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Mr. Kannan brings extensive planning and transit-oriented development experience in the public and private sectors to WMATA (Metro). At Metro he directs the Authority's strategic planning efforts, called *Momentum*, as well as supervises long-range planning, sustainability, and regional coordination. He has a particular interest in the economic benefits of transit, as well as coordinating closely with the business community in the region. He was most recently with RCLCO (formerly Robert Charles Lesser and Co. LLC), a Washington-area based real estate strategy firm. While at RCLCO, he founded the firm's Public Strategies Practice Group, where he oversaw planning, development, and transit system finance for public sector clients across the country.

Active in the region's planning community; Mr. Kannan is a committee member of the Urban Land Institute's Transit-Oriented Development Council, the Region Forward Coalition of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and the Housing and Retail Development Committee of the District of Columbia Building Industry Association.

Mr. Kannan has a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Urban Planning from Harvard University, and is also a graduate of the University of Virginia.