

~ Dedication to Eric Meale ~



The 2009-2011 edition of the Transportation Resource Manual is dedicated to Eric Meale, who passed away on August 30, 2008. Eric served the citizens of Washington as the Assistant Director in charge of Economic Analysis for the Department of Transportation.

Eric developed the Taxes, Fees and Other Revenue Sources section as well as serving as a valuable resource for the entire staff that worked to complete this manual.

He started with the Department in the Economics Branch in 1991. For years, Eric generated the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax distribution forecast. Eric was later promoted to the head of the Economics Branch, overseeing all of the forecasts, as well as federal reporting. Eric also produced the federal funds forecast, which is used by the state, and local programs for planning and budgeting purposes.

Eric had an amazing attention to detail while maintaining awareness of the big picture. He was one of the few people who really had a complete understanding of local agency transportation funding, both transit and local roadways. He was very good at helping others understand the complexities of transportation dollars by the way he broke it down in everyday terms.

He will always be remembered as one of the premier experts in the area of transportation funding in Washington. Eric was a good friend, and will be missed by all who knew him.