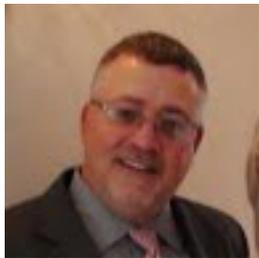


# Speaker Bios



**Roy Bant, Business Development – Air Liquide/Hydrogen**  
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For the first ten years of my career, I spent working in the Industrial Gas Industry as a Mechanical Engineer for the sizing and engineering of industrial gas equipment. Systems were complex cryogenic systems, on-site nitrogen plants, and any custom gas system. The late part of his Engineering career was managing projects and building Air Separation plants globally that produce the gases. The second and latest part of Roy's career has been commercial. Outside sales of all products that the industrial gas industry has to offer, then on to Sales Management and having direct reports of sales personnel for 14 years. Since November 2015, Roy has had the pleasure of working with the fuel cell industry, and vehicle OEM's to promote the utilization of hydrogen for energy or fuel for fork truck, generators, and light vehicles.



**Michelle Brossard, Alt. Transportation Coordinator – MA Department of Energy Resources**  
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Michelle Broussard has an M.A. in Economics from the University of NH. She began her work as an economist in the energy field at, what was then, the MA Division of Energy Resources. She has had experience in both the private and the government sector in alternative fuel vehicles. Michelle co-founded Voltrek, an EV infrastructure company, at a time when the area was just beginning to come to MA. She then transferred back to the policy side, administering an alternative fuel fleet conversion program at the MA Department of Energy Resources.



**Barry Carr, Regional Manager – Westport Fuel Systems**  
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Barry Carr is the Regional Manager for Westport Fuel Systems, Inc.; working with OEMs, installation partners, and end users to deploy alternative fueled vehicles. Westport Fuel Systems, based in Vancouver, BC is the world's leading automotive supplier of alternative fueled vehicle systems. Additionally, Barry has volunteered for the US Department of Energy's Clean Cities program; managing the operation of "Clean Communities of CNY" since 2004. Involved in the alternative-fuel vehicle industry since 1988, Barry works closely with state and federal governments in support of funding and demonstration programs. He serves on NGV America's Federal and State Legislative Committee, is vice chair of the Northeast Gas Association, and has been working to develop and promote the use of alternative fueled vehicles on the East Coast through participation in the ARRA funded infrastructure and vehicle grants, and development funding through the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority. He was recently awarded a lifetime achievement award from the NGV America; the outstanding leadership award for the US DOE Clean Cities program; and is a member of the Clean Cities Hall of Fame. Barry has provided prototyping, engineering support, program design, project management, and field testing for gas and electric utilities, state and federal agencies, and vehicle manufacturers, including American Honda, Mercedes, Chrysler, Ford, and Toyota. Barry is a graduate of Clarkson University's Engineering Management Program, and lives in upstate New York.





**Kristopher Carter, Co-Chair, Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics – City of Boston**

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Kris Carter is the Co-Chair of the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics. He is a non-practicing engineer, an optimistic urban planner, and a self-taught filmmaker. He has a not-so-secret love for Boston (his adopted home) and working through challenging human-centered urban problems. Kris has been nationally recognized by the APA for his blending of storytelling and urban planning and the Federal Labs Consortium for his innovation in transportation work. With the Mechanics, Kris has helped lead the City's overhaul of parking technology, expanded the City's mobility options, launched a digital storytelling outfit, managed the award-winning Public Space Invitational, and currently oversees the City's autonomous vehicle research efforts. Prior to leading the Mechanics, Kris acted as the Director of Boston's bicycle program, oversaw the expansion of Hubway, served as an advisor to Mayor on the Boston Innovation District, and helped operationalize One Fund Boston in response to the Marathon bombings. He is a two-time AmeriCorps alum, firmly believes in bagging his own groceries, and has yet to find a job more difficult job than raising twins.

