



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Maria Buchanan</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Transit Advisory Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Get Engaged Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Term of Position: * Term begin: <i>09/01/21</i> to Term end: <i>08/31/22</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Columbia City</i>	Zip Code: <i>98118</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Maria Buchanan is a Senior Project Coordinator and construction communications manager at PRR. In this role, she manages construction communications and community engagement for Sound Transit's Federal Way Link Extension Project and WSDOT's Puget Sound Gateway Program. She is passionate about empowering historically underrepresented communities to participate in the transit planning process and ensuring that transit and transportation projects truly serve the communities they inhabit. Maria seeks to bring her perspective as a long-time Sound Transit and King County Metro rider and transportation and infrastructure industry professional to the board through the Get Engaged program.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 3/7/2022	Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.

Maria Buchanan

Education

University of Washington

January 2018 – June 2019

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Graduated June 2019. Bachelor of Art with a major of Political Science and a minor in Art History. Cumulative GPA:

3.93 Major GPA: 3.95

Vanderbilt University

September 2015 – September 2017

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Studied Political Science with an emphasis on American politics and minors in Corporate Strategy and Cognitive science.

Cumulative GPA: 3.66 Major GPA: 3.94

Experience

PRR

June 2019 - Present

Senior Project Coordinator

Supports internal communications, community engagement and construction communications work on major transit and infrastructure projects across Washington state. Interfaces with technical staff to develop construction outreach plans, translated GIS data and technical construction documents into public facing materials, and conducted public outreach. Maintains project websites using WordPress and Drupal, tracks media engagement and public opinions and made strategic communications recommendations with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Frequently writes and develop public facing project updates, webpages, presentation content and other project materials. Utilizes experience in Washington state politics to track yearly elections and public agency activities for clients and company public affairs practice.

WSP USA

June 2018 – June 2019

Marketing Intern

Went from wholly unfamiliar with the transportation and infrastructure industry and procurement process to serving as proposal coordinator in seven months. Worked on macro-level proposal strategy and messaging development as well as micro-level coordination efforts internally and externally via RFIs. Developed and edited technical proposal content along with proposal graphics and layout. Wrote and distributed external communications pieces highlighting recent successes and company values in order to drive new business and promote positive brand perception.

Researched and produced internal reports to assist in long-term business development across all business sectors.

Acted as office point person in the transition to a new project and resume database.

Northwest Passage Consulting

May 2017 – November 2017

Political Consulting Intern

Converted strategy to tangible campaign action in the highly nebulous, fast-paced realm of political campaigning.

Performed tasks within the political consulting and communications industry ranging from drafting press releases and assembling press kits, to performing opposition research, to utilizing voter information to optimize voter outreach efforts. Crafted promotional materials including mail pieces and digital and TV advertisements for a number of candidates and policy initiatives. Maintained client websites and social media profiles.

Campus Involvement

Alpha Delta Pi – Zeta Rho Chapter

August 2016 – August 2017

Executive Vice President

Oversaw the administrative tasks of five other officer teams. Managed communications with Alpha Delta Pi executive office. Developed a community action plan to combat the lack of socio-economic diversity in Vanderbilt's Greek community as part of the Greek Emerging Leaders Program. Conducted research on student opinions on Greek Life exclusivity, preventative factors in participation and demand for financial assistance within the community.

Skills and Expertise

Project Coordination, Technical and Non-Technical Copyediting, Collaborative & Individual Problem Solving, MS Office and Outlook, Adobe InDesign, WordPress, Drupal

References

Jonathan Kreitler, *Senior Pursuit and Proposal Manager*

WSP USA
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Note: Jonathan was my manager during my internship at WSP USA

Lauren Foster, *Senior Associate*

PRR
[REDACTED]
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Note: Lauren is my current supervisor at PRR

Seattle Transit Advisory Board

12 Members: Pursuant to Resolution 31572, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 Mayor- appointed
- 5 City Council- appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
3	M	3	1.	Member	Sandro R. Pani	8/3/20	8/2/22	1	City Council
		4	2.	Member	Emily Walton Percival	8/3/20	8/2/22	1	City Council
5	M	4	3.	Member	Andrew Martin	8/3/20	8/2/22	2	City Council
6	F	6	4.	Member	Michelle Zeidman	8/3/21	8/2/23	3	City Council
		7	5.	Member	Xander Barbar	8/3/21	8/2/23	1	City Council
1	F	3	6.	Member	Keiko Budech	8/3/20	8/2/22	2	Mayor
6	F	3	7.	Member	Barbara Wright	8/3/20	8/2/22	2	Mayor
		1	8.	Member	Art Kuniyuki	8/3/20	8/2/22	1	Mayor
	F	7	9.	Member	Erin Tighe	8/3/21	8/2/23	4	Mayor
			10.	Member	Vacant	8/3/21	8/2/23		Mayor
2	M	3	11.	Member	Amin Amos	8/3/21	8/2/23	1	Mayor
3/6 /9	F	2	12.	Get Engaged Member	Maria Buchanan	9/1/21	8/31/22	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial					
Mayor	1	3			1	1	1			2			1					
Council	2	1					1		1	1								
Other																		
Total	3	4			1	1	2		1	3			1					1

Key:

*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**G List *gender*, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary, O= Other, U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.