

As Principal and Director of Planning & Urban Design at ZGF, Nolan Lienhart is known for his strategic ability to bring clients together with community stakeholders and the diverse disciplines critical to the planning of major district-scale developments. Over the past decade, Nolan has honed his expertise in transit-oriented development, master planning, and urban design, which includes riverfront development, mixed-use neighborhoods, and campus planning. His experience includes work for Oregon Health & Science University, Stanford University, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry, Prosper Portland, TriMet, and Denver's Regional Transportation District. He has led teams on recent projects like the Broadway Corridor Framework Plan, redeveloping the 14-acre United States Postal Service site in downtown Portland into a mixed-use regional center; and the Civic Center Transit District Plan, creating catalytic transportation and development strategies for the station area at the nexus of Denver's government, business, and cultural districts.

Nolan received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Geography from Colgate University and a Master of City Planning and a Certificate of Real Estate Design and Development from the University of Pennsylvania School of Design. Early in his career he served as a legislative aide for Congressman Earl Blumenauer in Washington, D.C., and his political background gives him a deep understanding of the role that public policy plays in supporting livable communities, and the complementary relationships of public, private, and institutional sectors. This perspective informs Nolan's civic leadership work, which has led to his national recognition by the Design Futures Council's 40 Under Forty, and Engineering News Record's Top 20 Under 40 in the Northwest. Nolan served as faculty with the Rose Center for Public Leadership in 2017 and 2018, co-chairing panels of experts advising mayors of San Jose and Salt Lake City. He has served as Board President for 1000 Friends of Oregon and was appointed to serve on the Oregon Capitol Planning Commission by Governor Kate Brown. He is also on the Board of Governors for the Pacific Northwest College of Art.