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**Kathleen Rosen Connors, Founder and CEO – Voltrek**

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Kathleen, founder and CEO of Voltrek, brings business and investment strategy expertise to the company. She led the development of Voltrek's proprietary turnkey solution and acts as a project manager. In addition, she focuses on key business relationships that will advance building electric vehicle infrastructure. Kathleen served a term on the Massachusetts ZEV commission and frequently presents at industry events. Energy is not foreign to Kathleen. She started her career as a futures and stock broker working on an institutional energy desk for Prudential Securities. She later served as the Director of Marketing at Paradigm Global Advisors, Inc., a global alternative investment services firm, managing in excess of \$1 billion USD. In 2008 she founded BlueWater Capital Partners, Inc., an alternative investment company in the British Virgin Islands and acted as a consultant in the industry. Kathleen is a licensed VFR single engine pilot. Despite this, she recently attempted to overcome her fear of heights by hurdling herself OUT of a perfectly good airplane (attached to a parachute and instructor of course). The fear remains but the view on the ride down was worth it!

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**Peter Devlin, Fuel Cells Technologies Office – US Department of Energy**

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As Market Transformation and Intergovernmental Coordination Manager for DOE FCTO, Pete directs activities for fostering fuel cell technology adoption by government and industry. Pete is also responsible for managing pre-commercial technology development projects and providing the input to R & D Programs. Prior to his current work of which he has been responsible for the past nine years, Pete was responsible for R & D in other alternative fuel technologies including advanced combustion engine and fuels for eight years at DOE. Also at DOE for seven prior years, he worked on developing advanced energy technologies. Pete spent the first 12 years of his career in private industry engineering advanced propulsion and power generation systems from alternative fuel sources. Trained and educated as an industrial engineer, Pete received a Bachelors of Science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1979.

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**Jay Ferraro, Regional Fleet Account Executive – General Motors**

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Jay Ferraro earned his BS Degree from University of New York & Masters Degree MBA. Jay is an accredited ASE Master Technician and member of the SAE organization. He has worked for GM for 20 years in GM Parts, Service, retail and Fleet Commercial cross functional positions for the past 20 years. Held regional executive positions in Philadelphia, PA Washington DC and NYC. Jay has spent 15 years on GM Fleet & Commercial and currently holds the title of GM East Coast Regional Fleet Account Executive.



**Ron Gitelman, Fleet Management Program Administrator – Yale University**

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Ronald has held the position of Fleet Coordinator/Fleet Administrator at Yale University since April 2011 and has worked with the Fleet Director to build a world class fleet operation to match the university's status as a world class university. Additionally he has served as NAFA Chapter chair for the New York Intercounty Chapter as well as on various NAFA national committees. He has assisted in implementing Yale's fleet sustainability initiatives under the direction of Yale's Fleet Director and helping Yale to be recognized as a leader in fleet sustainability. Prior to working in Yale's Fleet department, he was a department administrator and business manager in various departments at Yale University. Ronald has over 30 years of experience in accounting and finance holding positions including Accounting Manager, Assistant Controller, and Controller.

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**Lee Grannis, Coordinator – Greater New Haven Clean Cities Coalition**

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Lee Grannis started the New Haven Clean Cities coalition in 1995 and has served as the coalition's coordinator for the last 20 years. As part of his Clean Cities mission, Lee has developed projects and obtained federal and matching funding for compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, light duty electric vehicles, electric transit, hydrogen hybrid, and biodiesel projects, and related outreach project funding. He has provided alternative vehicle and fuel consultation and assistance to many organizations in Connecticut and outside the state, including the Connecticut federal Congressional delegation, several towns and cities, metropolitan transit authorities, utilities, community colleges, universities, laboratories, and airports. Grannis was selected as the Northeast Region Clean Cities Coordinator of the Year in 2004 and 2008 and was inducted into the national Clean Cities Hall of Fame in 2012. In 2016, Lee was awarded the Benjamin Watson Inspirational Award from the Clean Cities Coordinator Council. Lee retired after 23 years as a lieutenant colonel, Infantry from the U.S. Army. Lee has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Political Science and a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. Grannis is on the Board of the Greater New Haven Transit District, and was recently elected the organization's treasurer. He is also the national treasurer of the Transportation Energy Partnership.

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**Tod Hynes, Founder and CEO – XL Hybrids**

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Tod is the Founder and CEO of XL Hybrids, a leading commercial fleet electrification company in the US. XL Hybrids' technology reduces fuel use and emissions by ~20% and is cost effective without subsidies. Tod raised \$30M of equity and debt to fund the venture and assembled and manages a cross disciplinary team. Tod is also a Senior Lecturer at MIT where he teaches a graduate course called Energy Ventures and co-founded and advises the MIT Clean Energy Prize. Tod was previously the Director of Alternative Energy for Citizens Energy where he launched Citizens' wind development business. He was also the Co-Founder of Strategic Energy Systems, a distributed power generation consulting and engineering services firm. He was the Co-Chair of the Energy Committee for CERC, the organization that "greened" the 2004 Democratic and Republican National Conventions, and was on the steering committee of the Boston Climate Action Network from 2003 to 2008. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his degree in Management Science.

