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Robert holds a Bachelor and Master's of Civil Engineering from the Universities of Texas and Washington and serves as the City of Austin Transportation Director. As the lead mobility professional for the City of Austin, he is responsible for the City's multi-modal transportation portfolio and SMART City mobility programs and technologies. Under Robert's leadership, the City of Austin modernized its signal systems and intelligent transport technologies, championed an open data policy that fosters innovation through new smartphone technologies, replaced the City's parking management system, sponsored a pedestrian and vehicle way-finding system, amongst other achievements.

Robert is an experienced transit program planner having worked on a range of related projects for entities including Sound Transit in Seattle and Tri-Met rail and transit in Portland, Oregon. He is also an experienced highway and roadway infrastructure development planner, having led the development of the Katy Freeway Reconstruction Major Investment Concept and serving as the public outreach lead on the Dome-to-Downtown Light Rail project in Houston. In Seattle, his mobility planning and oversight additionally allowed for transformative projects including the approval of the Seattle Trolley, continuous transit-only lanes on Aurora North, removal of the Aurora Viaduct (under construction), expansion of the regional park-and-ride system, and reconfiguration of many of the primary roadways feeding downtown.

Prior to Austin, Robert served as Vice President of Parsons Brinckerhoff and the City of Seattle as Director of Traffic Management. In 1988 he was named a Valle Fellow at the University of Washington, publishing research on park-and-ride demand. In 1995 he was named a William Barclay Parsons Fellow, publishing a monograph on Park-and-Ride Planning and Design Guidelines, later adopted by the American Association of State Transportation Officials (AASHTO).