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Biography

Randy Iwasaki is an accomplished speaker, executive, leader and founder of Iwasaki Consulting Services -- providing strategic advice, connections to businesses globally and technical innovative solutions to public agencies. With extensive experience navigating challenges facing both public and private organizations across North America, Australia, Middle East, Europe and Asia, Randy guides clients towards successful outcomes while promoting inclusive and sustainable transportation solutions.

Prior to establishing his own firm, Randy was the Leader of State and Local Transportation for Amazon Web Services (AWS). Over a 2½ year period, he achieved year-over-year growth of 40 percent while developing the transportation vertical's strategic plan. He worked with existing partners in the Amazon Partner Network (APN) matching their technology to the needs of the public transportation sector and recruited companies built on AWS to join the APN.

Randy's career is rooted in nearly four decades of public service. Before his time at AWS, he served over ten years as Executive Director of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA). He founded GoMentum Station, the largest secure automated vehicle test facility in North America, which fostered numerous international partnerships with technology providers and research institutions from Canada, Europe, and Asia. As part of his commitment to knowledge exchange across borders, he developed and hosted the annual Redefining Mobility Summit, an annual conference bringing together transportation experts from around the world.

During his tenure at CCTA, Randy led collaborative initiatives with Canadian transportation authorities, participating in cross-border technology exchanges focusing on winter mobility challenges. Under President Obama and Transportation Secretary LaHood, he chaired the National Freight Advisory Committee which developed the first strategic freight plan for the United States and addressed land ports with both Canada and Mexico. He worked on CCTA's strategic plan while also developing the long-range transportation plan for the County. Prior to that, he was a 27-year employee of the California Department of Transportation where he rose through the ranks to become Chief Deputy Director from 2004 to 2009 and Director from 2009 to 2010. While at Caltrans, he actively contributed to several Canada-US transportation working groups through the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) - Renewal which he chaired for two 3-year terms.

Throughout his career, Randy has championed diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in the transportation sector. At CCTA, he implemented programs to ensure transportation planning addressed the needs of underserved communities and worked to increase diversity in the transportation workforce through mentorship and internship opportunities. He has actively supported women in transportation through his involvement with WTS International.

Randy is an internationally recognized leader in transportation research and innovation and is frequently called upon to speak to the latest developments in automated and connected vehicle technology development and testing across North America, including at several ITS Canada events. He has collaborated with Canadian mobility technology firms on implementing smart infrastructure solutions adaptable to Canada's unique climate and geographic challenges. He was the Vice Chair and Chair of the Board of Directors for ITS America, where he strengthened international collaboration with ITS Canada, and was inducted into their hall of fame in 2013.

In support of the board governance requirements, Randy would be willing to serve in a leadership capacity as a vice chair or chair of the board