

Tom R. Skancke

Founder. President. CEO.

For nearly two decades, Tom has been the lead advisor on hundreds of transportation infrastructure projects throughout the west and nationally. He is widely recognized as one of the top transportation strategists in the U.S., whose vision is transforming the way surface transportation is perceived and marketed throughout the country.

In 2005, United States Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) appointed Tom to the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study commission, which made landmark recommendations to Congress on policy, funding and infrastructure that will serve the nation for the next 50 years.

He has also played an important role in the future of transportation policy throughout the western region. In 2006, Governor Kenny Guinn (R-NV) appointed him to the State of Nevada Blue Ribbon Task Force on Transportation, where he reviewed the sector's funding crisis and made recommendations to the state legislature. Previously, Governor Guinn had named Tom to the CANAMEX Corridor Coalition, a five state effort that looked at commerce, tourism, and transportation infrastructure in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana. Subsequent to this project, CCC members elected Tom to serve as the first full time chair of the commission, where he served for two years.

In 2006, then Governor-elect Jim Gibbons (R-NV) drafted Tom for his Transportation Transition Team, which helped prioritize infrastructure issues. The following year, Arizona State University president Michael Crow appointed Tom to the Board of Advisors of the North American Center for Transborder Studies.

He has played a key role in the past three transportation reauthorization bills – ISTEA, TEA-21 and SAFETEA-LU -- and will be very involved with the new authorization in 2009.

In addition to his transportation background, Tom has mediated other critical issues in the State of Nevada, including telecommunications regulations; local zoning and entitlement stalemates; regional flood control; higher education and K-12 funding; as well as a range of challenging growth issues throughout the west.

His comments have appeared on CNN's "The Situation Room," Fox News Sunday and in the Washington-based policy publication *The Hill*. He is a highly sought public speaker and has presented to many dozens of professional groups, chambers of commerce, state commissions, transportation conferences subcommittee hearings.

Tom is a graduate of the University of Nevada Reno, with a Bachelors of Science in business administration.