SOPHIE SHULMAN

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EXPERIENCE

Biden-Harris Transition Agency Lead, Appointments

Sept 2020-Jan 2021

Colorado Department of Transportation

Apr 2019-Aug 2020

- Chief of Innovative Mobility
- Managed team of ~30 subject matter experts in clean transportation, technology, and transit.
- Served on the executive management team of a 3000+ person agency, overseeing clean transportation and technology policy initiatives.
- Managed over \$100 million in state and federal funds that support transit operations, autonomous and connected vehicle pilots, and zero emission vehicle (ZEV) deployments.
- Drove policy to promote new funding and regulatory tools to reduce transportation emissions, including successful adoption of the ZEV standard in 2019.
- Developed new initiatives to electrify emerging mobility (e.g., ridesharing and e-commerce) through agency action and the state legislature.
- Secured millions of dollars in new funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure,
 education and outreach from a diverse coalition of transportation stakeholders.

Electrify America

Apr 2017-Mar 2019

Manager, Partnerships & Business Development

- Managed the business development team and pursued revenue opportunities with utility, automakers, and advanced mobility customers.
- Built relationships with state and local governments to facilitate deployment of a \$2 billion operating budget and thousands of electric vehicle charging stations across the U.S.
- Served as a primary representative of Electrify America with the public sector, industry partners, and the media.
- Negotiated and managed deals to ensure financial viability of Electrify America, including finalizing contracts, implementing technical and marketing deployments, and managing cross-functional development efforts company-wide.
- Led strategic engagement efforts to electrify new sectors (e.g. rideshare, delivery, and trucks).

U.S. Department of Transportation

June 2015-Jan 2017

Acting Assistant Secretary for Research & Technology Senior Policy Advisor

- Oversaw \$1 billion in research activities related to intelligent transportation systems, connected and autonomous vehicles, and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Managed over 600 staff members and the selection of \$300 million in University Transportation Center grants, which aim to advance the state-of-the-art in transportation research.
- Directed implementation of the Smart City Challenge, a \$40 million public-private partnership to create the nation's first city that fully integrates innovative technologies into its transportation network, increase access to opportunity and sustainable mobility options.

- Served as a principal advisor to the Secretary on emerging technology and cross-cutting transportation research. Represented the Department at public and open press events related to innovative technologies.
- Led the Department's environmental and energy policy agenda, including support of the President's Climate Action Plan and resilience initiatives, updates to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), expansion of Federal interagency permitting reforms, and launch of nationwide alternative fuel and electric charging corridors.

White House Domestic Policy Council (DPC) Deputy Chief of Staff

Apr 2013-May 2015

Deputy Press Secretary & Executive Secretary

- Managed personnel matters for 50+ staff, including recruiting and interviewing new staff, and directed DPC-wide policy exercises, such as executive actions and regulations.
- Coordinated all memoranda to President Obama and senior White House staff on domestic policy matters.
- Led logistics for large, policy-driven, public events involving the President, Vice President and First Lady, including College Opportunity Day of Action and White House Conference on Aging.
- Supported communications for the domestic policy agenda, including managing social media engagement, White House reports, and rollouts for major initiatives, such as criminal justice, immigration, and college affordability. Tracked Presidential initiatives across twelve policy teams, including civil rights, labor, and health care.

Executive Office of the President, Office of Management & Budget Presidential Management Fellow

Sep 2012-Mar 2013

• Supported the development of the Fiscal Year 2014 President's Budget for the Departments of Energy, Interior, Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, NASA, and USACE.

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary

May 2011- Sep 2012

 Briefed and staffed the Chief of Staff on issues covering the entire DOE portfolio. Prepared weekly reports for White House senior staff outlining activities related to renewables, clean energy finance, and new energy technologies.

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University

School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Master of Arts, International Relations Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, International Studies