Rimon Rafiah – Managing Director

Rimon Rafiah has been an international economic consultant for more than two decades. During his career, he has performed economic evaluations on proposed transportation investments spanning the USA, Europe (Romania, Scotland), Latin America (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama), the Caribbean (Dominican Republic), Africa (Botswana, Mozambique, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Nigeria), Asia (Sri Lanka) and Israel. He has also been responsible for a wide range of energy and environmental projects.

Rimon is well-versed in understanding and applying complex economic and engineering models in computerized software. He is also knowledgeable in using industry-specific software tools, including HCS, HDM, aaSidra, emme/2 and TREDIS.

Rimon has provided economic consulting services and expertise to the following clients on five continents: FHWA, FRA, the World Bank, the Interamerican Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Economic Development and Research Group, DecisionTek, coupled with national governments, local governments, public institutions, and private companies.

Rimon is an experienced lecturer, moderator, guest speaker and published author with numerous papers and presentations to his credit, including appearances at the Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board, widely considered as the leading conference of the year for transportation professionals. Presentations at the TRB Annual Meeting include: "Increased Usage of Carpool and Van Pools - data from the Tel Aviv Fastlane in Israel" (co-authored with Shuki-Cohen of MATAT Transport Planning Center), presented on January 12th, 2015 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, "Managed Lanes and the Park-and-Ride Shuttle into Tel Aviv, Israel: New Developments in the Managed Lane arena" (co-authored with Shuki Cohen of MATAT Transport Planning Center) presented on January 13, 2014 at the poster session of the Managed Lanes and Congestion Pricing showcase, "Public-Private Partnership Implementation in Developing Countries: Output and Performance-Based Contracts - New Trends in Financing and Procurement" which was presented at the highly-attended P3 poster session.", presented at TED2006 (Transportation and Economic Development) Conference, the "Economic Evaluation of TYDRIP", at a Conference on the Ten-Year District Road Investment Plan (TYDRIP) for 30,000 km. of the Ugandan Rural Road Network, and "International Sectorial R&D Spillovers and Country Growth", presented at Tel Aviv University.

Other presentations include "Public Private Partnerships for Upgrading Existing Roads", coauthored with Haim Bonjack of TNM Technology and Management and presented at the 2019 European Transport Conference; "Programmatic Appraisal of Road Projects Under Performance Based Contracting", also co-authored with Mr. Haim Bonjack, and presented at the 2018 European Transport Conference;. Described Project Analysis under HDM-4 within the context of asset management systems performed in several locales. He has also presented at the World Conference for Pavement and Asset Management in 2017, with a paper titled "Asset Management Under Public Private Partnerships – Lessons Learnt from Developing Countries". Other papers include 'Israel FastLane (HOT Lane) - Changes in Demand, Modal Split, and the Factors Behind Them", co-authored with Shuki Cohen of MATAT Transport Planning Center, presented at the Managed Lanes Conference, held in Miami in May 2016, and received a TRB Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Transit Service on a Managed Lane Corridor, "Evaluating Economic Impacts from Transportation Investments in Israel" (co-authored with Vladimir Simon of the Israel Ministry of Transportation and Shahar Ziv of BDO Economic Consulting), presented at the ITED2014 (International Transport and Economic Development) conference, "Meta Analysis of Economic Impact Studies: Implications of Highway Investment Planning" (co-authored with Steven Landau of EDR Group), presented at the ITED2011 (International Transport and Economic Development) conference, "PPP Implementation within a Pavement Management System for Nigeria", presented at the ICMPA2008 (International Conference on Managing Pavement Assets), "The Cost of Highway Limitations and Travel Delay to Oregon's Economy", for the Oregon Business Alliance.

Rimon is a member of two TRB (Transportation Research Board) committees on Congestion Pricing, and the Revenue and Finance committee and in the past has served as the Paper Review Coordinator of the Transportation and Economic Development Committee of TRB (2013-2018). He is also a member of the Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal (TEFA) committee of the Association for European Transport. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from Tel Aviv University and a B.A. in Economics (Cum Laude), from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.