

## Biography

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### Honorable T. Bella Dinh-Zarr, PhD, MPH

T. Bella Dinh-Zarr, PhD, MPH, took the oath of office as the 42nd Member of the National Transportation Safety Board in March 2015, whereupon President Barack Obama designated her as Vice Chairman of the Board for a two-year term.

Vice Chairman Dinh-Zarr trained as a public health scientist, specializing in injury prevention, and has dedicated her career to working to ensure that transportation safety is a policy priority, domestically and internationally. She previously served as the U.S. Director and Road Safety Director of the FIA Foundation, an international philanthropy with the mission of promoting safe and sustainable surface transportation. In that role, she was active in promoting the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety and in advocating for transportation safety and injury prevention targets in the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Dr. Dinh-Zarr is proud to have helped initiate collaborative projects to improve road safety, especially for vulnerable populations such as children and pedestrians, in developing countries in the regions of Southeast Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America.

Previously, Dr. Dinh-Zarr has held positions at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. Guide to Community Preventive Services), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the American Automobile Association, and the Texas Transportation Institute. She was a Presidential Appointee to the White House Conference on Aging in 2005 and has championed dignified and safe mobility for older populations through community-based services and technological solutions.

Born in Vietnam, Dr. Dinh-Zarr is the first Asian American Board Member and Vice Chairman of the NTSB. She is a graduate of Rice University in Houston, Texas, during which time she studied at La Universidad Católica de Valparaíso in Chile. She has Master of Public Health (MPH) and PhD degrees from the University of Texas School of Public Health. During graduate school, she completed a fellowship program on alcohol-related injuries with the Cochrane Collaboration and University College London and conducted one of the first systematic reviews on injury prevention in the United States and the first systematic review on seat belt laws and enforcement. Dr. Dinh-Zarr has served as the Chair of the Injury Control and Emergency Health Services for the American Public Health Association, the UN NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, and the Transportation Research Board's Global Road Safety Subcommittee.

Dr. Dinh-Zarr's term of office as a Board Member ends December 2018.

