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SPEAKER



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BIOGRAPHY

Carolyn Kramer Simons serves as Senior Director of State Funding Policy at the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), where she tracks and analyzes state transportation investment legislation and ballot initiatives nationwide. Her work focuses on identifying funding methods, trends, and policy developments shaping state and local transportation programs.

During her tenure at ARTBA, Carolyn has produced dozens of reports, resources, and presentations, and has led numerous live and virtual events. She frequently presents to business leaders, industry professionals, lawmakers, and public officials on state and local transportation funding strategies and emerging trends.

In addition to her policy work through ARTBA's Transportation Investment Advocacy Center, Carolyn manages several key ARTBA initiatives, including the Transportation Officials Division, the Workforce Development Council, the Transportation Investment Advocates Council, and the Industry Leader Development Program.

Carolyn earned a Bachelor of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science from Rutgers College in 2009 and a Public Relations Certificate from Rutgers' School of Communication and Information in 2014. Prior to joining ARTBA, she worked with advocacy nonprofits and interned in media. A New Jersey native, Carolyn resides in Alexandria, Virginia, with her husband and two sons.