

## Mike Lipsman Brief Biography

### Education:

- Doctorate in economics, Iowa State University
- Master's in community and regional planning (transportation emphasis), Iowa State University
- Bachelor of Arts, Grinnell College

Master's thesis: Rail transportation and industrial development : an assessment of the relationship between the quality of rail transportation and new plant sitings in Iowa, 1971-1980. Doctoral dissertation: A theory of transportation clubs with special application to the domestic aviation system.

### Experience:

November 2011 - Mike Lipsman joined the Strategic Economics Group (SEG). Since joining SEG he has worked on studies for a retail development, a youth baseball tournament facility, an electric transmission line company, and two gaming facility proposals. In addition, He has completed several studies of the Iowa property tax system and of the Iowa economy.

May 2000 - October 2011 - He served as Manager, Tax Research and Program Analysis Section, Iowa Department of Revenue (Iowa DOR).

- He was responsible for managing revenue forecasting, fiscal impact estimation, tax policy research, statistical reporting, and tax policy data system development and maintenance.
- He conducted studies of Iowa's individual income, corporate income, inheritance, sales and use, cigarette and tobacco, and property taxes.
- He developed the proposal for and oversaw the development of Iowa's tax credit tracking and analysis program.
- He developed the plan for and implemented the creation of the Department's SAS Server based tax policy data warehouse.

Before 2000 - He served as a Senior Legislative Analyst with the Legislative Fiscal Bureau of the Iowa General Assembly and as a transportation planner with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT). In addition, for over a decade during the 1980s and 1990s he served as adjunct faculty in the Transportation and Logistics Department of Iowa State University.

- While with the Legislative Fiscal Bureau he served first as lead staff assigned to the education standing committees of the House and Senate.
- During this period he staffed a two year education finance interim study and rewrote the Iowa school aid finance SAS model.
- Later he became senior staff for the Legislature's Ways and Means Committees.

During 15 years with the Iowa DOT his work involved State rail system planning, the analysis of railroad branch line abandonment and rehabilitation assistance applications, and freight flow analysis studies. Also, he served as the lead planner for the initial Iowa Commercial and Industrial Highway Network Plan. His final position with the Iowa DOT involved preparation of Road Use Tax Fund forecasts and managing several transportation economics studies.