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Corless leads Transportation for America, an alliance of elected, business and civic leaders from communities across the country united to ensure states and the federal government step up to invest in smart, homegrown, locally driven transportation solutions. Prior to his current position, Corless was a senior planner for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he managed the agency's efforts to promote smarter growth, transit-oriented development and mobility options for low-income communities. He authored California's groundbreaking Safe Routes to School law and legislation that paved the way for smart growth "blueprints" to become part of the regional transportation planning process throughout the state.