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Subject: Recommendation for Brandon Whyte

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Brandon Whyte as a qualified and skilled planning professional. Brandon served at the Active Transportation Alliance in from spring of 2012 through fall of 2013 first as an intern and then as an Assistant Planner; during that time he performed exceptionally.

Brandon became a valued member of our team. He developed expert knowledge of the current trends in active transportation planning. Assisting in plan creation, community outreach, fieldwork, graphic design, and both the writing and editing of several local and regional active transportation plans. Brandon is a critical thinker with a planner's sensibility.

Brandon's skill set is diverse. He is proficient in geographic information systems (GIS), research, analysis, and graphic design. Project examples include BRT transit analysis, literature for the City of Chicago's 2012 Bicycle Crash Analysis, and outreach materials for the City of Chicago Complete Streets Design Guide. He recently just completed a \$1.6 million dollar project for the Illinois Department of Public Health. Acting as the lead planner he designed and implemented new training materials and several new bicycle parking and safety sign plans for over 20 different communities. His efforts lead to the successful installation of over 1,100 new bike racks and 250 safety signs across Illinois. His dedication and persistence have made projects more cohesive and responsive to community needs.

Brandon exhibits a professional demeanor and a good rapport with colleagues. He is successful working independently and in teams. He seeks guidance when necessary but always attempts to find a solution to the problem at hand. He frequently offers insights that improve workflow. Overall, he has proven to be an honest, hardworking, and intelligent person with refined communication skills. It has been a pleasure working with him.

I highly and confidently recommend Brandon Whyte. I believe he can excel as a planner in the public or private sector. Feel free to contact me if you have any follow up questions.

Regards,

Paul Lippens
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