

Transportation Summit Speaker Bios – in order of appearance

Victoria Nwasike



Victoria Nwasike is Board Chair of South Charlotte Partners, an advocacy organization for the South Charlotte Region, and the Ballantyne Breakfast Club. She is Vice Chair of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission and serves as an ex-officio Board Member for the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO). Victoria is a member of various business and civic organizations, including the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance, a board member for the Carolina World Trade Association, and the School Leadership Team for Polo

Ridge Elementary.

Through her community activity, Victoria was recently named on the Charlotte Weekly's Top 40 Most Powerful Women List for South Charlotte, was featured in the Charlotte Observer, Charlotte Business Journal, Ballantyne Magazine, and South Charlotte Weekly. She was also featured by WCCB in honor of Black History Month, was a guest contributor on WCCB Rising, and appeared on "Bottom Line" with Joe Stewart and the Pat McCrory Show.

Victoria is a business and economic development consultant and has worked as the Manager of International Business Development for the Iowa Economic Development Authority spearheading the state's foreign direct investment initiatives, advancing its favorable business climate throughout Europe and Asia to attract capital investment and managing foreign direct investment projects. She also practiced law in Iowa with the Davis Brown Law Firm in the firm's Litigation and International Law divisions. Victoria served as a law clerk to the Honorable James E. Gritzner for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa.

Victoria holds a Juris Doctor from Drake University Law School where she graduated with High Honors in 2008. Victoria also holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from George Mason University and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Central Florida in 2000.

Antony Burton



Antony Burton is the Vice President of Business Data & Analytics at the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance where he has been for two years. In this role, he along with a strong team of researchers is responsible for collecting custom data for economic development prospects, doing original research on the region, and recognizing trends in economic development. Prior to joining the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance, Antony held multiple positions in local governments in and outside of North Carolina.

Antony has a Bachelor of Arts in History and International Studies from North Carolina State University and a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park. Antony enjoys spending time with his wife, running, and being outdoors.

Governor Henry McMaster



Governor McMaster is the 117th Governor of South Carolina. Prior to becoming governor, McMaster served two years as lieutenant governor, eight years as attorney general and four years as United States attorney, appointed by President Ronald Reagan.

Governor McMaster is married to Peggy McMaster, with whom he has two children. Governor and Mrs. McMaster are members of First Presbyterian Church of Columbia.

Rodger Rochelle



Rodger Rochelle is currently the Chief Engineer for the North Carolina Turnpike Authority and is responsible for the development, design, procurement, construction and maintenance of all toll facilities in North Carolina.

Mr. Rochelle was most recently the Administrator of Technical Services for the North Carolina Department of Transportation. His duties included oversight of preconstruction planning and design groups, the design-build and public-private partnership programs as well as priority projects, research and development, design-bid-build contracts, professional services contracts, and other technical services such as schedule management, surveying and photogrammetry.

Mr. Rochelle has 27 years of experience with the NCDOT including various roles within the Structure Design Unit, administrator of the NCDOT Research and Development Program, and the Director of the Alternative Delivery Unit.

Mr. Rochelle holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's Degree in Engineering, both from Duke University. Mr. Rochelle is a licensed Professional Engineer and a Certified Public Manager.

Sam Bowles



Samuel B. Bowles joined the N.C. Board of Transportation in August 2018 representing Division 10.

Bowles is the managing partner at the Charlotte-based private investment firm Threadridge Investment Partners. Prior to joining Threadridge, he spent more than 10 years at Carousel Capital, a middle-market private equity firm.

Bowles' work experience also includes time in the mergers and acquisitions department at Morgan Stanley, as an associate at Castle Harlan and an associate at Vestar Capital Partners.

Bowles serves on the boards of the UNC Health Care System, The Springs Company, Contour Precision Manufacturing, the Greater Charlotte Cultural Trust, the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School and Heart Math Tutoring.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School.

Ned Curran



With a career in commercial real estate and accounting spanning 40 years, Ned Curran serves as CEO Emeritus of Northwood Office.

