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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.

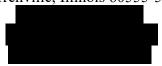
Sincerely,

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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 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.

September 1976 to April 1980 Fiscal Manager, Division of Public Transportation *Illinois Department of Transportation*

- Prepared annual operating budgets and assisted in formulating annual capital program budgets. Reviewed, approved and processed requisitions.
- Managed all operating and capital grant audits with outside consultants and IDOT Audit Section.

Education B.S. in Transportation Systems Management

University of Illinois, Chicago

Special Awards 2012 ITS Midwest Service Award

2010 LMIGA Distinguished Service Award