

Editorial Staff

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Monika Jansen is a first-year Master of Public Policy candidate at the Trachtenberg School where she is focusing on urban policy. She graduated from the University of California, Davis, in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in German, after which she immediately left the country. While living in Germany, she developed a profound interest in cities. Whether it's housing prices, transportation and access, garbage removal, or local politics, she's obsessed. After living in what can best be described as a prolonged vacation teaching

English in Germany, she finally decided to come home to face the real world in 2011. Before moving to DC, Monika was a Safe Routes to School Coordinator in Sacramento, California, where she encouraged children and their families to walk and bike to school, taught bicycle and pedestrian safety, and wrote exciting reports recommending traffic safety infrastructure and ways to better connect existing bicycle facilities.

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