

FLORIDIANS FOR BETTER TRANSPORTATION 2026 SUMMIT



Derek D. Barrs
FMCSA

Derek D. Barrs serves as the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) within the U.S. Department of Transportation. He leads the agency's mission to enhance commercial motor vehicle safety, improve the efficiency of the nation's freight and passenger transportation systems, and bring common sense principles to regulatory oversight.

With nearly 35 years of experience in law enforcement and roadway safety, including more than 25 years focused on commercial motor vehicle safety, Barrs has built a distinguished career at the local, state, and national levels.

Nationally, he has been a leader in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), serving as Florida's lead agency representative, as president of the industry membership, and as the inaugural chairman of the Enforcement and Industry Modernization Committee, where he championed the integration of new technologies and strengthened safety oversight. In addition, he has served on the American Trucking Association's Law Enforcement Advisory Board, helping foster stronger industry and law enforcement collaboration.

A graduate of Flagler College in Saint Augustine, Florida with a degree in Public Administration, Barrs has consistently remained active in his community and committed to advancing public safety. He is the proud father of two children: a son serving in the United States Army and a daughter who will graduate from college in December 2025.



Len Becker, P.E.
HTNB

Len Becker is a Senior Vice President with HNTB. With over 25 years of experience in transportation, Len is passionate about delivering transformative mobility solutions to transportation agencies. At HNTB, Len is engaged in strategic initiatives that integrate cutting-edge technology with innovative design to create next-generation transportation systems. His expertise spans tolling systems, managed lanes, highways and intelligent transportation systems (ITS). A licensed professional engineer in the State of Michigan, Len holds BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University and is an active member of national transportation organizations, including IBTTA, ITS America, ACEC and WTS.



STEVE BRAUN, P.E.
FDOT

Steve Braun, a notable public servant, serves as the District 4 Secretary with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Originally from South Africa and a longtime South Florida resident, Steve's career with FDOT began in 1994 as a Professional Engineer Trainee after graduating from Clemson University. He is a registered Professional Engineer and a Certified Public Manager and has further enriched his leadership skills through the FDOT Leadership Academy, the Florida Engineering Leadership Institute (FELI), and the AASHTO Executive Leadership Institute.

Over the past three decades, Steve has advanced through a wide range of technical and leadership roles, consistently demonstrating a commitment to collaboration, innovation, and public service. He previously served in two department head positions - as the District Planning & Environmental Administrator and District Design Engineer, before becoming the Director of Transportation Development. He was appointed District Secretary in June 2023.

As District Secretary, Steve is at the helm of a team of almost 700 dedicated FDOT employees responsible for delivering an impressive \$5.6 Billion multi-modal transportation work program across Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties.



COLONEL BRIAN
CHATMAN

Colonel Brian L. Chatman is the Space Launch Delta 45 installation commander and the Director of the Eastern Range at Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Fla. As the SLD 45 commander, he runs the world's busiest spaceport and is responsible for delivering infrastructure, operations, and support for all Eastern Range launch and test missions. As Director of the Eastern Range, he is responsible for the safety of launch and test operations across a 15-million-square-mile area.

Col Chatman received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. His primary duties have included Special Operations intelligence, aircraft and space systems acquisition program management, space operations, and as an operational liaison between the Intelligence Community, the Special Operations community, and Air Force and Space Force acquisition communities.

He has commanded at the Squadron level leading the 2nd Space Launch Squadron through a diverse mission set including National Security Space Launch Operations and Mission Assurance, Launch Service Provider Certification, Small Commercial Spacelift Mission Integration, Minotaur booster handling operations, multiple US Army ballistic test launches and recovery of the X-37B Spaceplane.



THE HONORABLE
BILL CONERLY, P.E.

Bill Conerly was born in South Florida and grew up in the Keys and Arcadia. After graduating high school, he left his hometown of Arcadia to enlist in the United States Navy. Serving aboard the USS LaSalle in the Indian Ocean, Red Sea, and Persian Gulf and the USS Fidelity homeported Panama City, Florida.

In 1997, Bill earned his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biological Engineering with a specialization in Soil and Water Conservation from the University of Florida. Bill began his engineering career in Southwest Florida, focusing on stormwater modeling and routing. By 2001, Bill had earned his Professional Engineer (PE) license in Civil Engineering with a focus in Water Resources.

