

Traffic21/Mobility21 University Transportation Center 2020 Deployment Partner Consortium Symposium

Panelist Bios

Panel One: Transportation & Equity – How to address systemic challenges

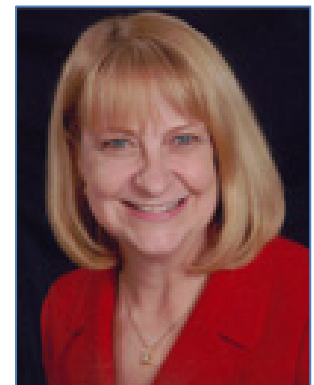
Sofia Gallo, Special Assistant for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Transportation

Sofia Gallo is Special Assistant for Policy, Office of the Secretary, where she works on the Administration's priorities on accessibility in transportation and on a broad array of transportation policy issues. Previously, she was a Research Assistant at the American Enterprise Institute and wrote about accessibility in the technology sector for Equal Entry. She graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts in politics.



Carol Wright, Director of Easter Seals Transportation Group and co-director of the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center

Carol Wright Kenderdine is director of Easterseals Transportation Group and serves as co-director of the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center, an FTA-funded technical assistance center. Previously, she served as National Director of Easter Seals Project ACTION and co-director of the National Center on Senior Transportation. Ms. Kenderdine is a nationally recognized speaker and trainer on the Americans with Disabilities Act, transportation management, leadership, and strategic planning. Previously, Carol served as Associate Director of the Small Urban & Rural Transit Center, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, at NDSU; Executive Director of senior services and public transportation for a multi-county agency in central ND; Director of a residential facility for traumatic brain injuries; held management positions in long-term care, and was an independent consultant in marketing and development. She has a Master's Degree in Gerontology/Human Development & Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Speech and English from North Dakota State University.



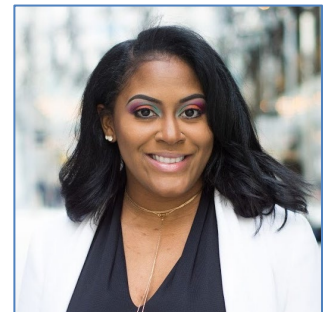
Jill Hough, Program Director, Small Urban and Rural Center on Mobility, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, North Dakota State University

Dr. Jill Hough is the director of UGPTI's Small Urban and Rural Center on Mobility at North Dakota State University. The Center focuses on increasing the mobility of small urban and rural residents throughout the United States and abroad through innovative research, education, and outreach. Hough has more than 25 years of experience in transportation and has authored or co-authored numerous research reports and journal articles. Currently, her primary research areas relate to shared-use mobility, mobility of the elderly and disadvantaged, livability, intelligent transportation systems. Hough earned her Ph.D. at the University of California Davis in Transportation Technology and Policy.



Mariah S. Stanley, National Program Manager, Conference of Minority Transportation Officials

Mariah Stanley has over a decade of experience in the transportation industry with extensive Institutional and Youth and Student Outreach project portfolios and experience managing complex multi-use workforce development programs in the areas of Diversity and Inclusion. She is skilled in nonprofit management, government contracting, team building, business writing, and fundraising. At COMTO, Mariah fosters an environment of teamwork and ensures that strategy is clearly defined while overseeing programs. Her skills enhance COMTO's mission to ensure a level playing field for minorities in the transportation industry. Mariah earned her Master of Business Administration focused in Business/Corporate Communications from Trinity Washington University.



Moderator, **Lisa Kay Schweyer**

Lisa Kay Schweyer is Program Manager for Carnegie Mellon University's Traffic21 Institute, which houses the Mobility21 National University Transportation Center. In 2003, her transportation career began, helping commuters and employers learn about transportation options as manager of the regional CommuteInfo program. In 2020, she earned the Association for Commuter Transportation's (ACT) Transportation Demand Management – Certified Planner certification, as well as a Cribs for Kids Women of Achievement Award. In 2019, Lisa Kay received the ACT President's Award for Extraordinary Service and in 2016, the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association's Superstars of Transit: Distinguished Service Award for Community Service. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Masters of Public Management from CMU.