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**Judith Judson, Commissioner, Department of Energy Resources**

Judith Judson was appointed as Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources in April 2015. Prior to joining the DOER, Judith worked at Customized Energy Solutions as Director of Emerging Technologies for the U.S. where she advised clients on the use of innovative technologies to cost-effectively modernize the US electric grid. Prior to her work at Customized Energy Solutions, Judith served as Vice President of Asset Management and Market Development at Beacon Power LLC, a Massachusetts-based clean energy technology company. As a nationally recognized expert on energy storage, Judith has participated in numerous hearings and technical conferences at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy. Commissioner Judson chairs the Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council and represents Massachusetts on the Boards of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Inc.; and Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. Previously Commissioner Judson served as Chairman and Commissioner of the Massachusetts Public Utilities Commission during the Romney Administration. She holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Kettering University.

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**Ginger Kasanic, Fleet Alt Fuel/Technology Manager – Ford Motor Company**

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Ginger has worked at Ford for over 27 years. Ginger's career has included various positions spanning from Product Engineering, Parts and Service, Sales & Marketing, and Fleet Operations. In her current role, Ginger is working with internal and external business partners to strategically integrate new technologies, advanced fuel options, and electrification in our products to continue to meet the ever evolving requirements of our fleet customers.

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**David Keefe, Coordinator – Clean Cities New York**

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David Keefe serves as the Coordinator for the Greater Rochester Clean Cities (GRCC) coalition, an organization dedicated to promoting alternative vehicles and fuel usage, and provides program support to that organization. GRCC is part of the US DOE national Clean Cities program. He is a principal of Shamrock Consulting, a consulting firm that has prepared alternative fuel vehicle studies for fleets, among other projects. He previously served as the Director of Fleet Services for the City of Rochester and while in that position he introduced several types of AFVs into the fleet and facilitated the construction of a CNG fueling station. In addition, he served as the Municipal Parking Administrator for the city of Rochester and managed the structured parking, parking lots and meters in the city's parking system. In this capacity, he was involved with several key projects, including the Hyatt hotel and the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. David taught public administration in the MPA program at the College at Brockport, State University of New York. He has also taught public administration and public policy classes at RIT and MCC. He earned a Master of Public Administration degree and a BS in history from the College at Brockport, State University of New York.

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**Jane Lappin, Director, Government Affairs and Public Policy – Toyota Research Institute**

Jane Lappin chairs the National Academies Transportation Research Board's standing Committee on Intelligent Transportation Systems and co-chairs the annual Automated Vehicles Symposium. She is a founding member and past chair of the ITS International Benefits, Evaluation, and Costs Working Group, has served on and chaired various World Road Association and ITS America committees and task forces, and is a member of the Carnegie Mellon University-Pennsylvania University Transportation Center Advisory Council. Jane is Director, Public Policy and Government Affairs, at the Toyota Research Institute. She was previously a Program Manager at the U.S. DOT Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, where her work addressed international ITS and automated vehicles research programs. Prior to joining the Volpe Center, Ms. Lappin worked for Abt Associates in its business strategy practice, focused on marketing and organizational behavior. She studied sociology as an undergraduate at Boston University and earned an MBA from Simmons College Graduate School of Management.



**Steven Laporte, Director, Business Operations – Iron Mountain**

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Steven Laporte is a senior operations professional with extensive experience in transportation operations and fleet management. For almost seventeen years Steve has provided Iron Mountain's North American Transportation Operations with forward-looking thought leadership in several key functional areas such as the high-growth secure shredding product line, vehicle and shred asset management, motor carrier regulatory compliance, driver safety and transportation financial performance. Prior to Iron Mountain, and following seven years as a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy, Steve was a field operations leader for Exel Logistics and Ryder Integrated Logistics, providing third party logistics services for customers in a number of industries, including automotive parts, food products, building materials, and retail store deliveries for approximately ten years. Steve holds a Master in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Bryant University and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the College of the Holy Cross.