Bill is a 26-year resident of Manatee County and has been deeply committed to his community. Serving on many voluntary boards, including as a member of the Planning Commission, Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizen Advisory Committee, Manatee County Environmental Lands Management and Acquisition Committee and Manatee County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Bill was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2024 and recently finished his first Session. Bill's legislative priorities are infrastructure (transportation, potable water, wastewater and energy), housing affordability and stormwater & flood resiliency.



JAMIE DRIGGERS, P.E.
FDOT

With over 24 years of dedicated service at the Florida Department of Transportation, Mr. Driggers brings a wealth of experience and leadership to his role as Interim District Secretary for District One. A licensed professional engineer in the State of Florida, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and has built a career marked by technical excellence and strategic foresight.

Throughout his tenure, he has held key positions including District Two Planning and Environmental Management Engineer, District 2 Program Management Engineer, and Senior Design Project Engineer. These roles have equipped him with a comprehensive understanding of transportation planning, community stewardship, program delivery, and design execution.

His expertise spans the complex intersections of state and local governance, financial oversight, and stakeholder engagement. Known for his collaborative approach and commitment to innovation, Mr. Driggers continues to champion infrastructure solutions that enhance mobility, safety, and community connectivity across Florida.



GREG EVANS
FDOT

Greg Evans was appointed as the Florida Department of Transportation District Two Secretary effective February 6, 2012. Mr. Evans is responsible for the day-to-day administrative, planning, production and operations activities for District Two which encompasses 18 counties, covers nearly 12,000 square miles in North Central Florida, maintains 8,200 lane miles of roadway and over 1,200 bridges. The area is also served by two deep-water ports and three major rail lines.

Evans has over 35 years of experience in the management and operations of public infrastructure. He is an alumnus of Southern Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology.



DR. MORTEZA FARAJAIN, P.E.
BUILD AMERICA BUREAU

Dr. Morteza Farajain has served as a senior executive leading the Build America Bureau at USDOT (the Bureau) since April 2019. He is responsible for credit programs and loan guarantees with \$29 billion in the existing portfolio and more than \$22 billion allocated, issued or pending in private activity bonds that support development of large-scale and multimodal transportation infrastructure. The Bureau also promotes innovative project financing solutions and helps state and local governments develop and finance Public-Private Partnership (P3) transactions for transportation facilities.

Prior to this position, Dr. Farajain served as acting Deputy Secretary of Transportation and Director of Public-Private Partnerships (P3) Office in Virginia. Over a period of seven years, he led procurement, financing and contract negotiation of multiple multi-modal transportation projects totaling \$10 billion in value. Under his leadership, the P3 program in Virginia was reformed to promote competition, engage stakeholders and increase accountability. He established the first strategic program to manage a portfolio of P3 contracts post-procurement totaling \$14 billion in project value.

He received his Ph.D. and M.Sc. degrees in Project Management from the University of Maryland. He also has a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering.



STEVE FERRELL, P.E.
HDR

Steve Ferrell is a Senior Vice President with significant experience in the transportation industry. He has been involved with projects in every FDOT District as well as many Cities, Counties, MPOs, Airports, and Expressway Authorities throughout Florida. Steve is a long-time active member of various professional organizations including ACEC-FL, ASHE, FACERS, FBT, FES, and TEAM Florida.



DAN FITZ-PATRICK
FDOT

Dan Fitz-Patrick, AICP, serves as the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Chief Strategy Officer, Assistant Secretary. The Chief Strategy Officer functions in support of the Secretary of Transportation to define, initiate, and coordinate the Department's actions relating to business development and modal initiatives at the state and federal level, which advances infrastructure investment by public and private entities.

From 2015 to 2022, Mr. Fitz-Patrick served in FDOT's Seaport Office including four years as Manager. During his tenure at FDOT, Mr. Fitz-Patrick was responsible for facilitating the State of Florida's financial participation in more than 100 notable seaport infrastructure projects at Florida's deep-water seaports, including federal navigation projects, berth modernization initiatives, cargo yard expansions, terminal developments, procurement of cargo handling equipment, and development of a new program to pass through federal recovery funding.

Mr. Fitz-Patrick has served on several notable industry and not-for-profit boards, including as a member on National Academy of the Sciences Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Ports and Channels Committee and the Inland River Navigation Committee; and board member and Treasurer of the Gulf Shellfish Institute.

Mr. Fitz-Patrick is a professional planner and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He has also completed graduate coursework in Urban & Regional Planning, Administration, and Geography, and he holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Planning from Bloomsburg University.



