

Featured Speaker Bio: Stephanie Pollack



Stephanie Pollack is a strategist and pragmatist, currently focused on helping Federal, state, and local agencies implement policy and deliver infrastructure projects more effectively. Following a decade of leadership in federal and state transportation agencies, she is currently a senior fellow at the MIT Mobility Initiative and a non-resident fellow at Arnold Ventures, serving as an internal advisor to the infrastructure team.

In 2023 and 2024, Pollack served as a senior advisor to Secretary Pete Buttigieg at the US Department of Transportation, working to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and improve project delivery. Prior to this role, she led the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), focusing on safety, Complete Streets, and shaping and implementing FHWA's \$350 billion share of BIL programs. Before her Federal service, Pollack served as Secretary and CEO of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, a multi-modal state transportation agency, working to transform capital budgeting and project selection, project delivery, roadway design, and transit performance.

Before her government service, Pollack helped to launch, conduct transportation research, and teach at Northeastern University's School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, where she taught a core public policy strategy course and transportation, housing & land use policy. Earlier, she spent many years as an environmental leader and advocate at a Boston-based environmental nonprofit, the Conservation Law Foundation.

Throughout her career, Pollack has been engaged in advocacy, policy design and implementation, strategic consulting, and research across a range of policy issues beyond transportation and infrastructure, including economic development, sustainability, public health, housing, and land use.