**Wendy Lucht, Vice President – Ocean State Clean Cities Coalition**

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As Ocean State Clean Cities Coordinator hosted at the University of Rhode Island Transportation Center, Wendy Lucht has facilitated many alternative fuel projects within the state. She was instrumental in the launch of the state Electric Vehicle Charging Network, and has served on the Rhode Island Zero Emission Vehicle Working Group. She has represented the Northeast coalitions on the Clean Cities Council. Prior to becoming Clean Cities Coordinator in 2008, Lucht was a Budget Analyst at the URI Budget Office, and a Manager at The Bay Institute of San Francisco. She has a Master's degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Environmental Policy from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She also has a Bachelor's degree from Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY.



**Paul Minahan, Senior Manager, Electric Vehicle Fleet Operations – Nissan Motors America**

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Paul has worked in the automotive OEM industry for over 34 years, with both Domestic and Asian manufacturers, including Chrysler, Mitsubishi, Mazda and Nissan for the past 10 years. Paul's career with Nissan has included sales and marketing positions in the Midwest Regional Office in Chicago, IL and at Nissan's Corporate Headquarters in Franklin Tennessee. During the last 2 ½ years, his focus has been on LEAF as a senior manager in both sales operations and the fleet division. In his current role, Paul and his field managers are working with businesses, utilities, universities, municipalities and government agencies to increase EV adoption and fleet acquisition of the Nissan LEAF.



**Rommel Momen, Mirai Manager – Toyota**

Rommel Momen is the Mirai Manager in the Vehicle Marketing Department at Toyota Motor North America. He is responsible for Mirai operational activities working closely with the field offices, incentives department, and other key areas. In addition, Rommel works on various marketing initiatives, events, and activities for Mirai. Rommel has 21+ years of experience at Toyota with over 17 years spent at the Los Angeles Regional office. There, he called on dealers in sales and service roles and also managed key various operational departments including the launch of the Scion brand. Rommel has a BS degree from Kings College, University of London, England. He is married and has three sons.



**Charlie Myers, President – Massachusetts Hydrogen Coalition**

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Charles Myers is the President of the Massachusetts Hydrogen Coalition, the fuel cell and hydrogen industry association for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In June 2017 he was given a U.S. Department of Energy Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program R & D Award for his leadership and commitment to the advancement of hydrogen and fuel cell infrastructure in the Northeast. He is the Chair of the Massachusetts Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Working Group. He is an original member of H2USA.



**Steve Normandin, Director of Strategy – Braun's Express**

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As Vice President of Strategy, Stephen is responsible for guiding the long term direction of the company. This includes increasing efficiency through internal consulting in all departments, providing advice to the senior management team, and designing and managing projects that are of “big picture” importance to the company. Fuel efficiency, environmental programs, equipment maintenance efficiency, and technology integration are some of the areas in which Stephen has taken leadership role. Stephen is a magna cum laude graduate of Tufts University and received his MBA from Dartmouth College in 2016. He has over 12 years’ experience in logistics operations and transportation-specific technology.

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**Cammy Peterson, Director of Clean Energy – Metropolitan Area Planning Council**

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As Director of Clean Energy at MAPC, the regional planning agency for the 101 cities and towns of Metro Boston, Cammy oversees MAPC’s clean energy and climate mitigation work, including local energy and climate planning, net zero technical assistance, regional cleantech procurements, and local and state energy policy. She spearheads solar, renewable thermal, climate, community energy resiliency, alternative fuel infrastructure, and energy efficiency program and policy development and cultivates partnerships with municipalities, community-based organizations, policymakers, and other energy stakeholders. Ms. Peterson further strives to integrate clean energy practices into all aspects of MAPC’s planning work, from housing to transportation and economic development. Prior to MAPC, she managed the energy, environmental, and transportation policy and legislative portfolios for New York State Assemblymember Brian Kavanaugh. Ms. Peterson earned a Masters degree in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning from Tufts University and a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, from Harvard University.

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**Sarah Reed, Program Assistant – National Association of Regional Councils**

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Sarah Reed works as a program assistant for the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) in Washington, D.C. where she manages NARC’s largest federal grant, Fleets for the Future (F4F). Sarah provides support and coordination for this project designed to make alternative fuel vehicle procurement more affordable and streamlined for public fleets. She also tracks legislative issues that matter to NARC’s member metropolitan planning organizations and regional planning organizations, including transportation, economic development, and brownfields. Prior to NARC, Sarah worked at a large consulting firm and a U.S. Department of Transportation University Transportation Center. She has a B.S. in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning from the University of California, Davis.

