

July 18, 2024

Kathi Driggs  
Transportation Professional Certification Board  
1627 Eye Street NW, #550  
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Discipline Director Position

I would like to express my interest in running for the open Discipline Director Position with the TPCB, for the 3-year term beginning January 1, 2024.

I would bring to that office my experience in holding three TPCB certifications, the PTOE, PTP, and RSP2I, including the maintenance of those certifications. I am uniquely suited regarding the traffic engineering discipline due to my working for decades with the State of California's Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists (BPELSG) on that state's P.E. certification for Traffic Engineering, which is not license to practice but a protection of the Traffic Engineer title. I understand the nuances in laws and regulations regarding certification, whether issued by a state agency or by a private non-profit group like the TPCB.

Attached is my resume and Statement of Consent from my employer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter Okitsu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Walter" and last name "Okitsu" clearly distinguishable.

Walter Okitsu, PE, PTOE, PTP, RSP2I

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## **WALTER OKITSU**

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### **EDUCATION**

Sep 1971-June 1975 Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica, CA

Sep 1975-Jun 1979 University of California, Los Angeles, CA

**B.S.** in Mathematics-Computer Science (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

Sep. 1979-Jun. 1981 University of California, Berkeley, CA

**M.S.** in Engineering (Transportation)

Sep. 1987-Mar. 1994 California State University, Los Angeles, CA

**B.S.** in Engineering (Civil)

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Aug. 1981-Sep. 1985 Transportation Engineering Associate, City of Los Angeles,  
Department of Transportation

Sep. 1985-Apr. 1986 Traffic Engineer, Control Design Systems, Los Angeles

Apr. 1986-Aug. 1987 Traffic Engineer, Walter Okitsu Engineering Services

Aug. 1987-present, Principal (President from 1987 to 2004), Katz, Okitsu & Associates,  
later KOA Corporation, now KOA, A Lochner Company

Sep 2007-Dec 2020 Lecturer, UCLA, two courses per year for "Introduction to  
Transportation Engineering" and "Traffic Engineering". Served as faculty advisor  
to the ITE UCLA Student Chapter.

### **LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS**

Professional Engineer, California Civil Engineer 52655

Professional Engineer, California Traffic Engineer 1406

PTOE (Professional Traffic Operations Engineer) since 1999

PTP (Professional Transportation Planner) since 2008

RSP2I (Road Safety Professional II Infrastructure) since 2021

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Institute of Transportation Engineers, Southern California Section

- Engineering/Licensing Liaison 1994-1996, Chapter officer 1996-2000, including serving as President in 1997-1998, Legislative Chair, 2007-2010

Institute of Transportation Engineers, Western District

- Licensing & Certification Chair, 1996-2010, District Officer 2010-2014, including serving as President 2012-2013, International Director 2016-2018

State of California, Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists

- Traffic Engineering Professional Engineers Review Committee, appointed 1995-1996
- Traffic Engineer Technical Advisory Committee, 2015-2018

TPCB PTOE Standard Setting Study, 2017-2019, Panel Member

Registered Traffic Engineers of America, Founder and President, 2001-2012

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