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Over the past three decades Mr. Charlier has been at the forefront of efforts to redefine urban transportation planning to reflect “smart growth” and “sustainable mobility” goals.

During the first half of his career he served in senior positions in two state DOTs (Iowa and Florida). In the late 1980s he served on the Florida Governor’s Task Force on Urban Growth Patterns which provided a foundation for the state growth management systems in several states.

Charlier has taught classes in transportation and growth management for the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and currently teaches classes in “Transportation and Sustainable Cities” and “Sustainable Urbanism” at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Charlier is also on the faculty of the Governor’s Institute of Community Design, the Mayor’s Institute of Community Design and the American Institute of Architects “Sustainable Design Assessment Team.”

In 2007 he served on the Transportation and Land Use Task Force of the Colorado Climate Action Plan and since 2004 has been providing ongoing technical services to clients around the U.S. through the EPA’s Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program. Earlier this year he prepared Transportation for America’s legislative platform for reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program. Jim is an active member of American Planning Association, the Congress for New Urbanism, the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Urban Land Institute.

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