

Stephen Engblom, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP

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Summary

Stephen Engblom is a registered architect, urban planner and designer, an accomplished executive and faculty member at UC Berkeley. He has over two decades of urban design and architectural experience collaborating with cities and communities in the SF Ba Region, across the country, and around the world. He has successfully bridged the corporate and academic worlds, developing and executing successful corporate growth strategies, building strong client and professional relationships, and delivered financial results; while building strong community ties and mentoring generations of urbanists. With a deep technical knowledge, global network, and years of management experience,

He has a history of delivering equitable, environmental, and economic strategies and masterplans for public and private sector clients and working across disciplines to develop out of the box solutions. As Senior Managing Director at CBRE he helped that world's largest Real Estate Consultancy launch their first ever public sector facing practice, and as Executive Vice President at AECOM, he developed AECOM Cities, a cross-disciplinary approach to growing business using a holistic client-centered approach to planning, designing, and implementing urban infrastructure projects in cities around the world. He currently teaches a graduate course on Resilience in Real Estate Development at UC Berkeley's College of Environmental Design and serves on numerous boards and advisory councils. He is an actively involved in a wide range of Civic Engagement.

- **Global / National Network:** Stephen has an established network of trusted industry relationships based on mutual respect, including clients and colleagues with whom he regularly exchanges ideas and information to advance equity, environmental, and economic outcomes of urban infrastructure and development.
- **Passion and Intellectual Rigor:** In a world where urban environments are evolving rapidly and cultural and technological shifts are occurring at unprecedented rates, Stephen is known for, and contributes regularly to, the global urban discourse. He is an empathetic leader who inspires the best from all contributors to ensure success.
- **Experienced Hands-On Urban Designer:** Having worked on projects across the globe and a wide range of place types for decades, Stephen continues to work with the highest level of public sector and private sector clients to conceive, design, and develop culturally relevant places. His expertise lies in the following areas: Resilient Urban Regeneration (Design, Economics, Environment and Planning), Infrastructure-led Urban Development, Campus and District Plans, and Regional Planning.
- **Financial Results:** With over 20 years of experience working in a high-growth corporate environment, Stephen has a proven track record of anticipating client needs, inspiring teams to create award-winning and profitable work, and decisively managing programs that deliver both top- and bottom-line results. His cities practice was responsible for USD 300 million of annualized wins and USD 1.4 billion in a five-year pipeline.

Professional Experience

Engblom Architecture and Planning, Founder, 2023-Present. Engblom excels at addressing planning challenges by seeking optimal solutions for economic viability, ecological sustainability, and social equity. His dedication to future development shines through as he aids both public and private clients in crafting bold strategies coupled with actionable business plans. Leveraging his global network, civic engagement, intellectual depth, and vast urban design experience, Engblom leads projects in Resilient Urban Regeneration, Infrastructure-driven Development, Campus and District Planning, and Regional Strategy.

CBRE, Global Thought Leader Infrastructure and Public Enterprise, 2022-2023. Engblom positioned the company for a successful launch of the firm's first public facing practice at a pivotal moment in global infrastructure spending. Engblom's leadership helped position CBRE as a leading provider of public procurement expertise, real estate data resources, top-tier brokerage services, advisory solutions, and innovative Infrastructure bond capacity. His efforts resulted in a powerful partnership platform for public sector clients and industry players alike.

