

Student Spotlight: Bill Lyons



TLGC student Bill Lyons is the President and Managing Member of Fort Hill Infrastructure Services, LLC, an architect and engineering company launched in 2008 by Lyons. He is responsible for the strategic direction of the company, including business development and financial management. Lyons is also a working principal, providing policy advice, engineering, and planning services throughout the world for his clients.

With half of his TLGC credits completed, Lyons already is able to apply knowledge from the courses. “I have applied my educational exposure to transportation systems as part of the program to my daily life advising clients on transportation matters,” Lyons said. “My objective is to provide sound policy advice to decision makers, and these courses really help me get to that level.”

Though he has several significant academic accomplishments to his name, Lyons sees the value in continuing his education and gaining further knowledge in transportation through the TLGC. Lyons said, “I want a better foundation in the essentials of transportation policy, planning, and design.”

Lyons holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Norwich University as well as a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School. Additionally, Lyons holds an associate’s degree in Applied Science in Intelligence Operations from Cochise College and is a graduate of both the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College and Department of Defense Joint Forces Staff College.

In addition to extensive education experience, Lyons has valuable life and work experience. An AICP and PTOE, a licensed professional engineer in nine states, and a licensed planner in New Jersey, Lyons has worked in the transportation field for nearly 20 years. His career includes time spent with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation; he also served as the Director of Traffic & Parking for the City of Somerville, Mass. Furthermore, Lyons has worked in three consulting firms throughout his career in transportation and planning, two of which he has owned.

Even for those with academic and professional experience, continuing education is important because transportation is an ever-evolving field. As the field of transportation and planning develops to meet new challenges, Lyons believes that TLGC courses “will provide a solid foundation in contemporary transportation issues.”

Lyons is active in the transportation and engineering communities. He served as a legislative fellow for the Boston Society of Civil Engineers in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and remains an active member co-chairing the government affairs committee. Additionally, he is active in the Institute of Transportation Engineers (a former president of New England Section) and in the Urban Land Institute, currently co-chairing of the infrastructure committee.

