The University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning, and Development (SPPD) invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor faculty appointment in urban planning. Outstanding candidates should have a specialization in transportation planning as it relates to land use, environment, and/or public health. Applicants should hold a doctoral degree and demonstrate excellent research and teaching potential/records.

Our new colleague will teach in the planning core curriculum at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Consistent with SPPD’s commitment to leadership in its intellectual fields and professional practice, the new faculty member will be expected to develop a strong research profile and establish the ability to translate research into courses that help shape the next generation of urban planning leaders.

About SPPD:
The new faculty member will be associated with the accredited USC Master of Planning program that is known for its balance between theory and practice, public and private planning, and local and global concerns. Being situated within SPPD and at USC provides faculty with a particularly exciting intellectual environment and offers opportunities for productive interdisciplinary pursuits.

The USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development aims to be the premier school for educating leaders and creating knowledge for innovative governance and place-based solutions for the betterment of communities worldwide. SPPD supports an array of research with $20 million in active sponsored research, ranking third overall in funded research at USC on a per faculty basis. Our research centers -- such as the METRANS National Transportation Center, Center for Economic Development, the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, and the Lusk Center for Real Estate -- provide vibrant intellectual homes for SPPD faculty engaged in funded research.

The University of Southern California is located near downtown Los Angeles, affording faculty easy access to a dynamic urban laboratory. USC prides itself on its commitment to a strong, interdisciplinary faculty. Our new colleague will have the opportunity to work with leaders in many fields allied to urban planning, as well as engage professionals practicing innovative techniques responding to many of the critical challenges in field.

For additional information, see our website: www.usc.edu/schools/sppd/.

Compensation and Benefits:
The University of Southern California offers a competitive salary based on the candidate’s experience and accomplishments. The university also offers excellent benefits to employees.

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer:
The University of Southern California is proudly pluralistic and firmly committed to providing equal opportunity for outstanding men and women of every race, creed, and background. This university is firmly committed to complying with applicable laws and governmental regulations at the federal, state, and local levels which prohibit discrimination, or which mandate that special consideration be given, on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender, age, Vietnam veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that may from time to time be specified in such laws and regulations. This good faith effort to comply is made even when such laws and regulations conflict with each other.

Where to Apply:
For consideration, an application needs to include an introductory letter, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference. Materials may be submitted electronically. The application should be sent to: Karine Shirinian (shirinia@usc.edu), Urban Planning Search Committee Coordinator, School of Policy, Planning, and Development, Lewis Hall 312, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0626. Consideration of applications will begin Oct 1st, 2006, and continue until the position is filled.