



Nate Barker (Senior Manager Capacity Planning)

After graduating from Brigham Young University-Idaho, Nate began his career as an intern in the Internal Audit department during the 2008 financial crisis. Wanting to be on the forefront of the business, Nate developed a passion for commercial aviation and after 2 years moved into Network Planning. Over the last 11 years he has participated in mid-term route planning, cross-departmental Commercial collaboration (with Revenue Management, Marketing and Finance), Strategic Planning and worked with airports/communities across the county to develop sustainable air service.

Most recently Nate leads two teams to produce the short term and long term business plans for route and frequency changes that are at the core of Southwest's schedules. This involved adjusting the network through some of the most difficult challenges Southwest has faced in recent history including massive fleet retirements, grounding of the MAX aircraft and even more profoundly, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although adjusting route frequencies or deploying new nonstop routes are at the center of the job, more important to Nate is being a Leader at Southwest Airlines. He enjoys motivating teams toward a common objective, assisting team members in their careers and watching others succeed and grow.

Nate currently lives on the beautiful rural outskirts of Flower Mound, Texas with his wife Kalli and their 4 kids.