

Candidate Statements for 2020 Kentucky Council Representative

Candidate: Ron Schneider

Candidate Residence: Louisville

Candidate Status: Incumbent

Why are you interested in serving in a NARP/RPA Leadership Position?

I have been an advocate for transit and passenger rail for over twenty years and have been on the NARP Council continuously since 2009. I am currently serving on the Candidate Certification Review Committee and the Finance Committee for NARP. I have missed none of the two annual national NARP Council meetings since joining the Council in the fall of 2009.

If elected to a Council position, what are the primary goals you personally would pursue?

To see the expansion of passenger rail service here, as Kentucky is a key connector state between the south and the midwest. Also, to keep the current national system, which is under attack by Amtrak's current President and CEO, alive in addition to seeing it expanded.

What is your passenger rail advocacy experience?

I have been on the NARP Council since 2009 and have served as a board member for the Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation (CART), a Louisville-based non-profit promoting more transit, bike and pedestrian facilities, and passenger rail in the Louisville area and throughout Kentucky. This includes terms as vice-president and president of CART. My professional experience includes five years in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, during which time I oversaw rail issues and advocated for passenger rail as best I could without violating Cabinet policy. In that position, I also oversaw the consultant's work on the first update to the commonwealth's rail plan since 1979.

I have been a licensed professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky since 1994.