**GLENDORA FORTUNE
FDOT**

Glendora Fortune serves as Chief Information Officer for the Florida Department of Transportation, providing strategic and operational leadership for a statewide enterprise technology portfolio. With more than 13 years of service at FDOT, she has led significant modernization initiatives encompassing cloud migration, identity and access management, and enterprise application delivery. In this role, she is responsible for aligning technology investments with departmental priorities while fostering organizational excellence and workforce development. Glendora holds a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems from Florida State University and maintains certifications in PMP, CPM, CSM, and FCCM.



**MICHAEL GWYNNE, P.E.
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
OF CONSTRUCTION
FOR MOVING I-4
FORWARD**

Mike Gwynne has served as a contractor, design engineer and construction engineering and inspection (CEI) consultant on horizontal and vertical construction projects totaling more than \$7 billion in his 30-year career including the I-4 Ultimate project as Resident Engineer. He is currently serving as the Program Operations Manager on the Moving I-4 Forward Program. He is familiar with new construction as well as major widening and rehabilitation projects. Mike's experience includes Modified Phased Design Build, Construction Management at Risk, Design-Build, Design-Build Operate and Maintain (DBOM), and Public Private Partnership contracting methods from a CEI and program management perspective. In Florida, Mike has served the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), Central Florida Expressway (CFX), Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA), City of Orlando and the Central Florida Tourist Oversight District (CFTOD). The majority of his assignments have included large, complex, multi-phase projects with compressed schedules such as I-595 Express (\$1.3B P3), SunRail Initial Operating Section (\$600M), and the I-4 Ultimate Project (\$2.3B P3).



**MARYAM GHYABI, P.E.
GHYABI CONSULTING**

Maryam Ghyabi-White is the CEO/President of Ghyabi Consulting & Management (GCM) and serves as an adjunct professor of civil engineering at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. In her current role at GCM and as the former CEO/President of Ghyabi & Associates, Inc. Maryam provides leadership and support to position the company at the forefront of the engineering industry. Maryam also oversees finance, production, procedures and policies, resources, and revenues of the company throughout the firm and its second-generation firm's 28-year history. She is also in charge of the firms' business development and public relations initiatives. Maryam has represented the firms at the global engineering industry level and at the local level and has represented the firms at legislative sessions and government functions.

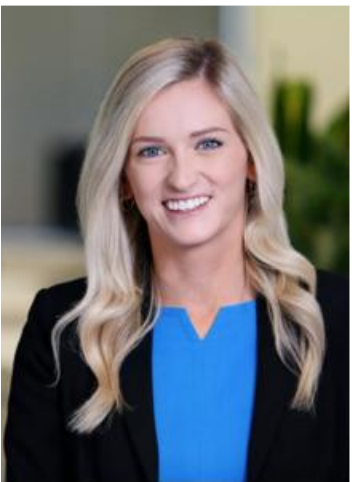


**JUSTIN HALL, P.E.
FDOT**

Justin Hall is the District Secretary of FDOT's District Seven headquartered in Tampa, Florida. As the District Secretary, Justin provides administrative oversight for the planning, development and operations for all transportation modes within District Seven's five counties - Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas. District Seven's work program is \$5.6 billion which supports 3.4 million residents and drivers that travel more than 40 million miles in the Tampa Bay area each day.

Justin previously served as a key member of the District Seven's leadership team as the Director of Transportation Development. In addition, Justin has also served as the District Seven Planning and Environmental Management Office Administrator and the Interim Director of Transportation Development for Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, as well serving key roles in the consultant industry.

Mr. Hall is a graduate of the University of South Florida where he earned a Master of Business Administration. Justin and his wife, Christina, are both Florida natives and reside in Plant City with their two children.



**COURTNEY HANCE, P.E.
FDOT**

Courtney serves as a FDOT Corridors Program Office Principal and as the Senior Program Director for the Moving I-4 Forward Program.

As the Senior Program Director for the program, she is responsible for leading and managing the continuous planning, coordination, communication, workforce development initiatives, controls and the overall delivery of all necessary components of the program.

Courtney holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Degree from Clemson University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Florida. Courtney began her career in Construction Management and then transitioned into the Transportation field at RS&H in 2017. Prior to taking her current role in the Florida Department of Transportation's Corridors Program Office, she served as the North Florida Program Management Lead for RS&H's Infrastructure Business Unit and oversaw the program management of contracts for Owner's Representative, Continuing Services, and General Engineering Consultant services. Courtney has experience in managing contracts across several delivery methods including Modified Phased Design-Build, Phased Design-Build, Design-Build, and Construction Manager/General Contractor.



