

Colleen Kirby Roberts, AICP



Colleen Kirby Roberts is a founding member and principal at Peak with 24 years of experience in transportation and environmental planning, urban design, and public involvement. Her experience includes project management, environmental planning management, alternatives analysis, Planning and Environmental Linkages studies, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluations for various transportation projects, including high-speed rail and transit projects, urban and rural federal highway projects, and National Park Service transportation projects; public involvement; site design and planning for transit-oriented development, site redevelopment, and new urban village development; and development review services.

Ms. Roberts has a depth of expertise in managing NEPA studies and documentation for highway, bridge, transit, and high-speed train projects in Colorado and throughout the country. She is widely regarded as an expert in NEPA streamlining, Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) studies, and quality environmental documentation. She helped to develop and delivered broad NEPA and PEL training programs for public agencies.

Ms. Roberts is extremely well-versed in procedural and regulatory requirements of state and federal agencies for NEPA analysis, permitting, and environmental compliance. As a result, she has worked as program support for agency wide programs to support agency staff and lead environmental clearances. She worked closely with engineering managers, local agency project managers, and environmental resource specialists to provide NEPA on intersection improvements, restriping and repaving, bridge reconstruction/rehabilitation, auxiliary lanes, and equipment and utility upgrades.

She has also worked for several transit agencies, including Federal Railroad Administration, the Regional Transportation District; Metro Transit in Minneapolis; municipalities throughout Colorado; the Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, Minnesota, and Texas Departments of Transportation, including transit and rail divisions; and the California High Speed Rail Authority. Other clients include the Colorado Department of Transportation, and municipal agencies including Denver and Boulder.

Notable recent projects include 16th Street Mall Fixed Guideway Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment and Construction Program Management, Northwest Rail Peak Period Service Study, Colorado Front Range Passenger Rail alternatives analysis, CCD Rail Hazards Study, El Paso County Calhan Bridge Replacement Categorical Exclusion, Powers Blvd-Airport Road Interchange Reevaluation, and Lincoln Ave corridor and I-25 interchange alternatives analysis and NEPA process, and California High Speed Train- Merced to Fresno Section EIR/ EIS.