

**Application Form****Profile**

Benjamin

First Name

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Middle  
Initial

Fryback

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

**What Ward do you live in? \*** Ward 3

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Oregon DOT

Employer

Roadway Designer

Job Title

Transportation  
Engineering/Design

Occupation

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Salem Planning Commission: Submitted

**Which of the following City of Salem Board or Commission meetings have you attended? \*** Salem Planning Commission**Interests & Experiences****What do you feel you can contribute as a board or commission member?**

My unique experiences as someone who has worked within the construction industry, as a former member of a transportation committee, and current roadway designer offer me a unique perspective on how issues regarding transportation and construction interact with planned development. I have been a passionate and active member of the community in the cities in which I have resided, and I intend to make a positive impact in the city in which I live. My tendencies to think outside the box allow me to see certain things that others may not, such as how a proposed project may require the residents to depend on a certain mode for all of their transportation needs. I am attentive, consider all sides of an argument, and consult outside resources when making important decisions, whether that be in my personal or professional life.

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**What prompted your interest in applying to serve as a board or commission member?**

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The city's climate, transportation, and housing goals all go hand in hand. I have a career based in transportation and am deeply passionate about the climate and the housing crisis. I care about the communities I live in and want them to grow and thrive as places people want to be.

**Please explain how your education, professional, personal, or volunteer experience and knowledge qualify you to serve on the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying.**

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My degree in Civil Engineering and experience traveling abroad to experience and analyze various types of transportation facilities provide me a wealth of knowledge on what our city and public spaces could look like. Last Summer, I spent 3 weeks in the Netherlands and France cataloging various types of transportation infrastructure as part of a class at Oregon State. Additionally, I have experience serving on a committee at Oregon State, reviewing reports, handling public comments, and reviewing project plans. I have volunteered locally at various transportation events, such as Open Streets Corvallis, a Salem Bike Vision event, and attend neighborhood association meetings when I am able. My position as a roadway designer has me intimately aware of the roadway design standards and procedures in the State of Oregon. I regularly travel within Salem on foot, bike, and transit, and my personal experience getting around without a car allows me to effectively assess a project or policy's impact on people's choice in mode.

**List any experience you have with volunteering for the City of Salem or other organizations.**

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In the past, I have volunteered for the Oregon Zoo (Zooteen), Oregon State University (Highway litter pickup, transportation committee), Open Streets Corvallis, Salem Bike Vision, in addition to spending my free time advocating for improvements to infrastructure.

**Briefly explain any experience you have working with your neighborhood association or other public bodies or committees.**

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My experience on the Oregon State University transportation committee as the student representative allowed me to advocate for transportation issues specific to students, such as crosswalk improvements, bus frequency changes, bike lane improvements, and others. As part of a crosswalk improvement project in Salem on Commercial St S, I prepared a proposal to relocate bus stops to reduce the number of people crossing at a location with no crosswalk. This proposal was shared with Cherriots staff and presented at a Neighborhood Association meeting. I have experience providing public comment at various hearings and meetings and support my claims with numbers and data.

**Can you commit to attending a minimum of 75 percent of scheduled meetings? (Please refer to the City's website for the meeting schedule. Failure to meet the attendance requirement may result in removal from office.)**

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Yes  No

**Please list up to three (3) references whom we could contact to learn more about your qualifications (name/email address or phone number/relationship).**

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Ian Davidson, Cherriots Board Vice President (Cell, 253-797-0164) Robert Bertini, School Head, Oregon State University Civil and Construction Engineering (Email, robert.bertini@oregonstate.edu) Aaron Amoth, Oregon State University Infrastructure Project Manager (Email, amotha@oregonstate.edu)

Question applies to Salem Planning Commission

**The Commission strives to make decisions that implement the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. Please describe your affiliations within the community that could affect your ability to participate in land use decisions if you are appointed to the Planning Commission (i.e., familial or financial relationship with developers, builders, land use attorneys, land use consultants, etc.).**

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I do not have any familial or financial relationship with any of these groups.

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**Please state your profession**

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Roadway Designer

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As part of my role at ODOT, I process ADA Design Exceptions, review construction plans, consider all road users in transportation facility design, write and maintain the inspector certification exam, and provide technical support to those taking the exam. I enjoy my job as a public servant because I know I am making a positive impact on my neighbors' and fellow Oregonians' lives.

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## **Demographics**

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

**Ethnicity**

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**Gender**

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**Question**