DAN HURTADO, P.E.
FTBA
FBT BOARD MEMBER

Dan is a native Floridian with over 30 years of engineering and construction experience. Dan earned a master’s degree in Structural Engineering from Florida State University and is a registered professional engineer in Florida. Dan’s work experience includes several years as a consultant design engineer, and a nearly 20-year career with the Florida Department of Transportation, culminating as Chief Engineer. Dan joined FTBA in February 2025 and leads the association’s advocacy and industry liaison efforts.



SIA KUSHA, P.E.
PLENARY
FBT BOARD CHAIR

A forty four-year veteran of Transportation, planning, design, and construction industry, Sia Kusha is an experienced program and project executive who has delivered a variety of infrastructure programs for a diverse range of clients. He has been instrumental in Integrated Delivery policy development in United States and has helped public owners develop design-build and P3 legislation, programs, project pipelines and procurement processes in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia.

He is a sought-after contributor to many boards in the industry and has served as president of the public/private division of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA). He is past president of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Florida and Past Fellow of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. project initiatives, engineering, passenger services, and intermodal.

Mr. Kusha is Plenary America’s Senior Vice President, Group Head Project Development and Partnering. He is responsible for development, identification, and assessment of new opportunities, as well as interaction with owners and assisting them in bringing major infrastructure projects to market. He positions Plenary with appropriate project sponsors and selects partners through leveraging industry relationships.



THE HONORABLE
CHIP LAMARCA

Chip LaMarca is a lifelong resident of Broward County and he is honored to serve the coastal communities in the Florida State House of Representatives. He has earned a reputation for being a citizens’ advocate and a respected voice for the taxpayers, veterans, first responders and pets in our community.

Chip is proud to tell his American story of hard work and success. After attending Boston University, Broward College and Florida Atlantic University, Chip came home to follow in the footsteps of his late father by helping to bring jobs to Broward County in the construction industry. After establishing himself as a knowledgeable, trusted manager with over 20 years of experience in the construction industry, Chip opened LaMarca Construction in 2006, a firm that specializes in power generation. Chip and his wife of twenty-three years Eileen reside in Lighthouse Point with District 100’s doggie mascot, Rocco.



NICOLA LIQUORI
FLORIDA TURNPIKE

Nicola Liquori is a transportation professional with over 20 years of industry experience, and since 2019, serves as the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise. The Enterprise is part of the Florida Department of Transportation and is legislatively mandated to pursue innovations as well as best practices found in the private sector. A diverse agency with over 1,500 agency, consultant and contract staff, Ms. Liquori is responsible for the Enterprise’s 529 centerline miles of roadway and a robust five-year capital program totaling nearly \$10 billion. In addition, the Enterprise prioritizes the use of technology to efficiently process nearly three billion toll transactions annually and support toll interoperability across 24 states with the SunPass-branded transponder.

Ms. Liquori initially joined the Enterprise in the Finance Office, serving as the agency’s Deputy Chief Financial Officer and then as the CFO. Her tenure was results-oriented with the introduction of all-electronic tolling, implementation of inflationary toll rate adjustments, investments in projects that expanded the revenue base, and ratings upgrades from the three national bond rating agencies. The “AA” ratings put the Turnpike System in the elite field of having the highest ratings for a toll road agency in the country.

Ms. Liquori is actively involved in the toll industry. She served on the Board of the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) from 2022-2025. She currently serves as the IBTTA Co-Chair of the Governance Committee

and is a member of the IBTTA Finance Committee. She leads the Advocacy Domain in support of IBTTA’s Strategic Plan. She is a Transportation and Expressway Authority Membership of Florida (TEAMFL) board member and former Chair and Treasurer. Beyond tolling, she is a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA). She holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting, a master’s degree in management and is a Certified Public Accountant in Florida, Alabama and Virginia.



ROB LONG, P.E.
SPACE FLORIDA

Colonel Robert Long most recently served as Commander at Space Launch Delta 30 and Western Launch and Test Range at Vandenberg Space Force Base. Colonel Long has held numerous operational, staff, and command assignments in ICBM, satellite, and launch operations, including duties in the National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense Executive Agent for Space Staff, and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering. He earned a master’s degree in aerospace engineering and is a graduate of the College of Naval Command and Staff, the School for Advanced Air and Space Studies, and the Eisenhower School.

