

Juan Carlos Gonzales



Juan Carlos was elected to serve as Metro Councilor for District 4 on May 15th, 2018 and sworn into Public Office on January 7th, 2019. Currently, serving his second term, he is the youngest and first elected Latino Councilor in Metro's history.

During his tenure as Councilor, Juan Carlos has spearheaded regional policy and investment initiatives to tackle housing affordability, enhanced multi-modal transportation, and addressing environmental disparities impacting low-income families across Greater Portland. As chair of the region's MPO (Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation), Juan Carlos has shown unwavering commitment to advocating for a safe, equitable, and accessible transportation system. Additionally, his leadership as co-chair of the Tualatin Valley Highway Bus Rapid Transit Steering Committee and the Westside Multimodal Improvement Study Committee has been instrumental in advancing critical transportation projects across the region.

In addition to his role on the Metro Council, Juan Carlos serves as the Chief Strategy Officer for Centro Cultural de Washington County, a nonprofit in its 52nd year that works with local Latino families to create self-sufficient and engaged community members by removing barriers to health, well-being, and economic mobility.

Millicent Williams



Millicent D. Williams is a career public servant and graduate of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University's School of Business and Industry in Tallahassee, FL.

Throughout her career she has demonstrated a strong commitment to providing meaningful service to the residents, businesses, and visitors of every jurisdiction she has worked in.

Her desire to serve and ensure equitable distribution of critical resources and services is exemplified by her work in communities across the U.S., throughout the Caribbean, in western, central, and southern Africa, and in southern India. Her passion, however, is to connect with and serve local communities, demonstrating how their government can (and does) work

to serve their interests.

Millicent is a five-time mayoral appointee, having served as agency director or senior executive for three separate agencies under three consecutive Washington, D.C. mayors. Previous leadership roles include Executive Director of Serve DC - The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships; President/CEO of the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation; and Director of the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

While living in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, she supported community growth at the City of Glenn Heights working in various roles in emergency management, parks planning, and community engagement.

Millicent rejoined PBOT in the summer of 2023 after managing PBOT's Capital Delivery division from 2017 to 2020, then serving as PBOT Deputy Director until May 2021. After her years at PBOT, Millicent served as Otak's Oregon/SW Washington Regional Director for the Public Sector and as Corporate Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Millicent lives in Portland and is the proud mother of a 24-year-old son, Ethan. Ethan was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome in early childhood. Since then, Millicent has created solutions to ensure her son—and families struggling with being classified as other-abled—mature into full, independent members of society. Her experience with her son has also influenced the way she manages teams and structures her work.

Maureen Bock



Maureen Bock is ODOT's Chief Innovation Officer and OReGO Program Manager. Maureen has an undergraduate degree in accounting from California State University-Fullerton and her juris doctor from the University of Arkansas. Maureen has been working on road usage charging at ODOT since 2006, when ODOT conducted its first RUC pilot. Her most recent experience began in 2014 when she worked with a team of business and IT professionals, as well as three commercial vendors, to design and implement the business processes and systems that support the collection of road usage charges. As the OReGO Program Manager, she continues to lead the OReGO Program through its evolution towards a sustainable funding solution. She is also working on development of a connected vehicle ecosystem, which will support ODOT's ITS and revenue programs.

Courtney Furman



Courtney has 12 years of experience as a traffic engineer, on both the public and private sides. Courtney is a Principal Engineer at City of Tigard, overseeing the transportation team within Engineering. She manages several ongoing programs, including Traffic and Transportation Major Maintenance and Pedestrian and Cyclist Connections. Courtney implemented the 20 is Plenty residential speed limit program and is leading the Safe Streets Action Plan and Neighborhood Traffic Calming. She is passionate about providing safe transportation options for all road users in Tigard, particularly vulnerable road users. She is involved in all phases of project development, from grant applications to project planning, design, construction, and maintenance.

She also serves as a project manager for many transportation and trail focused capital improvement projects, such as the Tiedeman Avenue Multimodal Study and the Trail System Plan.

Judy Clark



Organizational development and human resources consultant with over 40 years of experience and a background in mental health counseling. Works with organizations to assess their needs and design innovative programs to address identified goals and increase organizational effectiveness. Helps organizational leaders understand the human dynamics within business situations and better manage their employees during change. Facilitates partnering sessions, strategic planning, team building.

Julie Gefroh



Julie is the owner of [Golden Thread Coaching](#), provides developmental and somatic 1:1 coaching; she also offers leadership and learning programs in the art of navigating our inner complexity. Through her programs, participants uncover innate resourcefulness and creativity, opening fresh ways to respond to the complexity and challenges of work and life.

Julie spent two decades working in the athletic and outdoor industries in international sales and operations, the last six in the tech sector managing Customer Success teams and as an internal coach and leadership development facilitator. With a long history of environmental and sustainability focus, she also assists companies in navigating the complexity of pursuing B Corp certification. In her free time, she enjoys many hobbies, including dancing, qigong, cooking, hiking, camping, and mushroom hunting, and is always reading multiple books simultaneously.

