



## Dennis Coffey

Clerk

After a varied career in both public service and the private sector Dennis continues to work with both groups to encourage multimodal transportation solutions to meet mobility needs. Throughout his career he has been an advocate for investment in transportation infrastructure to meet the needs of today and tomorrow.

He served as Director of Railroad Policy and Property Management for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts where he provided overall policy direction for the executive office for both freight and passenger rail programs and projects.

His regional mindset is reflected in his work with regional railroads throughout the Northeast, and active participation with such organizations as AASHTO's Standing Committee on Rail Transportation, the New England Railroad Club and the Boston Chapter of WTS (Women's Transportation Seminar).

***“Having started my career in the City of Lowell, Massachusetts as a young planner I recognized quickly the problem of doing things because “we always did it that way”. As part of a group of planners we resisted efforts to tear down the mills and fill in the canals, and instead worked with the community to identify the kind of city the people wanted. Thus, we now have the US National Park Services’ first urban national park as a unique and indelible part of our community.”***

Dennis is a graduate of St. Anselm College where he earned a B.A. in Sociology – Urban Studies. He completed graduate work at UMASS Lowell with a certificate in Regional Economic and Social Development.