

# Derrick Harris Resume

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## OBJECTIVE

To obtain a professional relationship where my skills and abilities help contribute to your organization and satisfy my desires for service, education, and growth in the process.

## EXPERIENCE

### ▼ Tri-Lakes MPO - MPO Director - Hot Springs, Arkansas

**December 2020 - PRESENT**

As Director of the Tri-Lakes MPO, I lead all planning, grant management, research, administrative, and technical operations. Through close collaboration with the Arkansas Department of Transportation, I manage regional transportation projects and maintain critical planning documents. These include the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) or Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Public Involvement Plan (PIP), and other essential documentation.

### ▼ Ocala Marion TPO - Assistant Director - Ocala, Florida

**April 2018 - November 2020**

I collaborated with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and local government officials on transportation issues throughout Marion County.

As project manager, I led the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which included overseeing the Central Florida

Regional Planning Model (CFRPM) for forecasting growth and traffic patterns. I reviewed transportation planning documents and comprehensive plans to align TPO planning programs with local government objectives. I ensured the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), List of Priority Projects (LOPP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) met all United States Code (USC), Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and State Statutes requirements.

I managed the TPO's grant portfolio, including: FHWA Planning grant (\$800k), FTA's 5307 grant (\$2 million) for SunTran public transportation, FDOT Block Grant (\$200k), 5305d grant (\$98k), and Transportation Disadvantaged grant (\$26k). For SunTran, I handled 5307 award applications and completed all required reporting, including National Transit Database (NTD), Milestone Performance Reports (MPRs), and Federal Financial Reports (FFRs). Throughout my tenure, I served as Fiscal Manager, Senior Planner, Interim Director, and Assistant Director.

▼ **City of Kissimmee - Urban Planner - Kissimmee, Florida**

**February 2017 - April 2018**

I led the development review committee for the City of Kissimmee, overseeing the review and approval of land use, zoning, fire, and building code for new and existing developments. My responsibilities included data analysis, site plan development, land use and zoning interpretation, transportation (mobility) fee analysis, business license review, permit review, and presentations. I collaborated directly with local, state, and federal government officials to address critical land use and economic development issues.

▼ **Jonesboro MPO - Transportation Planner - Jonesboro, Arkansas**

**February 2016 - February 2017**

I coordinated between local government officials, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD),

and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on federal regulations and policies. My administrative duties included managing meeting agendas, scheduling appointments, and recording minutes. I analyzed data trends to support local government officials in policy implementation decisions and evaluated crash data to establish safety targets for new performance measures. Using ArcMap and ESRI software, I created maps to visualize data trends effectively. I delivered presentations to city councils, local government officials, and area professionals on relevant topics. I contributed to key planning documents, including the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Momentum 2040, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2016-2020, and MPO Map Atlas. Additionally, I developed both a Title VI program and an Active Transportation Plan.

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## **EDUCATION**

**Arkansas State University, B.A. Geography** - Jonesboro, Arkansas  
(Graduation 2014)

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## **REFERENCES**

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