

BLAKE GIBBONS

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Summary

An enthusiastic ambassador of public transit, Blake's vision for transportation in the U.S. is a "car-light" model in which there is increased integration and access to diverse modes of mobility. Notable accomplishments have been streamlining data within The COMET planning department, maximizing utilization and efficiency of CAD/AVL and scheduling software, as well as contributing to the Marketing and Community Affairs Department being an outspoken advocate of transit.

Education

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA – BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (AUGUST 2019 – MAY 2023)

- GPA: 3.7/4.0
- Honors: Dean's List Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Fall 2021
- Organizations: Student Government, Entrepreneurship Club, Russell House University Union (RHUU), Opportunity Scholars Program (OSP)/TRiO Programs

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - GERALD R. FORD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, (JUNE - AUGUST 2022)

- Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellow
- Completed intensive quantitative, writing, critical thinking, and policy training at the Junior Summer Institute (JSI)
- Course evaluations and professor comments available upon request

Internships and Related Experience

TRANSIT SERVICES INTERN – CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY DBA THE COMET (DECEMBER 2020 – PRESENT)

- Assisting in the planning & development department by prioritizing amenities, collecting data on stop/route levels, and compiling data into reports for board members and staff
- Collaborate with members of other departments to improve operational, budgetary, and marketing initiatives
- Created new data streams with technology, organized company assets, and created efficient workflows

PAGE – SC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (JANUARY - MARCH 2020)

- Compiled documents and assembled paperwork for committee meetings
- Delivered relevant information and documents to house members
- Attended to the needs and requests of office and committee staff

Activities and Leadership Experience

LEADERSHIP

- *Student Government*: Community Outreach Director - Envision Campaign, Director of City Advocacy Commission (CAC), Secretary of Safety & Transportation, Division Secretary of Campus Wellness
- *Campus Initiatives*: Lead - RHUU Steering Committee, Mentor - Opportunity Scholars Program, Director of Administration - Entrepreneurship Club

SERVICE

- *City of Columbia*: BlueBikeSC Brand Ambassador, Walk/Bike Community Ambassador, Bike/Pedestrian Counter
- *Student Government*: Parking Appellate Court, Transit Advisory Committee

Skills & Abilities

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

- Strong communication ability when assisting clients and works well with others and easily adaptable to new environments
- Knowledgeable on social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Hootsuite) and analytics within them.
- Experience with design platforms such as Microsoft Publisher and Canva

TECHNOLOGY

- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Publisher) and Google Workspace (Gmail, Calendar, Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides)
- Knowledgeable in cloud meeting platforms (Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, WebEx)
- Established in geospatial mapping technologies (ArcMap, ArcCloud, Google Earth Pro, Remix Transit & Scheduling)