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From 2009-2016, Loren was an analyst for Capital Alpha Partners, a D.C.-based research firm that studies public policy for investors. He specialized in transportation policy, particularly relating to autos and infrastructure, and published more than 500 research notes.

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