

# dear readers,

It is my honor to join IRWA in the new year as the incoming editor of Right of Way Magazine. To begin, I'd like to acknowledge Ethel Navales' outstanding editorial work with the magazine in the past four years; her leadership and innovation has made Right of Way Magazine what it is today, and it is my goal to uphold her work and build upon its editorial success.

Though I have big shoes to fill, I've been moved by the encouragement of my new colleagues, as well as the warm welcome from the members I've met so far. I've spent the last few weeks reading and rifling through past Right of Way Magazine issues and found the content to be informative, clever and refreshing. However, what struck me the most while reading the magazine was discovering how much everyone supports each other — your stories and relationships are what makes this Association so special. I hope that as editor, I can provide you with a platform to memorialize that passion for your communities because you are the reason for IRWA's exceptional reputation.

My vision for this magazine is to distill the stories that matter, keep you up to date with industry news and offer a place to highlight your achievements as well as acknowledge your peers. Like always, Right of Way Magazine encourages your contributions. Please know that my inbox is always available, should you like to submit a feature-length article or submit a shorter piece to any of our columns.

Thank you for welcoming me into your family. As Humphrey Bogart once said, "I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship." I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,  
Vivian Nguyen



a letter from the  
**EDITOR**