



2026 Transportation Summit

June 18-19 | JW Marriott Grande Lakes | Orlando, FL

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH

3:30 - 4:30 Floridians for Better Transportation Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH

11:00 - 5:00 Registration Open

1:00 - 1:05 Opening Remarks & Welcome to 2026 Transportation Summit

1:05 - 1:40 Sean McMaster, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
Remarks and Fireside Chat with Jared Perdue, Secretary, Florida
Department of Transportation

1:45 - 2:30 Higher Standards-Better Transportation: A Fireside Conversation
with Jared Perdue, Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation

2:30 - 3:00 Networking Break

3:00 - 3:45 Drive-ing Innovations Forward
Panel Discussion
Moderator: Will Watts, P.E., Chief Operations Officer,
Florida Department of Transportation

3:45 - 4:30 Launching to New Heights: Scaling Florida's Commercial Spaceports
Panel Discussion
Moderator: Andrew Nelson, Vice President & Discipline Leader,
Aerospace, RS&H

4:30 - 5:20 Funding Florida's Infrastructure Future
Panel Discussion
Moderator: Abhay Thorat, Senior Vice President, WSP USA
Featuring: Dr. Morteza Farajain, Executive Director, Build America
Bureau

5:20 - 6:15 **Legislative Round Table Discussion**
Moderator: The Honorable Chip LaMarca, Chair, Economic Infrastructure Committee, Florida House of Representatives

6:30 - 8:30 **Floridians for Better Transportation Reception**
Sponsored by Florida Transportation Builders Association

FRIDAY, JUNE 19th

7:00 - 10:30 **Registration Open**

7:00 - 8:00 **Breakfast Buffet, All Attendees & Guests**

8:00 - 8:35 **The Growth Trifecta: People, Knowledge and Enterprise Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Matt Wiesenfeld, Central Florida Transportation Business Group Leader, HDR

8:35 - 9:20 **Modes, Milestones & Momentum: Roadmap to Everywhere Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Denver Stutler, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Submergent, Former Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation
Featuring: Derek Barrs, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

9:20 - 10:00 **Beyond the Driver's Seat: Navigating the Future of Conveyance Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Len Becker, Senior Vice President, HNTB

10:00 - 10:30 **On Track: Federal Partnership and the Future of Passenger Rail In Florida**
Rusty Roberts, Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration

10:30 - 11:00 **Networking Break**

11:00 - 11:30 **Taking Our Industry Off Autopilot Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Steve Ferrell, Senior Vice President, HDR

11:30 - 12:00 **Artemis Rising: The Story of How We Returned to the Moon**

12:00 - 12:10 **Closing Remarks**
Sia Kusha, Chair, Floridians for Better Transportation