



## All Volunteer Seattle Subway Foundation Board of Directors

### Arthur Bachus

**Board President and Volunteer Director.** Arthur fell in love with Seattle at 14 while visiting the Space Needle with his dad. He moved from his home in Nashville to Seattle to study Urban Planning at UW in 2015. Soon after, he became involved with Seattle Subway where he is now a board member. He believes advancing transit culture through outreach, policy reform, and wise infrastructure investment is essential for Seattle's long term sustainability. With a background in political campaigns, community outreach, and public health, Arthur is determined to advance Seattle Subway's vision for a city and region with access to high-quality mass transit.



### Charles Cooper

**Board 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.

### Sophie Turnbull-Appell

**Outreach Director.** As a rare Seattle native, Sophie grew up taking the bus around Seattle. After living car-free in car-dominated Los Angeles for four years, she realized how limited transit networks significantly impacts one's access to educational, social, employment, and recreational opportunities. She is also an avid biker and advocate for safe streets and sustainable transportation options. In 2019, she received her master's degree in urban planning at Portland State University and is now working as a public engagement professional.



### Evan Jayne

**Historian.** A Seattle native, Evan grew up wondering why simple cross-town trips could sometimes take hours. With a history degree from the University of Washington and a background in communications, Evan joined Seattle Subway to help funnel like-minded support into planning a more sustainable future for Seattle and document the organization's progress along the way.

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### **Ben Broesamle**

**Treasurer and Operations Director.** Born in Santa Monica, CA, he received his Bachelor of Arts in Geography-Urban and Regional Development Studies from UCLA and moved to Seattle to join his immediate family in 2010. His transit interest began after travelling to Europe and seeing just how much better life could be with better travel options than the typical Los 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.



### **Matthew Johnson**

**Board Member.** Matthew Johnson has lived on and off in the Seattle area since 2007, finally settling down in the Columbia City neighborhood of Seattle in 2012. Along with his Seattle Subway work he has written for the Seattle Transit Blog since 2013 and was an editor from 2014-2015. Originally from South Alabama, he was a soldier from 2006 to 2012, serving in the Infantry and Psychological Operations. He now works in the communications field.

### **Drew Johnson**

**Board Member.** Drew started volunteering with us in 2014, became a board member and Volunteer Coordinator in June of 2016, and was elected President in December of 2016. Born and raised in south Alabama, he now lives with his wife in Capitol Hill. He believes that access to a diverse and highly functional public transit network is a social justice issue. He received his Bachelors in Economics and Finance from The University of South Alabama, and is currently employed with the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services.



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