



FRANCISCO GOMES, AICP, ASLA



SENIOR PLANNER

OVERVIEW

Mr. Gomes specializes in the areas of bicycle and pedestrian planning, regional transportation planning, landscape planning and urban design. His experience includes the creation of open space plans, land use analysis, pedestrian safety plans, Safe Routes to School program development and planning, and urban master planning. Mr. Gomes is an experienced user of digital mapping, drafting, graphic design and rendering software. He uses this media to communicate spatial concepts to a broad group of stakeholders from the general public to elected officials and planning professionals.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING

Mr. Gomes has long been an advocate for bicyclists and pedestrians, having launched Safe Routes to School in Connecticut in 2001. He has since been involved with many local, regional and statewide bicycle and pedestrian projects and efforts. Francisco enjoys working at a variety of scales whether designing the proportions of a sidewalk or identifying regional corridors for bicycling.

VISUAL COMMUNICATION

Given his background in Landscape Architecture, Mr. Gomes is comfortable communicating images visually. Through the use of sketches, renderings, maps and digital models, Francisco uses pen, paper and digitally media to convey complex ideas and spatial concepts via a visual medium.

EDUCATION

- M.R.P. Master of Regional Planning, University of Massachusetts, 2001
- M.L.A. Master of Landscape Architecture, University of Massachusetts, 2001
- B.S. Environmental Geology, University of Dayton, 1996

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- American Planning Association (APA)
- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

YEARS EXPERIENCE

- 1 Year with firm
- 9 Years in industry

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAY PLAN | NORWALK, CT | 2010-ONGOING

Mr. Gomes is working with the City of Norwalk to identify opportunities for bicycle lanes, new multi-use paths, pedestrian and bicycle related amenities such as signage, bicycle racks, and intersection treatments. Norwalk intends this Plan to promote a more livable community for residents, employees and visitors. Additionally, the Plan will provide a road map for infrastructure improvements over the next ten years. Mr. Gomes will be assessing, documenting and mapping the existing network and will be assisting in developing a proposed solutions. FHI will also develop a design guidance manual for the City.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NON-INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM | CONNECTICUT DOT | 2009-ONGOING

Mr. Gomes is serving as project planner on a two year Safe Routes to School (SRTS) assistance program being funded through the Connecticut Department of Transportation. As part of this effort, Francisco works directly with schools throughout the state to identify and correct impediments to walking and bicycling to school. Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. will provide assistance to 30 schools over the course of the project. To date assistance has included:

- Bicycle rodeos, which are a safe bicycling education event for schoolchildren
- Walking and bicycling safety audits
- Development of encouragement and support programs for schools



**ROUTE 7 TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE STUDY | WESTERN CT | 2009-ONGOING**

Mr. Gomes is responsible for developing bicycle and pedestrian recommendations for this western Connecticut transportation corridor. Additionally, Francisco is assisting with the development of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) concepts at select train stations along the corridor. The study itself seeks to develop a pro-active plan to address current and long-range travel and community quality of life issues along Route 7 in southwestern Connecticut and to build on opportunities to enhance them. The plan was prepared under the guidance of SWRPA, HVCEO and the municipalities of Danbury, Redding, Ridgefield, and Wilton.

I-587 INTERSECTION STUDY | KINGSTON, NY | 2010-ONGOING

Mr. Gomes is assisting Ulster County and the City of Kingston in developing a comprehensive set of recommendations and a vision for the redesign of the intersection of Interstate 587 at Midtown Kingston, NY. I-587 is the shortest interstate in the nation connecting the New York Thru-Way to Midtown Kingston. Having originally been planned to continue through Kingston, the highway is over-built for its purpose with its terminus at Midtown Kingston resulting in an auto-dominated, traffic congested area. FHI's challenge is to redesign the intersection while improving all modes of transportation and improving the sense of place in Midtown. Mr. Gomes has been involved in multiple aspects of this project. His work includes existing conditions analysis, bike and pedestrian recommendations, public involvement, visioning, and production of project renderings.

TRANSPORTATION CENTER MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS STUDY | STAMFORD, CT | 2005-2006

Mr. Gomes developed a comprehensive set of pedestrian and wayfinding solutions for the Transportation Center in Stamford, Connecticut. The Stamford station is one of the busiest Metro-North rail stations and also provides services for Amtrak Acela and train service and both inter- and intracity bus service. The study was intended to highlight opportunities to enhance the user experience and develop the Center as a true gateway to the City. Recommended improvements included a new way-finding system, development of a coordinated corporate employee shuttle program, and establishment of an on-going advisory group for the station.

ADDITIONAL PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- Route 35 Corridor Study, Ridgefield (CT)
- Spring Street Revitalization Plan, Stamford, CT*
- Indian Harbor Pedestrian Safety Plan, Greenwich, CT*
- Pedestrian Safety Improvement Plan, Queen Street Corridor, Newtown, CT*
- Interim Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Palmer Hill Road Bridge, Greenwich, CT*
- Trent River Basin Study and Plan, Nottingham, England*
- Nottingham Riverfront Master Plan, Nottingham, England*
- City of Boston Open Space Plan*
- Plan Parkville Master Plan, Hartford, CT*
- Growth in Greenwich: A Vision for Greenwich's Future, Greenwich, CT*
- Boxborough Town Center Master Plan, Boxborough, MA*
- Safe Routes to School Planning
 - KT Murphy School, Stamford, CT*
 - North End Elementary School, New Britain, CT*
 - Iling Middle School, Manchester, CT*
 - Bishop School, Norwich, CT*
 - Cos Cob Elementary School, Greenwich, CT*
 - Old Greenwich Elementary School, Greenwich, CT*
 - Riverside Elementary School, Greenwich, CT*
 - Safe Routes to School Regional Workshops, CT Transportation Institute and CTDOT*

**Projects prior to joining FHI.*

