

Laynee Jones



Executive leader with 20+ years of experience in transportation, operations, and private business effective at building trust and bringing people together around a common cause

SUMMARY

- ⇒ Trusted relationships with community, transportation, and business leaders including MPOs, cities, federal agencies
- ⇒ Track record of gaining agreement on tough projects and initiatives
- ⇒ Knowledge of UTA system needs and expectations from partner cities
- ⇒ Understanding of UTA and UDOT processes, staff, culture, goals
- ⇒ Understanding of political landscape and Utah Legislature
- ⇒ Graduate of American Public Transportation Association (APTA) program to develop leaders of transit agencies

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

MOUNTAIN ACCORD PROGRAM DIRECTOR

2013-2017

Spearheaded effort of over 20 public and private agencies to address growth in Central Wasatch mountains

Became trusted face of the program to public/media

Negotiated 18-page Accord signed by all participants

Negotiated federal land bill introduced in US House of Reps in 2017

Developed transportation plan for the Cottonwood canyons

Initiated Central Wasatch Commission

PROVO-OREM BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT MAN.

2007-2013

14-mile long project with \$150 million construction cost

Led NEPA and preliminary design process, successfully navigating controversial alignment decisions with UTA, UDOT, MAG, Utah County, Orem, Provo, Universities

Developed plan to fund \$5 million per year bus operations with sales tax dollars from UTA and Utah County

Wrote Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Smallstarts Grant

UTA NETWORK STUDY PROJECT MANAGER

2011-2013

Initiated collaboration between trusted transit professionals to analyze performance of the entire UTA system

Evaluated ridership for all routes and cost-effectiveness by mode and project

Proposed a new bus system with high-frequency (15-minute headways) service, shelters, pre-board ticketing, branding

Developed understanding of challenges and expectations from partner cities

WORK EXPERIENCE

2013-present **LJ Consulting, Principal & Owner**

- Independent consultant advising local governments on transportation

2013-2017 **Mountain Accord, Program Director** (through LJ Consulting)

- See description on first page

2007-2013 **Lochner, Vice-President & Senior Project Manager**

- Marketed, won, and led over 10 major transportation, public transit, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), planning projects
- Initiated new transit, environment, planning, GIS department in Salt Lake office and led marketing, public engagement groups
- Navigated complex environmental issues and intense stakeholder engagement toward positive outcomes, meeting internal profit goals
- Instrumental in company-wide (25+ offices) strategic plan, financial performance tracking, and mentoring program

2005-2007 **Sundance Institute, Director of Festival Operations**

- Led operations for festival bringing over 50,000 visitors to Park City
- Managed 120 staff and 1200 volunteers and annual budget of \$7 million
- Negotiated contracts for venues and operations

2003-2005 **HDR, Transportation Project Manager, Salt Lake City**

- Led environmental group for Salt Lake office for national consulting firm
- Managed major transportation and environmental compliance projects
- Led team of environmental professionals to respond to court injunction on Legacy Parkway Environmental Impact Statement

2000-2002 **Salt Lake Organizing Committee 2002 Olympics, Director of Operation Services**

- Worked closely with the COO, Fraser Bullock, to plan and implement waste, cleaning, snow removal operations
- Managed team of 2,500 staff & volunteers
- Negotiated contracts for services and managed budget of \$11 million

WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

- 1997-2000 **HDR, Transportation & Environmental Project Manager, Salt Lake City**
- Managed hazardous waste, recycling, composting, landfill, and environmental compliance projects
 - Trusted expert in solid waste and recruited to lead waste and recycling effort for Salt Lake Olympics
- 1993-1997 **Freese and Nichols, Environmental Engineer, Fort Worth, Texas**
- Brought landfills across Texas into compliance with newly passed federal landfill regulations (Subtitle D)

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Salt Lake County Mountain Planning Commission, 2018-present
- Salt Lake Olympic Exploratory Committee, 2017-present
- Wasatch Community Gardens, Board Member, 2017-present
- Former Candidate for Utah Senate District 8, 2017-2018
- Salt Lake County Community/Economic Advisory Council Member, 2016-present
- Women's Leadership Institute Political Development Series, 2015-2016
- Leadership APTA (American Public Transportation Association), Class of 2011-2012
- WTS (Women in Transportation Seminar) Utah Chapter, Vice President, 2009-2012

EDUCATION

- BS Civil Engineering, Texas A&M, 1992
- Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Utah