



### **Stephen Gardner**

Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Operating and Commercial Officer  
National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)

Stephen Gardner is Senior Executive Vice President (SEVP) and Chief Operating and Commercial Officer, serving in this function since May 2019. In this role, Stephen provides day-to-day operational leadership for Amtrak, with responsibility for Operations, Safety, Marketing and Revenue, Strategy and Planning, Information Technology, Product Development and Customer Experience, and Government Affairs and Corporate Communications.

Previously, Stephen was Senior EVP for the Commercial, Marketing and Strategy group, overseeing these functions between December 2018 and May 2019. Stephen has led Amtrak's Commercial function as Executive Vice President since October 2017. Prior to that role, Stephen served as EVP for the Planning, Technology & Public Affairs group, where he was responsible for leading the long-term development of the company's key assets and services. Since coming to Amtrak in 2009, Stephen has been responsible for efforts to expand state-supported service partnerships; increase Acela Express capacity; improve Northeast Corridor infrastructure; formulate policies to carry out Amtrak's strategic plan; and guide general development and planning activities.

Prior to Amtrak, Stephen worked for the Commerce, Science and Transportation's Subcommittee on Surface Transportation & Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security. In this capacity, he directed all legislative and oversight activities related to the safety, security, infrastructure and operations of railroads, motor carriers, pipelines and hazardous materials transportation, including overseeing all related federal agencies. Prior to this position, Stephen served as Legislative Assistant for Transportation for Senator Tom Carper and Congressman Bob Clement.



Early in his transportation career, Stephen held various operating and managerial positions with Guilford Rail System's Maine Central Railroad in Maine and Massachusetts, the Buckingham Branch Railroad in Virginia.

Stephen received his Bachelor of Arts from Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass.