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IT'S TIME TO MAKE PLANS! WE ARE GOING TO BOISE April 23 – 27, 2023

By now you should have received the Boise Reunion Package via email. If by some chance you did not receive it,

you can easily download another from the FHWA Retirees website. Just follow the link below.

<https://www.fhwa-retirees.org/>

See you there!

FHWA—Several changes in key positions

Administrator

On December 8, 2022, USDOT announced that Shailen Bhatt had been confirmed as Administrator of the FHWA. In a press release DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg stated, “From his leadership of the Colorado and Delaware Departments of Transportation, to work in the private sector, to his service in FHWA during the Obama Administration, Mr. Bhatt brings a wealth of transportation experience to USDOT.”

Prior to his confirmation, Mr. Bhatt was a senior executive with AECOM. He has also served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation, as Cabinet Secretary of the Delaware DOT, FHWA Associate Administrator for Policy and Government Affairs during the Obama Administration, and CEO of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. The press release also notes that he graduated *summa cum laude* from Western Kentucky University with a degree in economics, that he is the first person of Indian descent to head FHWA and that he is married and the father of two daughters.

Deputy Administrator

In an internal memorandum of FHWA

employees, it was announced that Stephanie Pollack, who had been FHWA Deputy Administrator and acting Administrator, had moved to an executive position in OST.

Executive Director

In a press release FHWA announced Gloria Shepard as Executive Director, the eleventh person to hold this position since 1971 when FHWA was established. In the release Secretary Buttigieg noted, “We are lucky to have her expertise, insight, and dedication as we work to modernize our nation’s roads, bridges, and highways to serve the American people now and for generations to come.”

Gloria has served more than 23 years with FHWA. She moves up from the position of Associate Administrator for Planning, Environment, and Realty. Prior to that she served as Director of Planning. Before joining FHWA she served in executive positions with the Maryland State Highway Department and the New York State DOT. She earned a Master of Law degree from Georgetown University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Albany (SUNY). She is a member of the New York State Bar.

FHWA Retiree Leadership

The Executive Board is comprised of Lyle Renz, Chair; Phil Miller, Treasurer; Kevin Heanue, Newsletter Editor; George Ostensen, Joyce Curtis, Evan

Wisniewski, Rita Steinke and Steve Moreno. Al Steger serves as our Webmaster and manages our mailing list.

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