Prior to joining Northwood Office, Mr. Curran was President & CEO of The Bissell Companies, a commercial real estate firm widely recognized as a principal developer of Ballantyne and SouthPark – two of the Southeast’s largest and most successful mixed-use communities.

Before joining Bissell in 1994, Curran worked at McDevitt Street Bovis (MSB) as Vice President – Taxes. He began his professional career as a CPA with Ernst & Young, where he served as Director of Tax for the Charlotte office.

Mr. Curran currently serves on the corporate boards of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Biltmore Farms, ARIC and Street Management Company and civic boards including the Charlotte Executive Leadership Council, Co-Chair of the Charlotte Republican National Convention Host Committee and the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance and his past services includes serving as the Chair of the North Carolina Board of Transportation, the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Central Carolinas and the Health Advisory Council for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Mr. Curran is a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and Received his B.S.B.A. from the University of South Carolina.

James “Jim” Fedra, Jr.



James J. Fedra, Jr. who goes by Jim is the SCDOT Deputy Secretary for Intermodal Planning. This division of SCDOT includes the Office of Planning, the Office of Intermodal and Freight Programs, Road Data Services, and the Office of Strategic Planning. He is a Navy veteran, a 1983 graduate of the University of South Carolina where he earned a BS degree in Civil Engineering.

He is a registered Professional Engineer and has 35 plus years with SCDOT where he has served in a variety of rolls in the field, the district office and headquarters. He is married and has two surviving children and two grandchildren.

Representative John Torbett



Representative John Torbett began his professional career in the corrugated converting industry in 1978. With 25 years in the industry spanning from Tennessee, Arkansas, to North Carolina with service in all southeastern states, Latin American, and Asian countries.

In 2003 John accepted a position as Vice President of Business Development for Defense Technologies Inc., a US Department of Defense Contractor specializing in Command and Control Software Development for Unmanned Air, Ground, Sea and Sub Surface Systems. John played an essential role in DTI receiving a coveted and exceptional Experimental Aircraft Certification with active operational airspace within National Air Space (NAS) from the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

After entering the North Carolina State House John decided to take a corporate hiatus to focus intently on the needs of the 108 District and his fellow North Carolinians across the state. John serves as chair of House Transportation Committees and was just elected to his fifth term.

Secretary Jim Trogdon



Jim Trogdon was appointed Secretary of Transportation in January 2017 by Governor Roy Cooper. A registered professional engineer with more than 30 years of experience in transportation, Trogdon began his NCDOT career in 1985 as a highway engineer. In 2000, he was named NCDOT's Division 4 Engineer, overseeing highway maintenance, construction and operations within Edgecombe, Halifax, Johnston, Nash, Wayne and Wilson counties.

Trogdon later worked with the N.C. General Assembly as Director of Strategic Transportation Planning. In this role, he made recommendations and provided analysis on transportation issues, as well as drafting transportation legislation for General Assembly members and reviewing transportation programs and projects for effectiveness. In 2009 Trogdon was named NCDOT's Chief Operating Officer, a position he held until his retirement in 2013. As COO, he was a key leader in the department's effort to professionalize its decision-making process and become a performance-based organization with an emphasis on accountability and transparency. Trogdon also held several private sector positions after retiring from NCDOT, including national transportation director for the SAS Institute.

In addition, Trogdon has more than three decades of military service. His duties included serving as the plans officer for road and school construction in Honduras and Ecuador, as well as infrastructure improvements in Italy. After being selected to command the 105th Engineer Group, his unit was mobilized during the Global War on Terror to provide command and control for security forces at U.S. Army installations throughout North Carolina and Virginia. His unit was again mobilized in 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Multi-National Division North Engineer Brigade to command and control two engineer battalions and provide assured mobility and general engineering support within northern Iraq. Major General Trogdon retired in 2016 as the Deputy Adjutant General for the N.C. National Guard.

Trogon earned a Master of Strategic Studies at the U.S. Army War College, as well as a Masters in Civil Engineering with a minor in statistics and computer science, and a bachelor degree in civil engineering, from N.C. State University.

