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Randy serves the South Florida Regional Planning Council as Deputy Director, Chief of Staff, and Director of Economic Development and Research. As Chief of Staff, Randy oversees, directs, and mentors Council staff while assisting the Executive Director in the development, funding, and implementation of the Council's work program. As Director of Economic Development and Research, Randy develops and markets new Council work products of value to the South Florida region.

With over 20 years of experience in urban and regional planning, Randy has worked in local government and for regional and transportation planning organizations in Florida as well as California and Illinois. He is experienced in forecasting, freight planning and investment, and land use-transportation interactions. Prior to coming to the SFRPC, Randy was Chief of Staff for the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, where he directed a variety of high-profile planning activities.

A proficient user of economic models such as REMI PI+ and IMPLAN, Randy has conducted award winning economic, fiscal, and cost-benefit analyses across a diverse range of issue areas: transportation investment, climate resiliency and environmental evaluation, target industry studies, public health, and land use studies. Randy is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and has a Master of Arts degree from the University of New Orleans and a Master of Urban Planning degree from the University of Michigan.