
- ◆ Managed contractor performance for the Great Lakes Regional Transportation Operations Coalition (GLRTOC) [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com) website, the premiere traveler information website covering the multistate region from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota to Detroit and Port Huron, Michigan, in addition to all 102 Illinois counties.
- ◆ Developed, reviewed and submitted all ITS project funding applications to the United States Department of Transportation for approval. Developed and administered all IDOT/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding partnership agreements and work orders.
- ◆ Developed, monitored, and managed all contracts, budgets, and accounting activities of ITS Program Office including Federal obligations and reimbursements.
- ◆ Served as ITS Program Office direct contact with internal and external auditors, legal staffs, and FHWA offices for IDOT ITS projects.
- ◆ Performed detailed analyses of vendor responses to Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and served as member of Selection Committee for several contracts awarded by IDOT.
- ◆ Served as the State of Illinois Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks (CVISN) funding coordinator and represented ITS Program Office on the Illinois CVISN Steering Committee. The CVISN program is a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration initiative to improve commercial motor vehicle safety.
- ◆ Served as lead IDOT official on two multistate ITS organizations (GLRTOC) and Lake Michigan Interstate Gateway Alliance (LMIGA).

- ◆ Served as the lead IDOT official on two major Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) ITS Committees (Advanced Technology Task Force and Regional Transportation Operations Coalition).
- ◆ Served as the top Illinois official (Vice President) in ITS Midwest (a regional chapter of ITS America) from 2010-2016, in addition to previously serving as an Illinois Board member.
- ◆ Chaired the Communications Committee for ITS Midwest that is responsible for publishing three annual newsletters.

**March 1992 to August 2012**                      ITS Program Specialist  
*IDOT*

- ◆ Served as Project Manager for the Pilot Study of Advisory On-Board Vehicle Warning Systems at Railroad Grade Crossings. This project involved more than 35 public and private sector participants in the Chicago metropolitan area.
- ◆ Served as Chairman of the former Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM) Coordination Work Group.

**August 1983 to March 1992**                      Director, Transportation Division  
*Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce* (formerly  
Chicago Association of Commerce & Industry,  
CACI).

- ◆ Developed and implemented private sector policy statements and recommendations for all transportation modes, including traffic safety, highway, public transportation, aviation, rail and maritime.
- ◆ Expanded and enhanced liaison with public, private and not-for-profit organizations, regulatory bodies and legislative groups in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of regulations, legislation, and policies in all areas of transportation.
- ◆ Served as general supervisor and day-to-day manager of the Transportation Division and hired, trained, and managed staff to efficiently execute duties within the Association.
- ◆ Prepared, administered and evaluated budget and five-year plan for the Transportation Division.
- ◆ Recruited renowned guest speakers in the transportation industry and organized all committee meetings.

**April 1980 to August 1983**                      Senior Program Manager, Bureau of Railroads  
*Illinois Department of Transportation*

- ◆ Managed railroad grants, loans and subsidies, ensuring contract compliance.
- ◆ Developed strategies for negotiating rail contracts. Maintained lead role in contract negotiations.
- ◆ Managed marketing programs and financial records for Amtrak 403(b) trains.