John Lewis



John M. Lewis is the Chief Executive Officer of the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS). He arrived in Charlotte in September 2015 and is leading CATS through a significant stage of growth to construct the LYNX Blue Line Extension, expand existing light rail platforms to accept three car trains, and advance the CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 (streetcar) through final design and in to construction.

Mr. Lewis' initial focus is on advancing the long-term transit plan, enhancing customer service to attract and retain customers and on ensuring a safe and reliable transit system for the region.

Mr. Lewis brings a wealth of transit knowledge and experience to Charlotte, having previously served as CEO of the Central Florida Regional Transit Authority (LYNX) where he provided strategic leadership to Central Florida's primary mass transit system. During his tenure at LYNX, he oversaw two design/build projects for the expansion of Orlando's LYMMO Bus Rapid Transit Line and managed three additional Alternatives Analysis Studies for the U.S. Route 192 Corridor in Osceola County, Route 50 Corridor in Orange County, and the final segment of the LYMMO study (North/South alignment).

Prior to his time with LYNX, Mr. Lewis held several leadership positions as the CEO of the Greater Richmond Transit Company, and Director of Rail Operations and Director of Bus Operations with the Maryland Transit Administration.

Mr. Lewis is a graduate of Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania and holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science.

David Howard



As the N.C. Department of Transportation's Chief Deputy Secretary, **David Howard** oversees the high-level operations of the Division of Motor Vehicles, the non-highway divisions (Aviation, Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation, Ferry, Public Transportation and Rail), civil rights and partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as well as transportation planning.

Howard most recently served as Associate Administrator of Policy and Governmental Affairs for the Federal Highway Administration, where he was a principal advisor and managed a team involved in transportation policy development, legislative analysis, highway data collection and analysis, and international programs. His office was also responsible for overseeing the Federal Highway Administration's implementation of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act.

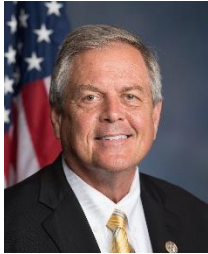
Prior to joining the U.S. Department of Transportation, he served as the Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Fund Development for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership, the largest developer of affordable workforce housing in the region.

Howard was also a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission for six years before being elected in 2009 to serve as an at-large member of the Charlotte City Council.

In addition, Howard has a wealth of national and state leadership experience, including the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, the National Urban Land Institute, The German Marshall Fund, the BMW Foundation's Responsible Leaders Community and the N.C. League of Municipalities.

Howard is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Congressman Ralph Norman



As a lifelong resident of the Rock Hill area, **Congressman Ralph Norman** is deeply connected to South Carolina's Fifth District. After raising his family in Rock Hill, developing his business, and representing York County in state government, Congressman Norman continues his advocacy for conservative principles and fiscal responsibility at the federal level.

Congressman Norman is a proud graduate of Presbyterian College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business. He returned to Rock Hill after graduation and started his family with his wife Elaine Rice Norman, who he has been married to for 43 years. Together they have four children, Ralph Warren, Anne, Mary Catherine, and Caroline, and are the proud grandparents of 16 grandchildren. As he grew his family, he also built Warren Norman Company into one of South Carolina's most successful commercial real estate developers.

Through his career and service to the business community, Congressman Norman was able to gain valuable insight into the complexities of developing and running a business. He has attained in-depth knowledge of several aspects of the business community through his time as President of the York County Association of Realtors, as President of the York County Home Builders Association, as Chairman of the Board of South Carolina Bank and Trust, among several others. He has remained in tune to his local community's needs and will continue to advocate for common-sense principles that benefit small businesses, the backbone of our economy.