AECOM, Executive Vice President, 2000-2022. Developed and steered global growth strategies; formed strategic partnerships with public sector and private sector clients; delivered top-line growth, and promoted inter-company collaboration

- Global Cities Director/San Francisco Bay Area Executive, Executive Vice President, San Francisco, 2019-2021
- Global Cities Director, Senior Vice President, San Francisco, 2014-2019

- Design, Planning, and Economics Practice Leader, Americas, San Francisco, 2011-2014
- Global Masterplanning Director, San Francisco, 2008-2011
- Urban Design Director, North America, San Francisco, 2005-2008 (EDAW/AECOM)
- Urban Designer and Development Director, Asia, Hong Kong, 2000-2005 (EDAW)

Helpern Architects, Director of Planning, New York City, 1997-2000

PAGE Architects (Previously Page Southerland Page), Houston, 1995-1997

Scott Strasser Design, 1993-1995

Partridge Tackett Architects, Philadelphia, 1991-1992

Cannon Architects, Washington, DC, 1990-1991

Vista Volunteer, Cidra, Puerto Rico, 1989

Board/Community Roles

- San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), Board Member, 2018-2024; San Francisco City Advisory Board 2024-Present
- Urban Land Institute (ULI) Curtis Infrastructure Global Advisory Board, 2020-2023; Technical Advisory Panel Advisory Board, 2024-Present; Infrastructure Forum Founding Member, 2019-present (member since 2000)
- San Francisco Symphony Facilities Committee, 2020-present
- CA Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery, Infrastructure Group, 2020
- Lambda Alpha International, Golden Gate Chapter, Inducted 2022
- Rice University School of Architecture Watkins Council Advisory Board, 2017-present
- AIDS Lifecycle Rider: 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2022

Notable Projects and Accomplishments

- Regional Strategies: San Francisco Bay Area 50-Year Regional Strategy Model Places; London, UK; and Sydney, Australia
- Resilient Waterfront Masterplans: Pier 70 Masterplan, Forest City (now Brookfield); SF Bay Resilient Bay Challenge; Oakland; New York Southwest Brooklyn and Lower Manhattan Coastal Resilience; Los Angeles Union Station and LA River Gateway; Chicago Green Infrastructure and Chicago River South Branch; Miami-Dade County Mobility Resilience Strategy. River Masterplans, Singapore River; Suzhou Creek, Shanghai; Li River: Guilin; Hainan Island Coastal Strategy;
- Real Estate Strategies for Major Transit Agencies: SF Bay Area MTC San Francisco Regional Transit Recovery Study; Transport for London; and New York MTA
- Urban Regeneration/Long Range Development Plans: San Francisco Transbay District Urban Design Guidelines; Sacramento Kings Arena and Downtown Entertainment Complex; Sao Paulo Nova Luz, Brazil; Surabaya, Indonesia;
- Mega Projects: World Cup, World Expos, Olympics in Asia, Europe, and the Americas; Public Infrastructure Fund Giga Projects, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Campus masterplans that have resulted in award-winning campuses in Asia and the Americas.

Teaching, Lectures + Presentations

- Faculty, University of California, Berkeley, College of Environmental Design, Master of Real Estate Design and Development Program, 2020-present; Design Studio and Resilience Seminar
- "What Cities are doing now to realize a more resilient, de-carbonized, and equitable future," US Conference of Mayors, 2021
- "Scaling Up: How Regional Planning Informs Infrastructure Delivery and Catalyzes Real Estate," ULI Fall Meeting, Virtual, Panel Organizer and Moderator, 2020
- "An Equitable Approach to Infrastructure at the Neighborhood Scale," ULI Fall Infrastructure Forum, Panel Organizer and Moderator, 2020
- "Resilience: Are our towns and cities prepared to meet today's challenges," AECOM Infrastructure podcast, 2020
- "Flood Protection + Real Estate: Reducing the Risks", ULI Spring Urban Infrastructure Forum, Panel Organizer and Moderator, 2020
- Financial Innovations Labs in Partnership with the Milken Institute: LA, NY, London, Chicago, 2018-2019
- Panelist: Deloitte Smart Cities Panel – Consumer Electronics Show, Las Vegas, January 2019

- Session Leader/Presenter, “Design-led Urban Infrastructure: Realizing a Resilient Public Realm,” AIA National Conference, New York, 2018
- Keynote Speaker, “What’s Next in Making Cities Resilient,” ICE Bicentenary Hong Kong Innovation Summit, 2018

