

# Willy Simon

Urbanist interested in mobility and road safety

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## EXPERIENCE

### Mid-Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque — *Transportation Planner*

july 2016 - March 2024

Staff lead on Congestion Management Process

- Convened bimonthly CMP Committee meeting
- Brought together planners and engineers from around the region to discuss issues of congestion
- Created static documents as well as online data visualizations depicting congested conditions in the region
- Updated methodology for Transportation Improvement Program project selection process

Staff lead on Safety program

- Created High Fatality and Injury Network (HFIN) for the Albuquerque region using ArcGIS and put it online
- Created ArcGIS online [safety data visualization](#) for the Albuquerque Region including an analysis of crashes by census tract showing a positive correlation between poverty and higher rates of fatal and injury crashes
- Worked closely with City of Albuquerque on the creation of their Vision Zero Action Plan attending all task force meetings
  - Performed data analysis, creating tables and maps for action plan document
- Worked with colleagues on MRMPO's Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan (2018)
  - Analyzed crashes in region by top contributing factors and wrote a section on the impact of road diets in the region

### Dublin Inquirer, Dublin, Ireland — *Journalist*

April 2016 - December 2016

- Authored articles covering planning and transportation issues affecting Dublin City
- Worked to strict deadlines
- Collected complicated data and synthesized easy to understand articles
- Portfolio: [Willy Simon](#)

## SKILLS

Esri ArcGIS: Desktop, Pro and  
ArcGIS Online

Writing

Microsoft Office

Familiarity with Adobe  
Creative Suite

Data Analysis

## Activism

Advocated for a street to be pedestrianized on Christmas Eve for Luminaria viewing. Attended neighborhood association meeting and pitched my vision and got buy-in from members. It is now an ongoing tradition.

Served as Vice President of Silver Platinum Downtown Neighborhood Association. During my time there I successfully advocated for pedestrian safety and traffic calming infrastructure.

## LANGUAGES

Conversational in Spanish

## **Dublin City Council, Dublin, Ireland — *Planning Intern***

February 2014 - August 2014

Worked in Roads and Traffic Planning Division of Environment & Transportation Department

- Drafted recommendations on planning applications and road license applications based on research of site and DCC guiding principles
- Input to the design of strategic transportation projects such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in Dublin City

## **EDUCATION**

### **Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin, Ireland — *MSc in Sustainable Development***

September 2013 - February 2015

Main Subjects: Ecology, Economics, Place Making, Spatial Design, and Transport and mobility, Geographic Information Systems

Dissertation examined pedestrian crowding on Dublin footpaths through recording pedestrian data and interpreting level of comfort

### **University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada — *BA in Geography***

September 2007 - May 2012

Awarded academic scholarship - President's Entrance Scholarship in 2007

Involved in 4-person group research project on the homeless geography of Vancouver that was featured in the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers annual meeting in 2013