



Virginia Lingham

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Statement of Qualification:

The cyclists of San Diego County deserve the best - this includes the best bike infrastructure, policies, and coalition support to address the inevitable challenges that the cycling community will have to overcome as continuous improvements of the cycling and transportation network are sought. Virginia is a professional engineer and dedicated cyclist who has traveled the world on bikes and loves riding in San Diego best. She can most recently be found riding on Saturday mornings with SDBC on the D3 route and on Sunday mornings practicing at San Diego BMX.

Virginia is 100% committed to making San Diego the most bicycle friendly region in the world, recognizing that there are many different types of riders out there. Virginia focus on three areas that will help to achieve this goal: 1) the needs and accommodations for vehicular cyclists, 2) safe routes to schools, which can be expanded beyond elementary schools to meet the needs of high school, community college, and university students, and 3) leveraging technology to improve safety for cyclists.

Virginia is eager to participate in SDCBC activities and programs. She has joined SDCBC on group rides, bike to work day, and fundraising events in the past. She looks forward to expanding her local network of cycling advocates. Virginia will work creatively with teams to find unique and fun sponsors, grants, and ways to fundraise to support SDCBC.

Virginia has the skills and know how to support the board with nearly 20 years of experience working in transportation research, advocacy, public sector and consulting roles. She has experience conceptualizing and running events, including obtaining sponsorship and funding. She is passionate about building bridges between seemingly disparate communities and finding truly regional solutions that meet universal needs. Virginia understands government, procurement, and the importance of an organization like SDCBC in the project review process.

Virginia brings a strong national presence and a solid reputation for being committed, passionate, reliable advocate for transportation that will add value to the SDCBC board.

**BIO:**

Virginia is a mobility technology leader with nearly 20 years of experience in transportation. She is passionate about improving transportation mobility and helping clients solve their most complex challenges, often by bridging the gap between research and implementation of emerging transportation technologies with innovative techniques and solutions.

Virginia brings a diverse perspective and deep industry knowledge and connections, allowing her to work on a broad set of topics. This includes developing strategies to advance emerging technologies for freight and transit within specific regions or corridors and at the broader state and national levels. Earlier in her career, she served as a connected and automated vehicle program manager within the office of strategic innovation at the Virginia Department of Transportation. Virginia also supported operations at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and as the statewide traveler information program manager at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Virginia is a long-standing active member of several Transportation Research Board committees and panels. She supports Wayne State University students as an industry mentor and frequently engages with the Women's Transportation Seminar activities. Additionally, Virginia maintains annual memberships with USA BMX, USA Cycling, International Coaching Federation (ICF), BMW Motorcycle Owners of America, and American Motorcycle Association.

Virginia is a licensed professional engineer with a master's degree in transportation engineering and a certificate in technology management from the University of California, Berkeley. She also has a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Wayne State University.