Long received his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Washington, earned a master’s degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs and has master’s degree from the College of Naval Command and Staff, the School for Advanced Air and Space Studies and the Eisenhower School. He retired as a colonel from the United States Space Force in July 2023.



**MICHELLE MAIKISCH
CFX**

Michelle Maikisch is the Executive Director of the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), leading one of the nation’s most innovative regional transportation and tolling agencies. She oversees a 125-mile expressway system serving the residents, visitors, and businesses across five counties. Under her leadership, CFX is focused on enhancing mobility and connectivity throughout the rapidly growing Central Florida region.

Under her guidance, CFX has launched groundbreaking initiatives in tolling and smart mobility, including Florida’s first Flex Lanes and a comprehensive Wrong-Way Driving Detection program—both aimed at improving safety and efficiency. She is also advancing connected vehicle technology and data-driven decision-making as part of CFX’s next-generation transportation strategy.

She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications and is an active member of several national transportation and infrastructure organizations. Her dedication to building smarter, more connected communities fuels her vision for the future of mobility.



**JENNIFER
MARSHALL, P.E.
FDOT**

Jennifer Marshall, P.E. serves as the Chief Engineer of Production for the Florida Department of Transportation, providing statewide leadership for Environmental Management, Design, Right-of-Way, Construction, and Materials. With nearly 30 years of experience across the public and private transportation sectors, Jennifer has advanced FDOT’s mission by streamlining aspects of the project delivery processes, guiding complex infrastructure initiatives and solutions, and fostering collaboration across diverse agencies and stakeholder groups. She is a graduate of the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS), and Florida Engineering Society.



**THE HONORABLE
RALPH MASSULLO,
M.D.**

Senator Ralph E. Massullo, MD, is a dedicated physician, community leader, and Republican lawmaker currently serving the people of Florida’s 11th Senate District. From 2016 to 2024, Dr. Massullo served with distinction in the Florida House of Representatives, representing Citrus County and portions of Hernando and Marion County. During his legislative tenure, he has championed conservative values, supported economic growth, and worked to enhance healthcare and education policy for families throughout the state.

A native of Morgantown, West Virginia, Senator Massullo earned his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and his Doctor of Medicine from West Virginia University. Since moving to Citrus County, he has practiced medicine and served patients for more than three decades.

In addition to his medical and legislative work, Dr. Massullo has been active in professional organizations, including serving as past president of the Florida Society of Dermatologic Surgeons and the American Society of MOH’s Surgery. His leadership in both healthcare and public policy reflects a deep commitment to improving community well-being and supporting small business and economic opportunity.

Senator Massullo continues to engage in local civic and charitable efforts. He is an active member of Seven Rivers Church and enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren.



**SEAN MCMASTER
FHWA**

Sean McMaster is the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). He has more than two decades of public- and private-sector experience in government and transportation policy, with a résumé that includes prior Federal service at DOT during the first Trump Administration, as well as positions with the U.S. Congress, Boeing Company, and HNTB Corporation.

McMaster previously worked at DOT as both the Deputy Chief of Staff and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs. In these roles, he served as a strategic advisor to the Secretary and other DOT leaders. Other public-sector positions include working as a Professional Staff Member for the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman John Mica of Florida.

During his time in the private sector, he led a government-affairs team, developed and chaired a grant support services team, maintained relationships with Congress and government officials, conducted strategic planning and policy analysis, and shared his knowledge of federal transportation funding and policy.

McMaster earned a Bachelor of Science in Finance from George Mason University. A proud husband and father, he married his wife in 2004. His eldest son is a newly minted lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps, where he serves as an air-traffic controller; his youngest son recently graduated from high school; and his daughter just graduated from the eighth grade.



**ANDREW NELSON, P.E.
RS&H**

Andrew Nelson is a long-time leader in the commercial space industry, currently serving as Vice President and National Discipline Leader for RS&H’s Aerospace Practice. He oversees aerospace consulting, spaceport planning, licensing, infrastructure engineering, and building projects. Nelson chairs ASTM F47 - Commercial Space Standards and is on NFPA Committee 461, Spaceports. He was the President and COO of XCOR Aerospace and led his own space consultancy, where among other accomplishments, he advised on \$8B+ in space investments from 2015-2020. His career spans engineering roles at Pan Am World Services and MITRE, international strategy consulting leadership at Booz Allen & Hamilton, and investment banking at Morgan Stanley. Nelson holds degrees from Ohio University (BSEE) and MIT (MBA), and attended the London School of Economics (LSE certificate).



