

James McGrath, AIA, ASLA, LEED, ENV

James is an architect, landscape architect and planner working on central city urban design and transportation infrastructure projects across the American West. He is the CH2M Global Practice Lead for Urban Corridors, Surfaces and Systems, a principal urban designer, senior project manager and the firm's Portland area business development leader. James was an associate partner with ZGF Architects LLP from 2005-2011 and began his Oregon career at Hennebery Eddy Architects and the Russell Development Company starting in 2000.

James has nearly 20 years of diverse experience in the planning, design and construction of the central city public realm including award-winning civic buildings, transit systems, station areas, complete streets, signature bridges, new communities and urban openspaces. James is a regionally-recognized light rail, streetcar and bus rapid transit corridor designer and in 2003 was awarded the Architecture Foundation of Oregon's Bailey Fellowship to study global best practices in openspace, transit street design and multimodal integration.

James is identified as a civic and business leader in Portland and has been selected for both the Portland Business Journal's 40 under 40 Award and the Portland Business Alliance's Leadership Portland program. He served as the Chair of the AIA/ASLA/APA Urban Design Panel, is a Young Leader of the Urban Land Institute, the Vice President of the Halprin Landscapes Conservancy, and a Fellow in the Urban Design Forum. James also serves as an Adjunct Professor in Urban Design and Architecture at the University of Oregon, Sustainable Cities Initiative and Portland State University, Center for Public Interest Design.

Education

- M.Arch., Architecture (Urban Design & Landscape), University of Oregon, Eugene & Portland
- B.A., History of Art & Architecture, Middlebury College, Vermont
- Undergraduate Studies (Literature and Architecture), Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Professional Registrations

- Licensed Architect: Oregon, 2008 (5518-active)
- Licensed Landscape Architect: Oregon, 2011 (758-active)
- US Green Building Council: LEED Accredited Professional, 2005 (active)
- Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure: Envision Certified Professional, 2014

Distinguishing Qualifications

- 15 years of diverse experience and broad capabilities integrating public realm design with redevelopment and architecture to create vibrant and high-performance urban districts
- Expertise in street design to accommodate rail and bus transit in constrained ROW's alongside all modes—freight, autos, bicycle facilities, pedestrian connectivity and urban habitat
- Excellent communication, facilitation and conceptual design skills and record of leadership in complex project settings balancing the interests of community stakeholders and agency staff