

MAG Appoints new regional planning director and metropolitan planning organization director

MAG appointed LaNiece Davenport as regional planning director and Shawn Eliot as metropolitan planning organization (MPO) director. Davenport will be replacing Shawn Seager who is retiring in March 2022 after 33 years at MAG.

Davenport brings with her nineteen years of experience in the public sector, most recently as the community and economic development director for Holladay City. She also has ample experience in regional planning, and policy and government relations, working at organizations such as Wasatch Front Regional Council and Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute. Davenport has a Master of Public Administration from the University of Utah.

"I love MAG's bottom up planning approach, taking the local needs and including those into their plans," said Davenport. "There are a lot of opportunities and challenges with population growth, housing and economic opportunities within the MAG region. And that is really exciting."

Eliot has worked at MAG for 25 years in various roles in the regional planning department, most recently as MPO deputy director. He has a Master of Public Administration from Southern Utah University.

"I love the issues of how to move people in a rapidly growing region," said Eliot. "It is complicated to have 26 entities to try and coordinate while demonstrating what the future needs are in an area that will double in population. I look forward to the challenge."

About MAG & Regional Planning Department

Designated as the Association of Governments for our region, MAG is committed to improving the lives of residents throughout Summit, Utah, and Wasatch counties by providing vital community services and resources. Our emphasis areas include Informed Aging, Community & Economic Development, and Planning for Growth.

Anyone who lives, works or travels in the MAG region benefits from the extensive array of programs and initiatives provided by the regional planning department. Those include transportation planning and funding; housing; land-use planning; mapping, GIS, and website development; trail planning; air quality planning; demographic data collection and forecasting. The Department of Regional Planning is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Utah County, and the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) for Wasatch County.