

# BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

## Doug Birnie

**Doug Birnie** is senior transportation coordinator for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) United We Ride (UWR) team. He is involved with federal interagency efforts to develop coordinated transportation programs for human services transportation services. He is the co-chair of the UWR Work Group on Policy and Regulatory Relief. Doug has also been involved in developing the transportation component of the President's New Freedom Initiative for persons with disabilities and works closely with National Easter Seal's Project Action on implementing solutions to the barriers facing persons with disabilities. He is part of the department's working group developing a national transportation agenda for older Americans. Doug serves as the agency interagency welfare-to-work coordinator and was instrumental in the creation of FTA's Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and leads the technical assistance activities associated with the Job Access program. Prior to these activities, he was the FTA's Director of the Office of Private Sector Initiatives and participated in the early development of FTA's policy recognizing paratransit services as eligible mass transportation services. He served as a legislative assistant for transportation for former Congressman Jim Moody who served on the House Public Works Committee, now the Surface Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.