By dedicating his time to bettering the community, Congressman Norman has continuously strived to embody his alma mater's motto, *Dum Vivimus Servimus, While We Live, We Serve*. Throughout his life, Congressman Norman has been a highly involved community activist and has served the community in many capacities. He has dedicated his time to many organizations, including the Rock Hill United Way, the Rock Hill YMCA, the Children's Attention Home, the Salvation Army, and the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Visitors. Congressman Norman brings the same dedication to his community, that he has illustrated his entire life, to his current role in Washington D.C.

As the representative of the Fifth District of South Carolina, it is Congressman Norman's honor to serve his constituents and proudly advocate for limited government, sound fiscal policies, and a strong national defense.

John Christie



John Christie serves as the Legislative Director for Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. He is Rep. Adams's point of contact on all federal policy related to transportation and infrastructure.

John joined Rep. Adams’s office in 2017 as a Legislative Assistant where in addition to his work on transportation and infrastructure, works on the Congresswoman’s education, labor, criminal justice, and immigration portfolios. He is a resident of Washington, DC area, and holds degrees from Hampton University (B.A.) and Georgetown University Law Center (JD).

Mayor Jack Edwards



John “Jack” Edwards, Pineville Mayor was born and raised in New York. He earned a football scholarship to Boston University. After graduation, Mayor Edwards went into the United States Marine Corps and served two tours in Vietnam. After discharge, he entered the business world and served in variety of roles from sales, sales and marketing, sales management, and ultimately to VP of Sales. For twenty (20) years, he served as president of a multi-national company with plants world-wide.

After an early retirement, Mayor Edwards’ wife convinced him to run for Mayor of Pineville, a role he has enjoyed for the past six years. He loves his job and the great people who serve with him in government service. The important parts of Mayor Edwards’ life are his best friend, wife, and campaign manager; plus six great children and seven grandchildren.

Mayor Pro Tem Julie Eiselt



Mayor Pro Tem Julie Eiselt grew up near Milwaukee, Wisconsin as one of four children. She attended public schools, including college at Indiana University where she received a BA in Spanish, with minors in French and Business. Julie went on to receive a Master’s degree in international management at The American Graduate School of International Management. Her career in international banking and manufacturing allowed her to live in London, Dallas, Milwaukee and Miami, while traveling extensively to Latin America and Eastern Europe. Julie and her husband Tom moved to Charlotte in 1998, to work and raise their three children: Jack, Joe and Kate.

Julie had never envisioned a role in public office until a man tried to abduct her at gunpoint in 2007. This led to her found Neighbors for a Safer Charlotte, to advocate for court-system resources and policies to make all Charlotte residents safer. Julie then ran for Charlotte City Council in 2015 and is in her second term on the council, serving at-large and as Mayor Pro Tem. She chairs the Transportation & Planning Committee, and serves on the Intergovernmental Relations and Economic Development Committees. In the community, Julie serves as a board member for the Blumenthal Performing Arts and The Relatives.

Liz Babson



As Director of the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT), **Liz Babson** has more than 25 years’ experience as a transportation engineer and spent the last 20 years of her career with CDOT. Liz is a Charlotte native and attended UNC-Charlotte, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and later attended Pfeiffer University and earned a Master’s in

Business Administration. She has worked in the public sector for both state and local transportation agencies. In her role as CDOT Transportation Director, she is responsible for the department's 425 employees and a transportation system that consists of more than 5,300 lane miles of streets, 800 traffic signals, 200 bridges, 200,000 traffic control signs, 300 miles of sidewalk and over 190 miles of bikeways.

Liz recently received her national ADA Coordinator Training Certification. She has spent much of her career advancing ADA improvements in the public right-of-way through policy work and project development in Charlotte in addition to her national work serving on the National Committee for Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Transportation safety has also been an area of focus as she and her team have led the citywide effort to make Charlotte a Vision Zero city through the development of the first Vision Zero action plan that identifies strategies to make Charlotte streets safer and have no fatalities or serious injuries by 2030.

Liz and her team have received national and state-wide recognition for their work on creating complete streets and their continued work on helping to transform Charlotte into a more walkable and bicycle-friendly city.

