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Ken started out in the transportation industry in 1973 as a bus driver for the Sacramento Regional Transit District. After he was promoted into their planning division, he worked on long range planning and established the District's land use and transportation planning outreach program. He is very happy to see that the light rail extensions on which he worked are either now up and running or very close to implementation.

In 1990, Ken moved to Caltrans' Planning Division in Sacramento and was involved in the increase in local and regional involvement for transportation planning and project development that resulted from the Senate Bill 45 Transportation Blueprint, Assembly Bill 471 Congestion Management Program and ISTEA. During his tenure as the manager of the Department's Regional Planning program, he supported transportation planning agencies and metropolitan planning organizations in increasing the robustness of their regional planning programs.

In 1995, Ken transferred to the Division of External Affairs where he was responsible for federal legislative review, innovative financing programs, and supporting the State's first public private partnership projects. In his current role as Caltrans Federal Liaison, he was the Department's lead on TEA 21 reauthorization and is currently working on developing statewide consensus on principles and objectives for the replacement of SAFETEA LU.

Ken has a Masters Degree in Planning and Development Studies from the University of Southern California, School of Urban Planning and Community Development and he is looking forward to seeing a Trojan BCS championship in 2009.