

RYAN R. RUEHLE

Ryan Ruehle, a Planner with Vlecides-Schroeder Associates, Inc. (VSA) since September 2008, is a graduate of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (CUPPA), the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). He holds a Master's of Urban Planning and Policy degree with a concentration in urban transportation. His responsibilities at VSA include policy analysis, strategic planning, transit systems development, facilities planning, land use evaluation, and finance consulting. For his master's thesis, which received an award for Best Master's Project of 2010-2011, Ryan explored and evaluated potential high-speed rail stations at airports, measured intermodal accessibility, and conducted a conditions assessment of when rail is preferable to air travel in the US Midwest. The policy portion of this analysis also earned him the 2010 George Krambles Transportation Scholarship Award from the university's Urban Transportation Center.

Education

Master's of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago
B.A., Political Science and Urban Politics, University of Illinois at Chicago

Related Work Experience

- Legislative Aide, Chicago City Council, Committee on Finance, 2006-2008. Responsibilities included: public policy analysis; drafting legislation for committee and full Council consideration; administrative evaluation of internal program operations; attending Chicago Plan Commission meetings; assisting with Finance Committee and full Council meetings; and, written summary and analysis of meeting proceedings
- Aldermanic Staff Assistant, City of Chicago, 2nd Ward Office, 2005-2006. Responsibilities included: evaluating municipal, commercial, and residential interests while advocating balanced solutions serving the needs of each;

SELECTED REPRESENTATIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (VSA)

Land Use Analysis

- RTA Green Transit; researched and developed land use best practice approaches and policies for fostering carbon-reducing strategies and goals for Chicago transit service boards

Survey Projects

- Access to Transit; developed and applied sample selection process for candidate rapid transit stations, designed survey instrument, analyzed response data, and summarized findings
- South Elgin Transit Improvement Plan; developed and administered project survey instrument in both hardcopy and digital/online formats; analyzed and summarized findings

Alternatives Analyses with Significant Land Use Component

- Elgin O'Hare West Bypass Project; entailed analyzing alternatives using data analysis and operating characteristics and developing and investigating potential routes, modes, and stations

Finance and Policy Studies

- Report to the Chicago Congressional Delegation; organized, delineated, and defined Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) policy positions for pending authorization of the next federal surface transportation act

Strategic Plans and Transit Development Projects

- CTA Circle Line Alternatives Analysis Study; developed and organized findings for the Screen 3, Strategic Program of Projects, Locally-Preferred Alternative, and Final Summary reports
- CTA Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project; applied federal requirements both for alternatives analysis and Very Small Starts projects to generate and organize data and analytical information; helped define and develop four pilot BRT corridors in the City of Chicago.