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**Tim Reeser, CEO – Lightning Hybrids**

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Tim Reeser is CEO and Co-Founder of Lightning Systems. Lightning Systems manufactures and sells a connected suite of efficiency and emissions reduction solutions for fleet trucks and buses, including all-electric conversion systems, hybrid conversion systems, and analytics systems, providing a fast ROI through fuel savings. Lightning Systems investors include BP Ventures, Aravaipa, and CoorsTek, and its customer list includes UPS, DHL, Arriva, National Express and NREL. Tim has a BS in Mechanical Engineering from CSU, and has been involved with alternative transportation technology since 1990, when he helped design the first dedicated CNG truck for General Motors while at Colorado State University. Prior to co-founding Lightning Systems, Tim served as Vice President of Colorado State University Ventures, where he spun out clean-tech companies and built the framework to support accelerated growth of spin-outs and spin-ins at CSU.



**Justin Ries, Account Executive – ChargePoint**

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ChargePoint brings electric vehicle (EV) charging to more people and places than ever before with the world’s largest and most open EV charging network. They design, build and support all of the technology that powers this network, from charging station hardware to energy management software to a mobile app, all of which help to transform transportation and energy use by helping more people choose to drive electric and making it easy to charge EVs anywhere. ChargePoint’s energy management solutions help people and businesses shift away from fossil fuels and manage growing demand for EV charging. Justin has recently joined the ChargePoint team on the heels of a 4.5 year tenure with SolarCity & Tesla Energy where his passion for renewables and EVs blossomed. In his current role, Justin works with multiple stakeholders from individual businesses to fleets to utilities & municipalities in order to pave the way for widespread EV(SE) adoption in New England.



**Sejal Shah, Environmental Analyst – Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**

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Sejal Shah is an environmental analyst with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Sejal works on a variety of transportation related projects and helps to enforce various transportation regulations dealing with transit projects, conformity issues, HOV lane, and greenhouse gas reporting. Sejal has managed the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) for Fleets, since its inception in 2013. The MassEVIP Fleets program provides technical and financial assistance to public entities interested in adding electric vehicles to their fleets. Sejal manages the MassEVIP Workplace Charging Program which provides funding and technical assistance to public and private employers interested in installing electric vehicle charging stations. Sejal is a graduate of Clark University with a Masters degree in Environmental Science and Policy.



**Jim Sproul, Founder & CRO – The Sproul Company**

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James Sproul is Founder of The Sproul Company (TSC) headquartered in Boston’s North End. James has over 25 years of experience selling professional services and helping engineering companies provide Urban Mobility Solutions, by developing Connected & Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Projects & Speaking Events. An active volunteer & board member of AUVSI, Jim is the AUVSI-New England’s Robotica 2016 Session & Speaker Chair and is spearheading the events effort to bring over 90 recognized industry leaders to speak during our 27 sessions over the four-day conference. See linkedin for a complete work & volunteer history. A dual resident of the North End and Cape Cod and graduate of the University of Connecticut, Jim enjoys family life with his wife Molly, three children and four grandchildren.





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Albert Venezia is Chairman and a Co-Founder of Icom North America, LLC and is responsible for Strategic Planning and Business Development at Icom. Albert was in the auto parts distribution, Import/Export and recycling industry for over 20 years with an eventual focus on emission control parts. While on a recycling project in Italy in the early 1990's Albert discovered Alternative Fuels and developed a passion for cutting edge Alternative Fuels Technology as a path to Energy Security and reduced emissions. Albert has 24 years in Alternative Fuel Vehicle Systems (Propane, CNG and others), in 12 countries, with the last 12 years focused primarily on the North and South American Autogas Market.



**Bethany Whitaker, Senior Transportation Consultant – Vermont Energy Investment Corp**  
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Bethany has 25 years of experience in the public transportation sector, including work as planning staff for Seattle King County Metro, a Chittenden County Transportation Authority board member, and a private-sector consultant with Nelson\Nygaard. Since joining VEIC, Bethany has been working on transportation efficiency strategies and is currently managing the Massachusetts Electric School Bus Pilot Project with the MA Department of Energy Resources. She is also working closely with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority providing technical and design support to the agency as they electrify their transit fleet and integrate buses with renewables (solar) and energy storage systems.



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