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Tell us a little bit about your formative years.

When my grandparents, who were living in the Philippines, moved in with our family, I respectfully learned to overcome the language barrier and embrace our culture.

What experiences throughout your life have shaped you as an employee today?

Growing up in a small town paved the foundation for subsequent years. Resources to the internet and computers were non-existent. We had one movie theater that played one movie a week and the closest educational museums or cultural events were hours away. We learned to collectively use the resources that were available to us and respect the value of family, friends, community, and time.

What about your hobbies, what do you do for fun?

Most of my time is spent on baseball activities with the family and spending time with friends. What I enjoy about baseball is the community, and I appreciate the teamwork and competitiveness to reaching a common goal.

What unique perspective do you bring to the challenge of improving cities through transport?

I think the unique perspective I bring to the challenge of improving cities through transport is living in various cities and realizing the need for more innovative ways to travel.

Tell us a little bit about your formative years.

I grew up in a small community located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. We had a lot of room to roam, canoe, camp and hike. My parents worked for a construction company in Roanoke, Mom worked in Accounts Payable and Dad was a heavy equipment mechanic, so construction runs in the family.

What area did you start your career?

After several years of working for engineering and surveying consulting firms and then being self-employed, I decided to go to grad school and get back to my first love, transportation construction. One of the best days of my life was giving my Dad a tour of one of the projects I was working on and having him say "Son, you have me beat, I have never worked on a project this large".

Describe your work style and your communication style.

I enjoy working and sharing ideas with others. Coming from the construction side, I will say that I can be very open, direct, expressive, and colorful when communicating. At least people know where I stand and what I think about things.

How do you approach a problem?

Problems, what problems? There are only solutions. If there were not challenges to be overcome, I would not have a job. If we can put a man on the moon, then the issues we deal with can be solved with a little determination and great support from the team.