

Ahmed Darrat



Ahmed Darrat is a professional engineer with over 15 years of in-depth expertise in policy development, asset management and maintenance, design, and project delivery.

Before joining Cityfi, Ahmed spent 10 years in senior management and advisory roles at the Seattle Department of Transportation and the Mayor's Office in Seattle. He has managed diverse groups of 70+ staff ranging from signal engineers to maintenance operators while balancing program management of \$25+ million a year.

Ahmed recently spent 9 months in the Middle East working on design and development of some of the most advanced asset and mobility management software solutions in the world. Throughout his career, Ahmed has regularly exhibited the rare ability to transform high-level organization values and objectives into sustainable everyday operations and services that enhance the quality of life of the public.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, BS, Civil Engineering, Austin, TX

CREDENTIALS

Professional Engineer, Washington State Board of Engineers

Select Experience

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISOR TO MAYOR OF SEATTLE

Ahmed advised Mayor on critical policy issues in Seattle such as autonomous vehicles, shared mobility, roadway pricing, urban freight, electric vehicles, performance based parking, transportation demand management, wifi kiosks, microtransit, transportation equity, modal implementation plans, and Vision Zero. During his time in the Mayor's Office, the City introduced free passes transit for all public school students, adopted permanent bike share regulations, conducted a citywide congestion pricing study, implemented an unprecedented transportation demand management effort during the Alaskan Way Viaduct closure, and introduced the first microtransit pilots in the City.

CITY OF SEATTLE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Manage Signal Operations, Signal Spot Improvement, Signal Maintenance, Signal Major Maintenance, Pedestrian Lighting, Street Lighting, Curb and Pavement Markings, and Sign Maintenance Programs. Establish and analyze project develop and operations performance measures related to equity, safety, and efficiency. Provide expert witness testimony on signal and lighting matters and present to elected leadership, department leadership, and national peers on signals, lighting and ITS issues.

SEATTLE STREETS ILLUSTRATED

Author, editor and subject matter expert for signal and street lighting sections of right of way improvements manual to help property owners, developers, & architects involved with the design, permitting, & construction of Seattle's street right-of-way.

SEATTLE PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING CITYWIDE PLAN

Subject matter expert for discipline specific supplement to Pedestrian Master Plan that outline needs and opportunities for pedestrian lighting including a citywide prioritization of investment.