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Shelley Richards



Shelley is a Vice President with Jacobs Engineering responsible for the transportation program in Oregon and SW Washington. For the past almost 30 years, Shelley has lead teams delivering complex transportation projects across the United States. She has worked in all areas of transportation including planning, preliminary design, final design, sustainability, bidding and construction. Her environmental experience includes all aspects of NEPA, Section 106, 4(f)/6(f), sustainability, climate, hazardous waste, Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments (ESA), and solid waste, among others. Shelley has served as Vice Chair for the Sustainable Transport Council (formerly Greenroads) an organization that promotes sustainability in transportation sectors. She has worked with many clients on strategies to create a net positive/net zero footprint.

Karla Keller



Karla is the Civil Engineering Operations Manager for ACMS Northwest and she brings 30+ years of progressive construction and management experience including large complex projects ranging up to \$35 million from beginning through completion. Her skill set includes program development and management; project and construction management; quality assurance; construction inspection; civil engineering and surveying; budget and financial management; and construction claims resolution. With ACMS Northwest, Karla manages Construction Managers, Inspectors, and Project Control staff working with a variety of clients on some of the largest projects in the Portland area.

Karla attended Oregon Institute of Technology, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Structural Design, with a minor in Construction Business Management. At the time, only 5% of the students were women.

She rose through ODOT's management ranks, becoming the first female and minority District Manager in the history

of ODOT in 1993. While at ODOT, Karla was the Region 1 Operations and Maintenance Manager, responsible for 330 employees across the Portland Metro Area's 5 counties.

Ms. Keller has established herself as a well-known and prominent figure in the construction management, transportation, and civil engineering industries within the Portland and Oregon areas. Throughout her 37-year career, Karla has received numerous accolades and leadership awards in recognition of her dedication, passion, and accomplishments in these sectors. Her extensive experience and visionary approach have left an enduring impression on the industry. Karla embraced mentoring while in management service 21 of her 25 years with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and continues this dedication with ACMS Northwest. She has led our award winning consulting firm outreach/recruiting efforts of women and minorities, helping to bring us to a 65 % diversity of women and minorities (not double counted). Karla has one daughter AnnaMarie, who will be joining the US Coast Guard in November, and will return to college after her service, following her mom into Civil Engineering. Karla also has a nephew Caden, she has raised as a son for the past 10 years. Karla is a native Oregonian, raised in the Portland area.

Shelli Romero



Shelli Romero is the Area Manager Central at ODOT Region 1. She has held this position for 10 years and is responsible for developing, managing and delivering projects within her geographic area as part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan, ODOT's capital program within scope, schedule and budget. She previously held positions at ODOT including Community Affairs Manager and Government Liaison. Prior to ODOT, Shelli held positions with the City of Portland, Multnomah County, the federal government and two non-profits and served on the staff of 3 elected officials. Shelli has been with ODOT for 18 years and has worked in transportation for 23. She is passionate about equity and looks for ways to integrate equity into transportation outreach and engagement, business utilization and engineering, infrastructure. Outside of ODOT, Shelli runs

Rose City Chica, LLC, a career coaching, development and exploration firm. Shelli was raised in Oregon by educator-activist parents on the picket line advocating for farmworkers' rights. In 2018, she was the recipient of the WTS Portland Chapter Woman of the Year, was named a 2022 Daily Journal of Commerce Woman of Vision and In 2023, she received an ODOT statewide Lifetime Career Achievement award.

Atousa Gorg



Atousa Gorg, P.E. (she/her) is a Resident Engineer for consultant projects in ODOT's Urban Mobility Office. Gorg has more than a decade experience in project management and design of the complex structural and transportation engineering projects in the US and overseas. She initially joined ODOT as part of the competitive Graduate Engineering Program in 2017. In her time at ODOT, Gorg's project management portfolio includes the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program , I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement, and I-205 Toll Project and Regional Mobility Pricing Project—ODOT's toll projects that are now paused due to direction from the Governor—as well as the preliminary planning phase for the I-5 Boone Bridge Replacement Project, several Active Traffic Management and ADA projects within the Portland metro area.

Gorg has a Master's of Civil and Environmental Engineering from Portland State University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Oregon. She is a multilingual Civil Engineer who immigrated to the US from the Middle East approximately 9 years ago to practice her core values of freedom and equity. She serves as a board member, volunteer, and/or ambassador with several international and local nonprofit organizations, including WTS Portland which focuses on promoting the advancement of women in the transportation industry. In 2024, Gorg received the WTS Portland Member of Year Award and was a past recipient of the International Leadership Award for leading the Community Action Project.

Kelly Martin



Kelly is a Senior Project Manager with ODOT Region 1 (Portland office). Kelly has worked for the State of Oregon for over 27 years, 23 of them have been with ODOT.

Kelly started her career as an Admin Assistant at the State Motor Pool with DAS as a single mom who had received her AA in Criminal Justice / Law Enforcement. While working full time and raising her daughters, Kelly took a job rotation and went to night school to earn her BA in Psychology. This qualified Kelly for a job with ODOT as a Crash Analyst.

When her youngest daughter was in High School, Kelly again went to night school and earned her MBA and took a job rotation to ODOT Region 1 – Project Delivery as a Project Manager 1. As she became familiar with project management practices, and how ODOT ran projects, Kelly continually took on larger / more complex projects, with her most recent project being the design of the \$175M – OR217 widening project. When The OR217 project went to construction, Kelly followed it into construction, where she has been learning another side of transportation projects. Kelly requested a rotation to the construction office to help prepare herself for advancement into an Area Manager Position with ODOT.