

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- » Urban Design and Planning
- » Transit-Oriented Development
- » Station Area Planning
- » Neighborhood and District Planning
- » Streetscapes and Corridors
- » Community Engagement

EDUCATION

- » MURP, Portland State University
- » MS, Psychology of Health and Exercise, Purdue University
- » BS, Health Promotion and Wellness, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

CERTIFICATION

- » Certified AICP Planner

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- » American Planning Association (APA)
- » American Certified Institute of Planners (AICP)
- » Urban Land Institute
- » International Downtown Association

Jay Renkens, AICP

PRINCIPAL-IN-CHARGE

Jay Renkens is a planning and design leader with national experience in station areas, transit-oriented development, streetscapes, land use, and higher neighborhoods. While researching health and motivational theory, he was struck by the significant influence that the environment has on people’s choices and behavior, and he has sought to shape environments for the better ever since. Although his original studies are behind him, they still form the lens that Jay uses in taking a holistic approach to optimizing social, economic, and physical wellness for the greatest number of people. He strives to integrate equity into planning and design and to address the unintended consequences of gentrification such as displacement and the losses of culture and authenticity. Jay can distill concepts and articulate complex ideas in written, verbal, and visual communications that provide a common foundation for decision-making. He has successfully led projects from high-level vision to implementation by facilitating client, community, and stakeholder collaboration, consensus, and engagement. Jay’s management, design, and planning skills have contributed to transformational change in communities throughout the country from Boston to San Antonio, Portland to Charlotte, and Spokane to Denver.

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- » Neighborhood Planning Initiative Far Northeast Plan, Denver, CO
- » Denver TOD Strategic Plan, Denver, CO
- » North Tryon Vision and Implementation Plan, Charlotte, NC
- » Blueprint Denver Update, Denver, CO
- » Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan, Denver, CO
- » Peoria Station Catalytic Project, Denver/Aurora, CO
- » Old Town Neighborhoods Plan, Fort Collins, CO
- » Colorado Convention Center Master Plan, Denver, CO
- » Community SubArea Plans, San Antonio, TX
- » OnBoard Mobility Study - High Capacity Transit Plan, Las Vegas Valley, NV
- » Downtown Lone Tree SubArea Master Plan, Lone Tree, CO
- » Boston Downtown Crossing Strategy, Boston, MA
- » Maryland Parkway TOD Plan, Las Vegas, NV
- » Upper Downtown Plan, Denver, CO
- » Ankeny/Burnside Development Framework, Portland, OR

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- » Project Management
- » Urban Design and Planning
- » Community Engagement
- » Landscape Architecture
- » Graphics and Visualizations

EDUCATION

- » MLA, University of Arizona, Tucson
- » BArch, University of Arizona, Tucson

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- » Urban Land Institute (ULI) Colorado YLG Executive Board
- » American Society of Landscape Architecture
- » Real Estate Diversity Initiative

Mark De La Torre

PROJECT MANAGER

Drawing from his wide range of academic and professional experience in architecture, landscape architecture, design-build and real estate development practices, Mark De La Torre provides strong project management and coordination leading multi-disciplinary teams in the successful creation of a variety of project types. Mark has a unique ability and extensive track record in contributing to projects in meaningful ways and engaging clients and a variety of stakeholders in a collaborative and meaningful process from vision through implementation. Having excelled in the graphic representation of the design process, from concept, to synthesis and through execution, he successfully demonstrates to colleagues, investors and the community, the power of a good design.

Mark has a wide array of planning and design experience in corridors, downtowns, districts and parks, as well as transportation, campus and landscape design, specifically through conceptual design and community outreach to planning and permitting process. He derives design solutions from tangible sources of inspiration that focus on and develop out of the unique, contextual needs of each place.

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- » Regis University Northwest Campus Master Plan, Denver, CO
- » Nishi Gateway (UC Davis Campus Expansion,) Davis, CA
- » University of Texas, San Antonio Subarea Plan, San Antonio, TX
- » National Western Center Campus Placemaking, Denver, CO
- » Denver Moves Broadway/Lincoln Placemaking Study, Denver, CO
- » Valmont City Park Concept Plan Update, Boulder, CO
- » Imagine Downtown Master Plan, Colorado Springs, CO
- » North Tryon Vision and Implementation Plan, Charlotte, NC
- » Wilsonville Town Center Master Plan, Wilsonville, OR
- » Denver Performing Arts Center - Colorado Convention Center Urban Design Framework, Denver, CO
- » Colorado Convention Center Master Plan, Denver, CO
- » RidgeGate East Village Master Plan, Lone Tree, CO
- » Kimball Junction Master Plan, Summit County, UT
- » St. Vrain Blueprint, Longmont, CO
- » US-6 and 19th Avenue Grade Separation and Urban Plaza, Golden, CO