Robert "Bob" Cook

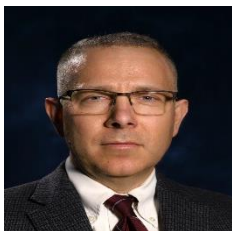


Robert Cook, CRTPO Assistant Director, was born and raised in Norristown, Pennsylvania. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning-University of Pittsburgh 1986 and has a Professional Accreditation by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

He served as the Assistant Planner and Senior Planner for the Hamilton Township Division of Planning in Hamilton Division. He also served as the Senior Transportation Planner for the City of Gastonia/Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and a Transportation Planner for the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS).

Since 2004, Bob has worked for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department/Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) as a Transportation Program Manager and CRTPO Secretary. Recently, Bob was named as the Assistant Planning Director for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department/Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

David F. Hooper



David F. Hooper, AICP is the MPO Administrator for the Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study (RFATS) – which is the planning agency responsible for coordinating the development of transportation plans and programs for the eastern urbanized portion of York County and the panhandle of Lancaster County, South Carolina.

As a federally mandated planning process, David is responsible for coordinating work in a range of areas that includes transportation system needs and project planning, development trends and impact assessment, congestion management, as well as compliance with all federal and state procedural requirements. David holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration.

Tracy Finch Dodson



Tracy Finch Dodson joined the City of Charlotte on May 7, 2018, as an Assistant City Manager. Her City portfolio includes oversight of the Economic Development and Aviation departments.

Tracy has spent more than 20 years in Charlotte and has extensive experience in diverse aspects of real estate development. Prior to joining the City of Charlotte, Tracy was the senior vice president at Lincoln Harris, where she worked on large-scale mixed-use developments in North and South Carolina. Before joining Lincoln Harris, Tracy worked with Cushman & Wakefield, Charlotte Center City Partners and Harris Development Group focusing on real estate development, economic development, and brokerage. She has also worked for the City of Charlotte as a program manager and transit development coordinator. Tracy has been a member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation since March 2015.

Tracy earned a bachelor's degree in architecture and psychology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She later attended Harvard University, where she earned a Master's of Design Studies in Real Estate and Urban Development.

David Swenson



As Director, **David Swenson** works directly with the York County Council, the York County Economic Development Board, local governments within York County, the SC Department of Commerce and other state agencies, local businesses, utility providers and the general public. He is very engaged in international and domestic marketing and business development efforts with a strategic focus on assisting site location consultants, manufacturers of transportation equipment, aerospace products, advanced materials, machine manufacturers as well as warehouse and distribution companies and corporate headquarters and back office operations. Swenson joined York County Economic Development in 2014 after spending eight years leading the Charlotte Regional Partnership's business development and marketing efforts for the 16 county region. Prior to his time in Charlotte, he spent 11 years in local and regional economic development in the Southeast and in site location consulting at Fluor Daniel Corporation.

Swenson holds an M.S. degree in Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi and a B.S. degree in Economic Geography from the University of North Dakota.

He is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and earned his Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) credentials in 2006. He holds professional memberships in the South Carolina Economic Developers Association, the Southern Economic Development Council, and the International Economic Development Council. He has served on the Board of Directors for the South

Carolina I-77 Alliance, the South Carolina Economic Developers Association, and the Charlotte Regional Partnership.

Jamie Gilbert



Jamie Gilbert was hired as the Director of the Lancaster County Department of Economic Development (LCDED) Director in July 2016. He began his career in economic development in 1992 and has successfully built and led economic development programs at the county level in South Carolina, Maryland and Georgia. Since arriving in Lancaster County, Jamie has brought a record number of projects to the community with twenty-three announcements representing 4,600 new jobs and \$207.5 million in new capital investment. The flagship announcement was the relocation and expansion of CompuCom's new world headquarters from Texas which will create 1,500 new jobs.

