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Ms. Smead's professional history includes research, statistics, and analysis work in higher education (UC Irvine, London School of Economics, Northeastern University), as well as planning and design experience (City of Cambridge, City of Somerville, Boston Cyclists Union, Larry Koff and Associates).