JARED PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY, FDOT

Jared W. Perdue, P.E. was named Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by Governor Ron DeSantis on April 7, 2022. As Secretary, Perdue leads 6,200 team members who are responsible for planning and delivering a safe and viable transportation system that serves 22 million residents and 135 million visitors. To support this goal, Florida manages a Five year, \$65 Billion Work Program

Secretary Perdue has been charged with carrying out the bold vision of Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Legislature through the *Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative*. With Florida's unprecedented population growth, this historic investment to Florida's transportation network will ease congestion, improve safety, ensure the resiliency of our transportation network, and enhance Florida's supply chain across the state. Alongside this initiative, Secretary Perdue has made it a personal mission to develop and implement innovative technology solutions throughout Florida's transportation network, as seen through the opening of SunTrax, a state-of-the-art research and testing facility for advanced transportation technology, as well as Florida's leading role in integrating the emerging Advanced Air Mobility industry into our transportation portfolio.

Since his appointment as Secretary, Perdue's vision has led the Department's efforts of building a safer, stronger, and more resilient multimodal transportation system with Florida's communities at the very center. As Florida's population

continues to grow and understanding the impact transportation has on the quality of life for Floridians, Secretary Perdue strives to ensure that FDOT's infrastructure around the state will efficiently serve residents and visitors, now and in the future, with an emphasis on embracing communities to achieve their vision and meet their transportation needs.

Secretary Perdue received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He is married to his beautiful wife Brandis and has five daughters.

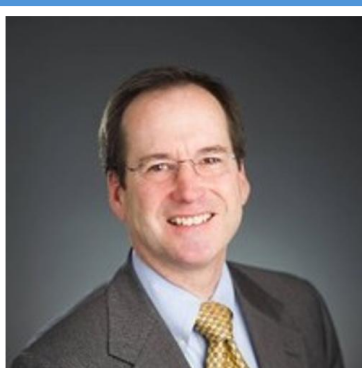


RUDY POWELL, P.E.
FDOT

Rudy Powell is currently the Chief Engineer of Operations for the Florida Department of Transportation. Rudy has more than 33 years of engineering experience with 30 years in the transportation industry in both the private and public sectors, including almost 20 years with the Department where he has held the positions of Director, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Interim Director, State Materials Office; Director, Office of Maintenance; State Construction Engineer; State Specifications Engineer; and Structures Area Engineer.

Rudy earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Florida and South Carolina.

Rudy enjoys reading, going for long walks, learning new things, and just being outdoors.



RUSTY ROBERTS
FEDERAL RAILROAD
ADMINISTRATION

Rusty Roberts has specialized in transportation related policy in both the public and private sector for nearly four decades. He currently serves as Senior Policy Advisor at the Federal Railroad Administration, appointed by the Trump Administration in June of 2025.

Roberts served for 27 years as a senior staffer in the U.S. House and Senate, including 18 years as Chief of Staff to former House Transportation Committee Chairman, Congressman John Mica (R-FL).

In the private sector, Roberts was a Vice President at Brightline Trains Florida and part of the original team that planned and developed the higher speed passenger train that now operates between Orlando and Miami. Before joining Brightline, he served for two years as the Transportation Practice Manager at BGR Government Affairs, the top ten Washington DC lobbying firm founded by Governor Haley Barbour.

Roberts is also a Governor DeSantis appointee to the Florida Transportation Commission, a statewide board with oversight responsibility of Florida Department of Transportation. He was reappointed to that board in 2025.



LISA SALIBA
FDOT

Lisa Saliba serves as the Chief Finance and Administration Officer, Assistant Secretary, of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Since her appointment in October 2021, Lisa has overseen the comprehensive and administrative continuum, managing a portfolio made up of the Office of Administration, Office of Comptroller, and the Office of Work Program and Budget.

A dedicated public servant with decades of experience, Lisa has led the planning and financing of a succession of Five-Year Work Program cycles totaling over \$60 billion. Her career is defined by navigating fast-paced, high demand environments where she links complex policy strategies to tactical operational actions for both statewide and agency-specific programs.