Awards + Honors (last 5 years)

- 2020 OUTstanding Voices/ LGBTQ+ Community Leader, *San Francisco Business Times*, 2020
- LA River Urban Design, Urban Design category in The Architect’s Newspaper Best of Design Awards, 2018
- AECOM Excellence Award Winner, Collaboration, 2017
- AIA Central Valley Design Awards, Regional Recognition Award, Golden 1 Center, 2017
- AIA New York State Design Award of Excellence in Urban Planning, SW Brooklyn, 2017

Publications

- [“Nine Ideas for a Connected San Francisco: How better transportation can link San Francisco neighborhoods to each other and the region.”](#) SPUR Regional Strategy The Bigger Picture series, 2021.
- [“Ten Ideas for Equitable Transportation in Oakland: Leveraging the next generation of transportation investment to better serve and connect Oakland.”](#) SPUR Regional Strategy The Bigger Picture series, 2021.
- [“Five Ideas for Transforming the San Francisco Waterfront: How to protect communities from climate change, restore shoreline ecology and improve waterfront access – for everyone.”](#) SPUR Regional Strategy The Bigger Picture series, 2021.
- [“Seven Ideas for Downtown San José: Making the most of the big plans for new development, a major rail expansion and a project to re-envision public green space,”](#) SPUR Regional Strategy The Bigger Picture series, 2021.
- [“Scaling up: working beyond borders to overcome the challenges of today and tomorrow,”](#) with Alicia John-Baptiste, SPUR; MarySue Barrett, MPC; and Tom Wright, RPA, published by AECOM, 2020
- [“Re-imagining transit service in California’s Bay Area post-coronavirus,”](#) with Ian Griffiths, Seamless Bay Area, 2020
- [“Model Places: Envisioning a future Bay Area with room and opportunity for everyone”](#), SPUR, 2020
- [“Paying it forward: Why Resilience is a Rising Priority”](#), with Caitlin Maclean, Milken Institute, AECOM published 2020
- [“Cities matter more than ever as we battle the coronavirus pandemic”](#), published 2020
- [COVID-19 and the future of cities](#), interview with Peter Murray, Chairman, New London Architecture, interviewed in 2020
- [“How Houston can reinvent itself and be bigger and better”](#), with Bill Fulton, The Kinder Institute, published by the Kinder Institute, 2020
- [“Water has no boundaries”](#), published 2019
- [“Healing the urban/rural divide, one hour at a time”](#), published 2019
- [“Right here, right now: the future is Mobility as a Service,”](#) with Veronica Siranosian, AECOM published 2019
- [“Houses in motion”](#), published 2018

Under Stephen’s direction, AECOM worked with the Milken Institute to organize a series of four innovation labs to examine opportunities to make more effective use of public and private capital for financing resilience projects (2018-2019):

- In Los Angeles, we focused on Link Union Station. Report is available [here](#). Short article is available [here](#).
- In Chicago, we focused on affordable housing. Report is available [here](#). Short article is available [here](#).
- For the London City Region, we focused on complete communities. Report is available [here](#). Short article is available [here](#).
- In New York, we focused on resilience in Lower Manhattan. Report is available [here](#). Short article is available [here](#).
- [“Should I stay or should I go?”](#) Article on flexible curbside management, AECOM published 2018
- [“Binary to Brilliant: Building people-centric cities in the age of resilience.”](#) published 2018
- [“The Death and Life of Great American Infrastructure.”](#) published 2018

- [“Sydney on the global stage – 10 big moves.”](#) with James Rosenwax, AECOM, AECOM published, 2018
- [Sydney Manifesto](#), forward and contributor, AECOM publication, 2018
- [Cities the Next Chapter](#), AECOM published, 2016
- [“What’s Next in Making Cities Resilient.”](#) AECOM publication, 2015

Education

Master of Architecture, Rice University, 1995

Bachelor of Arts, Architecture and Urban Studies, Lehigh University, 1989