Over his career, Jamie has facilitated the recruitment and expansion of hundreds of global businesses in a variety of sectors including advanced manufacturing, aerospace, customer and financial services, food processing, headquarters operations, information technology, life sciences and metal fabrication. Clients include *CompuCom, Movement Mortgage, PRS Guitars, Interroll, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Pfizer, Fuji Film, Carolina Pride, Pirelli, Ameritrade, BP* and *United Healthcare*. He has held director and senior level economic development positions in Queen Anne's County (Maryland), Paulding County (Georgia), Douglasville (Georgia), Greenwood County (South Carolina) and Abbeville County (South Carolina)

Jamie is a second-generation economic developer who holds a master's degree in city and regional planning from Clemson University and a bachelor's degree in political science from University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Jamie is recognized as an economic development leader who embraces the team concept and manages economic development activities in an honest, transparent and highly ethical manner.

Sven Gerzer



Sven Gerzer's responsibilities as an economic recruiter are focused on foreign direct investment attraction from Europe and India as well as working with North American and domestic projects. Services include location marketing and attraction, client and project management, business location consulting and site selection, negotiation of financial incentives and transaction agreements, human resource development and recruiting, arranging professional services for investors, and interfacing between the investor and the state and local governments. Sven has ten years of experience in lead and project generation for rural communities paired with over six years of urban and high growth economic development.

Sven joined the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance (former Charlotte Chamber of Commerce) in September 2012. Prior to joining the Alliance, Sven held the post of managing director of the State of West Virginia European Office in Munich, Germany and has worked in economic development and FDI attraction to the United States for more than 16 years. Since joining the Charlotte Alliance, Sven has been

responsible for more than 100 announced projects creating more than 8,300 jobs and \$600 million in investment including 65 European projects.

During his tenure with the Charlotte Alliance and the West Virginia European Office, Sven has developed a strong network of lead sources across Europe and India as well as in the United States. Sven organizes investment seminars across Europe on a regular level, involving many local partners, including US Embassies, local Chambers of Commerce, industry associations, and private sector multipliers, such as logistics companies, law firms, CPAs, recruiting firms, insurance companies and banks.

He also served as vice president of the Council of American States in Europe (predecessor to SelectUSA in Europe), representing the interests of all American states in Europe with national, regional and local governments and private sector associations. Sven is on the board of the German-American Chamber of Commerce Carolinas Chapter; American Council on Germany North Carolina Chapter; the Deutsche Schule Charlotte (German School Charlotte) and was appointed by the Charlotte City Council to serve on the City of Charlotte International Cabinet.

Sven is a native of Munich, Germany and holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in International Studies from the University of South Carolina. He has lived in Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States; is bilingual in German and English, proficient in French, and has family in India, Germany and the United States.

Mayor Vi Lyles



Mayor Vi Alexander Lyles, a democrat, is the mayor of Charlotte. Previously, she served two terms on city council as an at-large representative from 2013-2017. On Dec. 7, 2015, she was chosen by her peers to serve as mayor pro tem.

Lyles worked for the City of Charlotte for almost 30 years, starting off as an analyst in the city's budget department before becoming budget director. She was assistant city manager for the city from 1996 to 2004. During her time with the city, she helped create the city's first capital budget and led the restructuring of government programs to evaluate and assess performance audits for city programs.

She also led and presented the community safety plan and helped develop the city's affordable housing plan and Mecklenburg County's Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program for small businesses.

After retiring from the city, Lyles joined the Lee Institute and Flynn Heath Holt Leadership as a consulting director, assisting non-for-profit governmental organizations in strategic planning and project implementation. She worked with the Charlotte Housing Authority Moving Forward initiative, the Committee of 21 transportation initiative and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg African American Agenda and Achieve Together community-based advocacy education initiative. She also provided consulting services, leadership development for rising executives and reviews of work processes leading to mergers and efficiencies for nonprofit organizations.

In 2009, the Southern Piedmont Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators created the "Viola 'Vi' Lyles Young Public Administrator Award," which recognizes energy, commitment and drive for excellence in work and community service."

Lyles holds a bachelor of arts in political science from Queens University and a master of public administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a trained facilitator and executive coach, completing programs at the Institute of Government, North Carolina State University and the Lee Institute's American Leadership Forum.

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