Speaker Bios for AV Educational Forum in Arlington November 14, 2017

Scott Smith

Scott Smith is a Senior Operations Research Analyst with 25 years of experience in applying technology to improve transportation operations and safety across all modes. In addition to automation he supports the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on advanced travel models, and has developed several traffic assignment and simulation models. He is U.S. co-chair of the Impact Assessment subgroup of the United States-European Union-Japan Automation in Road Transportation Working Group. He holds a doctorate in Civil Engineering from MIT. A resident of Arlington, Dr. Smith is a member of the Transportation and Bicycle Advisory Committees and has served in Town Meeting.

Eric Bourassa

Eric Bourassa is the Director of Transportation Planning at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), which is the regional planning agency for the 101 cities and towns that make up metro Boston. He oversees an interdisciplinary team of transportation planners and policy experts that help municipalities and state agencies plan for the transportation network of the future. Eric is an Arlington resident and recently served on the town's Master Plan Advisory Committee.

Rafael Mares

Rafael Mares is Vice President and Director, Healthy Communities and Environmental Justice. He joined CLF in 2009. For 10 years, prior to joining CLF, Rafael served as a clinical instructor and lecturer on law at the WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, where he founded the Healthy Homes and Environmental Justice Project. Before and during law school, Rafael worked on environmental justice issues in Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and Boston. Rafael holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.S. in Integrated Natural Resources from the University of Vermont. He is admitted to the bar in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.