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Charlie Hales has an extensive background in integrating regional transit with the urban environment. As Commissioner of Planning and Transportation for the City of Portland, Mr. Hales led the planning and implementation of a streetcar circulator system and major elements of Portland's light rail system. His experience also includes rapid bus corridors and citywide bus system planning. HDR project responsibilities have included downtown plans for the Miami Downtown Development Authority, citywide transportation and transit plans for the cities of Scottsdale and Ventura, and streetcar project planning in Sacramento, Atlanta, Winston-Salem, Miami, Madison, Omaha, Tucson, Cincinnati and Columbus. Mr. Hales' public administration background equips him to help clients implement their plans, develop financing plans for parks, street improvements, transit projects and other community investments. Mr. Hales holds a master's degree in public administration from Lewis & Clark College and a B.A., Political Theory Honors Program from the University of Virginia