GREG SLATER
THEA

Greg Slater is the Executive Director & CEO of the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA), where he leads one of Florida's most innovative and dynamic transportation agencies. With nearly three decades of experience, including service as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), where he oversaw a complex multimodal network spanning 17,000 lane miles of highways, 2,500 bridges, toll facilities, tunnels, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, the Port of Baltimore, motor vehicle services, and statewide transit, Slater brings deep expertise to every facet of mobility. He is a leading voice on mobility, transportation technology, and innovative project delivery.

At THEA, he oversees an award-winning agency serving nearly 4 million customers annually. He is advancing a \$752 million capital program that strengthens regional connectivity, smooths daily travel, and builds system efficiency while also connecting the groundbreaking Connected Vehicle Pilot to today's AI-driven, data-integrated system-of-the-future investments. Widely recognized Slater is steering THEA with fiscal discipline, community value, and regional impact, all while advancing the agency's mission of enhancing lives by connecting communities.



**ANNA SPENCER
GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS
BLUE ORIGIN**

Anna Spencer is the Senior Manager of State Government Relations for Blue Origin, where she leads state and local government affairs across Florida, Texas, Alabama, and Washington. In this role, she works with policymakers, economic development partners, transportation stakeholders, and local governments to advance infrastructure, regulatory, and public policy initiatives that support the growth of the commercial space industry.

Prior to joining Blue Origin, Anna served as Manager of Government Relations for the Canaveral Port Authority and spent more than five years with the Florida Department of Transportation, where she managed relationships with local governments and transportation planning organizations throughout Central Florida. Her career has focused on transportation, infrastructure, economic development, and public policy, providing a unique perspective on the intersection of Florida's transportation network and the rapidly expanding space sector.

Anna holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Central Florida.



**BRANDON
SPENCER, P.E.
FDOT**

Brandon Spencer serves as the Director of Administration for the Florida Department of Transportation, where he leads enterprise-level operational strategy and drives initiatives that improve efficiency, strengthen workforce development, and enhance long-term organizational performance.

Before assuming this role, he served as Florida's Chief Procurement Officer, overseeing statewide purchasing strategy and major modernization efforts.

With more than 27 years of public-sector leadership experience, Brandon is recognized for shaping high-impact strategies, transforming business processes, and building teams that deliver measurable, mission-focused results across state government.

An avid outdoorsman, he spends his free time backpacking, hunting, and managing his family's cattle farm in Jackson County.



**DENVER STUTLER,
JR., P.E.
U.S. SUBMERGENT
FBT BOARD MEMBER**

Denver Stutler's 25-year career includes a unique combination of both public and private sector experience in the infrastructure (water) industry at an executive level.

Mr. Stutler began his career as a civil engineer in 1989 with Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc. (CDM), an international environmental engineering firm. Mr. Stutler gained valuable technical underpinnings and rose to become a Principal at CDM. Mr. Stutler was appointed Chief of Staff of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in 1999 where he gained a working knowledge of the regulatory framework protecting our Nation's air and water. Mr. Stutler then served as Chief of Staff (2003 - 2005) to Governor Jeb Bush (R-FL) gaining important insight into the workings of government at the federal, state and local level. Mr. Stutler was appointed and confirmed by the Florida Senate as Secretary (2005 - 2007) of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) where he led a \$9 billion agency responsible for transportation in Florida including highway, port, airport, public transportation and rail systems.

Mr. Stutler currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Submergent Technologies, LLC (USST). USST has revolutionized infrastructure maintenance by specializing in submergent cleaning that removes debris from hard-to-clean environments.



**ABHAY THORAT, P.E.
WSP**

Abhay Thorat serves as Senior Vice President and leads Southeast US Structures Group for WSP.

Abhay Thorat has 30 years of experience managing large highway, high speed rail and transit projects. He has led the design of several complex highway bridge projects, as well as movable and signature bridge rehabilitation and replacement projects in Florida. Abhay's leadership and drive for innovation has resulted in saving hundreds of millions of dollars on FDOT programs. Currently, Abhay is managing Owner's Representative contract for I-4 North Program for FDOT D-5. Abhay has co-authored several published technical papers and has won an international award.



**JOHN TUPPS
WAYMO**

John Tupps is the Southeast Policy Manager for Waymo, the autonomous driving technology company dedicated to becoming the World's Most Trusted Driver. In this capacity, John oversees regional strategy to ensure the safe and effective deployment of autonomous vehicle technology across the Southeast.

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