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Amanda earned a B.S. in Environmental Science from Stockton University and spent her early career in the private sector conducting environmental site evaluations and remedial investigations for residential and industrial sites. After leaving the private sector, she spent 14 years acquiring environmental clearances for various transportation projects for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). During this time, she also earned her Master's degree in Environmental Policy from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Amanda joined NJDOT's Bureau of Research in 2015, a career shift that afforded her the opportunity to work with partners and stakeholders at the federal, state, university, and local levels to conduct research that improves safety, operations, and mobility for all road users. Amanda is the designated Transportation Research Board (TRB) state representative as well as a voting member of the AASHTO Research Advisory Committee (RAC). She also serves on the AASHTO RAC Program Management & Quality task force.

In addition to managing the Research Bureau's program of activities, Amanda is an Executive Member of the NJ's State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC). In partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the NJ STIC is responsible for implementing proven, market-ready innovations, such as those in FHWA's Every Day Counts (EDC) program. Amanda participates in several transportation events and conferences throughout the state, speaking about NJ STIC's successful innovative initiatives and promoting STIC efforts. Under Amanda's leadership, the NJ STIC received the 2019 STIC Excellence Award for fostering a strong culture of transportation innovation.