

**Ben Broesamle, Corporate Treasurer and Operations Director.** Born in Santa Monica, CA, Ben received his Bachelor of Arts in Geography-Urban and Regional Development Studies from UCLA and moved to Seattle permanently in 2010 to join his immediate family. His transit interest began after traveling to Europe and seeing just how much better life could be with better travel options than the typical Lo Angeles-area gridlocked traffic. He received his master's degree from the College of Built Environments at the University of Washington in 2016 where he studied real estate and transportation.



**Charles Cooper, Corporate Secretary.** Born in Hawaii and grew up as a military brat in California and Washington State. Graduating from Western Washington University with a degree in Business Administration, Charles has had a long career in the Software Industry and IT Management including co-launching a software startup, large scale systems deployments in Legal and financial verticals and IT operations management. Charles's interest in urban transit was tweaked by his experience with the CTA while living in Chicago for a number of years including 2 years living car free. On returning to Seattle, he got involved with the Seattle Subway Foundation as a volunteer and then later as a board member to help foster the vision for a robust transit system and an urban environment that fosters walkability and neighborhood amenities.

**Jonathan Hopkins, Board Member.** Jonathan, a native of the Pacific Northwest, has lived around the world and cared about transit since he was five, when he wanted to be a Pierce Transit bus driver and have ten kids (both as yet unrealized dreams). Jonathan previously served as political director from 2014-2016 and again from 2020-2021 when he became executive director until 2022. He, complemented by Seattle Subway's outreach and public education efforts, played a key role encouraging ST board members to "[go big](#)" with a \$54 billion ST3 transit package when the minimalist conventional wisdom was a smaller \$20 billion package. This effort was successful, resulting in a comprehensive transit expansion passed by voters worthy of our world class city and region.



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