OUR TEAM

CHRIS DEMPSEY

Founding Partner

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Chris Dempsey's career has spanned the public, private, and non-profit sectors. He served as Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, where he co-founded the MassDOT open-data program, which made the MBTA the first transit agency on the East Coast to make available smartphone applications that tell riders when their bus or train will arrive. Chris has worked as a Consultant with Bain & Co., and led North American business development for Masabi, a mobile-ticketing company whose customers include the MBTA, New York MTA, Los Angeles Metrolink, and other large transit agencies. He was named "Bostonian of the Year" by the *Boston Globe Magazine* in 2015 for his volunteer work leading the grassroots campaign No Boston Olympics. From 2017 to 2021, he led the state's largest transportation advocacy coalition. Chris has represented his hometown, Brookline, as an elected Town Meeting Member since 2012. He also served as Chair of the Transportation Board, which oversees the municipality's transportation policy. Chris appears regularly on WBUR's Radio Boston and WGBH's Boston Public Radio, and he has been quoted in dozens of national and local news outlets for his expertise on transportation, infrastructure, and politics. He lives with his wife, Anna, and daughter, Sarina, and has never owned a car.

EDUCATION

Harvard Business School
Boston, MA
MBA, 2012

Pomona College
Claremont, CA
BA, 2005

EXPERIENCE

Speck Dempsey
Partner,
2024 – present

Transportation, Policy, and Development
Consultant,
2022 – 2023

Massachusetts State Auditor
Candidate,
2021 – 2022

Transportation for Massachusetts
Director,
2017 – 2021

Masabi LLC
VP for Business Development,
2015 – 2017

No Boston Olympics
Co-Founder, Chair,
2014 – 2015

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Grow West Subarea Plan and Form-Based Code
Greeley, CO

Downtown Wichita Action Plan
Wichita, KS

Reimagine MCI Concord Master Plan
Concord, MA

Marathon Site Master Plan
Cold Spring, NY

Centre Street Lots Exploratory Study
Brookline, MA

Everett Docklands Innovation District Master Plan
Everett, MA