Brian R. Dranzik

Professional Experience

Milwaukee County

Director of Operations, Department of Transportation – June 2008 to Present

- Assist in the development of administrative, policy and fiscal direction for the divisions of Airport, Transit, Transportation Services, Fleet Management and the Director's Office of the current Department of Transportation.
- Develop long and short-range strategic planning initiatives for the areas within the department.
- Work with elected officials and regulatory agents to develop, interpret and implement policy directives.
- Maintain compliance with Federal, State, County and Department policies, administrative code and fiscal guidelines.
- Advocate with local, state and national elected officials for policies and programs affecting the department.
- Develop annual operating and capital budgets with various functional areas and monitor throughout the year.
- Contract Administrator overseeing the management contract with the Milwaukee County Transit System.
- Communicate with State and Federal agencies regarding administrative and technical program requirements.
- Administer various State and Federal grant funding programs.
- Interpret and communicate new federal and state compliance mandates.
- Develop and present reports to various boards ands committees regarding policy initiatives for the department.
- Perform interviews and provide information to local media outlets that provide a better understanding of issues and initiatives facing the department.

Legislative Research Analyst, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors – October 2004 to June 2008

- Provided transportation policy analysis and advised the members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors of key initiatives.
- Staffed the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Standing Committee of the County Board.
- Wrote legislation and identified funding sources for Supervisors proposals to be presented for committee and board action.
- Member of the Park East review panel charged with recommending development proposals for development of the Park East land bank owned by Milwaukee County.
- Vice-Chair of the 440th Local Redevelopment Authority charged with establishing land use goals and objectives for the redevelopment of the former 440th Air Force Reserve wing at General Mitchell International Airport..
- Represented Milwaukee County at local and state functions such as the State Committee on Airport Authorities, Regional Transportation Authority meetings, Milwaukee Connector meetings and various other collaborative transportation related committees.
- Provided policy analysis and made recommendations on areas such as the transit system, airport, highway system, and Public Works divisions.
- Provided analysis of the transportation budget and recommended changes for Supervisors review.
- Performed due diligence on contracts entered into by Milwaukee County for projects concerning transportation and public works initiatives.
- Prepare constituent letters, media alerts and speeches for elected officials.

Milwaukee County Transit System
Senior Transit Planner - January 2000 to October 2004

- Developed transit service levels based on statistical analysis of ridership data.
- Adjusted service levels based on budget projections and consumer demand.
- Provided information and advised elected officials of transit routing changes.
- Prepared reports for the legislative committee overseeing transit operations.
- Representative of the company at various community functions and committee meetings.
- Transit Chair of Eastside Transportation Management Association.
- Project Lead on the Milwaukee Downtown Connector Project.
- Developed and lead annual corporate business planning session.
- Reviewed departmental policies and procedures, develop action plans to improve departmental performance.

State of Wisconsin - Department of Natural Resources
Budget and Policy Analyst - September 1998 to January 2000

- Coordinated departmental policy initiatives with key administrators and Agency Secretary.
- Performed research and provided analysis on department legislative and budget initiatives.
- Advised State Executive and Legislative staff regarding key agency budget and policy requirements.
- Advised Agency Secretary on significant policy and budget matters.
- Prepared letters, talking points and background materials for the Governor, Legislators, and Agency Secretary.
- Assisted division leaders within the agency of budgetary requirements in accordance with State Statutes.
- Worked with bureau staff to find alternative solutions to problems such as budgetary shortfalls, programmatic implementation, and policy changes that affect program operations.

G.M. Selby, Inc.
Site Acquisition Specialist - January 1998 to August 1998

- Located telecommunications facilities throughout Southeastern Wisconsin for local telecommunications provider.
- Negotiated lease contracts with private, corporate, and municipal landowners.
- Worked with municipal and county planning agencies on site location and the application of local permits and restrictions.
- Presented site analysis information to municipal and county planning commissions and board committees for approval.

Professional Board and Commission Appointments

Milwaukee County Representative to Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) (2009-2010)
Chairman of SEWRPC's Milwaukee Urbanized Area Transportation Planning Committee (2009 to present)
Milwaukee County Representative on the former Regional Transit Authority Board (Board Dissolved in 2009)
Milwaukee County representative on the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee rail project Steering Committee (2008-2010)
Member of Milwaukee Public Policy Forum's Transportation Committee (2009 to present)
Adjunct Professor – University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Masters of Urban Planning Program (2008)

Education
Masters of Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 1998
Bachelor of Arts, History and Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 1993