

# MATTHEW RILEY

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## SENIOR INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT PROJECT LEADER

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Senior Infrastructure & Development Manager with 20+ years of experience leading mega-projects across the GCC and UK. Proven expertise in strategic consulting, public-private partnerships (PPP), transportation master planning, stakeholder engagement, and project/program delivery. Known for aligning infrastructure programs with national visions such as KSA Vision 2030 and the Greater Manchester 2040 Strategy initiatives. Adept in delivering high-value transport, healthcare, and municipal projects under strict timelines and complex stakeholder environments.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

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- o Transportation Infrastructure Development
- o Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)
- o Program & Project Management (PMQ, MAPM, Prince2)
- o Stakeholder & Government Engagement
- o Strategy & Policy Development
- o Contract & Concession Management
- o GCC Regulatory Frameworks
- o Financial & Commercial Modelling
- o Mega-Project Delivery
- o Business Case & Feasibility Studies

## EXPERIENCE

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**Manager – Arthur D. Little, Dubai, UAE**

**Aug 2024 – Present**

- Lead commercial due diligence for a Saudi Arabian waste recycling investment, applying advanced financial modelling to develop a structured investment strategy.
- Spearheaded proposal development for multimillion-dollar opportunities in rail, healthcare, military, and aviation sectors, contributing to BD pipeline growth.
- Advising regional public sector clients on infrastructure strategy and investment prioritization in line with Vision 2030.

**Senior Project Manager – Alhambra Infrastructure Advisors, Dubai, UAE** **Sept 2022 – Jul 2024**

Managed a portfolio of high-impact infrastructure programs across Saudi Arabia:

- TGA – National Freight Masterplan (Value of SAR 4.5M): Unified fragmented freight programs under a strategic national plan; engaged 50+ stakeholders across ministries and regions.
- TGA – Intercity Bus Liberalization PPP (SAR 12M): Technical Lead for national bus network reform; launched 3 new regional franchises and introduced 400+ fleet vehicles, ensuring seamless operations rollout.
- ARAMCO – Eastern Province Road Safety Strategy (SAR 2M): Designed a regional safety framework integrating infrastructure audits, policy reforms, and emergency response mechanisms.
- NEOM – Municipal Services Strategy (SAR 3M): Developed governance and financial frameworks for NEOM's city-level municipal affairs regulator, benchmarking against global smart cities.
- SAR – Riyadh Dry Port Concession (SAR 1.1M): Provided contract and concession oversight, safeguarding compliance and risk mitigation across port operations.
- MoMRAH – Organizational Review (SAR 1M): Delivered '50-day quick wins' and long-term transformation initiatives for municipal reform at national scale.

**Senior Development Manager – Transport for Greater Manchester, UK** **Nov 2018 – Sept 2022**

- Developed business cases and feasibility strategies for major multimodal transport programs under the GM2040 Vision.
- Tram-Train Business Case (GBP 3M): Defined service scope and rolling stock specifications; secured central government funding for business case advancement.
- Manchester Airport Metrolink Extension (GBP 2.5M): Produced strategic and outline business cases supporting airport regional growth.
- Stockport Station Southern Gateway (GBP 2M): Developed multi-agency funding strategy for major interchange redevelopment.

**Project Manager – WSP, Manchester, UK** **Mar 2017 – Nov 2018**

- Represented TfGM on HS2 interfaces and Metro network expansion.
- Led system integration studies for tram-train transition schemes.

**Project Manager – Arcadis, Manchester & Liverpool, UK** **Mar 2015 – Mar 2017**

- Delivered re-signaling civils work packages for Network Rail including contractor procurement, design approvals, and onsite supervision.
- Oversaw systems engineering assurance for critical infrastructure upgrades.

**Project Manager – WSP, Manchester, UK****Mar 2012 – Feb 2015**

- Led multi-disciplinary design for Northwest Electrification Program (Preston–Blackpool).
- Managed OLE works on listed buildings and park & ride projects across Manchester.

**Earlier Roles – London, Manchester and Blackburn, UK****Sept 2004 – Feb 2012**

- Balfour Beatty Workplace (Blackburn): PPP hospital lifecycle management.
- Mace Group (Birmingham): Electrical fit-out and control room integration for Birmingham New Street Station.
- Network Rail (London): Railway station extensions for the Thameslink expansion.
- FirstGroup PLC (London & Manchester): Graduate Trainee and Project Manager for major IT and infrastructure rollouts (e.g., St Pancras International).

## **EDUCATION**

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**University of Salford, UK****2004**

BSc (Hons) Business Studies

**Prince2 Practitioner****2008****Association for Project Management (APM), UK****2016**

PMQ Qualification

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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- Nationality: British
  - Languages: English (native), French (conversational)
  - Visa Status: UAE residence (transferable)
  - Interests: Rugby Referee – Level 4 (Top 50 in England); currently refereeing in West Asia Premiership in the Middle East region