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Named 2021's Private Sector Professional of the Year by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, Dru has more than 25 years of academic and practical transportation planning and operations experience, beginning her career in the kitchens of people living in the Century Freeway corridor in South Los Angeles. Her consulting practice focuses on bicycle and pedestrian master planning, capital project development, and building organizational capacity to achieve Vision Zero and Safe Routes to School. Her academic background and public sector work in land development, traffic operations, and citywide planning provides a unique perspective and rich depth of experience that has benefited communities across the country as they decide how to take their next move toward making walking and bicycling viable options for people from one to 100.