



# 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  
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## THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH

**11:00 - 5:00** Registration Open

**1:00 - 1:05** Opening Remarks & Welcome to 2026 Transportation Summit  
Coquina Ballroom South  
Attire: Business Casual

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

**1:40 - 1:45** Program Break sponsored by RS&H

**1:45 - 2:30** Higher Standards-Better Transportation: A Fireside Conversation  
with Jared Perdue, Secretary, P.E., Florida Department of  
Transportation  
Moderator: Maryam Ghyabi-White, P.E., CEO & President,  
Ghyabi Consulting and Management

**2:30 - 3:00** Networking Break Sponsored by RS&H

**3:00 - 3:45** Drive-ing Innovations Forward  
Panel Discussion  
Moderator: Will N. Watts, Jr., P.E., Chief Operations Officer, FDOT  
Jamie Driggers, P.E., District 1 Secretary, FDOT  
Greg Evans, District 2 Secretary, FDOT  
Justin Hall, P.E., District 7 Secretary, FDOT

- 3:45 - 4:25**      **Launching to New Heights: Scaling Florida's Commercial Spaceports Panel Discussion**  
**Moderator: Andrew Nelson, P.E., Vice President, Aerospace Division, RS&H**  
**John Tyler, P.E., District 5 Secretary, FDOT**  
**Rob Long, P.E., President & CEO, Space Florida**  
**Anna Spencer, Senior Manager of State Government Relations, Blue Origin**
- 4:30 - 5:15**      **Funding Florida's Infrastructure Future Panel Discussion**  
**Moderator: Abhay Thorat, P.E., Senior Vice President, WSP**  
**Lisa Saliba, Chief Financial Officer, FDOT**  
**Nicola Liquori, Executive Director, Florida Turnpike Enterprise, FDOT**  
**Dr. Morteza Farajain, P.E., Executive Director, Build America Bureau**
- 5:20 - 6:15**      **Legislative Round Table Discussion**  
**The Honorable Chip LaMarca, Chair, Economic Infrastructure Committee, Florida House of Representatives**  
**The Honorable Ralph Massullo, Chair, Transportation Committee, Florida Senate**
- 6:30 - 8:30**      **Floridians for Better Transportation Reception**  
**All Attendees and Guests**  
**Sponsored by Florida Transportation Builders Association**  
**The Valencia Patio & Terrace (Outdoor)**  
**Attire: Resort Casual**

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 19th**

- 7:00 - 10:30**      **Registration Open**
- 7:00 - 8:00**      **Breakfast Buffet, All Attendees & Guests**  
**Sponsored by Tampa Steel Erecting Company**  
**Coquina Ballroom South**
- 8:00 - 8:35**      **The Growth Trifecta: People, Knowledge and Enterprise Panel Discussion**  
**Moderator: Matt Wiesenfeld, P.E., Central Florida Transportation Business Group Leader, HDR**  
**Rudy Powell, P.E., Chief Engineer of Operations, FDOT**  
**Brandon Spencer, P.E., Transportation Support Administrator, FDOT**  
**Courtney Hance, P.E., Senior Program Director, Moving I-4 Forward**
- 8:35 - 9:20**      **Modes, Milestones & Momentum: Roadmap to Everywhere Panel Discussion**  
**Moderator: Denver Stutler, Jr., P.E., Founder & Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Submergent Technologies, Former Florida Department of Transportation Secretary**

**Derek D. Barrs, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

**Dan Fitz-Patrick, Chief Strategy Officer, FDOT**

**Will N. Watts, Jr., P.E. Chief Operations Officer, FDOT**

**9:20 - 10:00**

**Beyond the Driver's Seat: Navigating the Future  
Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Len Becker, Senior Vice President, HNTB**

**Glendora Fortune, Chief Information Officer, FDOT**

**Michelle Maikisch, Executive Director, Central Florida Expressway Authority**

**Greg Slater, Executive Director & CEO, Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority**

**John Tupps, Southeast Policy Manager, Waymo**

**10:00 - 10:30**

**Networking Break Sponsored by RS&H**

**10:30 - 11:00**

**On Track: Federal Partnership and the Future of Passenger Rail  
In Florida**

**Rusty Roberts, Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration**

**11:00 - 11:30**

**Taking Our Industry Off Autopilot  
Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Steve Ferrell, P.E., Senior Vice President, HDR**

**Steve Braun, P.E., District 4 Secretary, FDOT**

**Jennifer Marshall, P.E., Chief Engineer of Production, FDOT**

**Dan Hurtado, P.E., President, Florida Transportation Builders' Association**

**11:30 - 12:00**

**Artemis Rising: The Story of How We Returned to the Moon (TBD)**

**12:00 - 12:10**

**Closing Remarks**

**Sia Kusha, P.E., Chair, Floridians for Better Transportation**