



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

1:45 - 2:30 Higher Standards-Better Transportation: A Fireside Conversation
with Jared Perdue, Secretary, 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: Michael Gwynne, P.E., Program Director of Construction
for Moving I-4 Forward
Jamie Driggers, P.E., District 1 Secretary FDOT
Greg Evans, District 2 Secretary, FDOT
Justin Hall, P.E., District 7 Secretary, FDOT

This panel will discuss actionable solutions for keeping up with rigorous infrastructure demands. As available revenues are anticipated to remain flat, initiatives are key to ensure Florida continues to meet the needs and vision of our communities without new funding.

- 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
This panel explores how Florida is expanding its launch landscape – and cementing its place as the capital of American space commerce.
- 4:30 - 5:15** **Funding Florida’s Infrastructure Future Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Abhay Thorat, P.E., Senior Vice President, WSP USA
Lisa Saliba, Chief Financial Officer, FDOT
Nicola Liquori, Executive Director, Florida Turnpike Enterprise, FDOT
Dr. Morteza Farajain, P.E., Executive Director, Build America Bureau
To keep up with growing traffic demand, Florida’s infrastructure will require a significant funding boost to increase capacity and to maintain the transportation infrastructure.
- 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 & Guests
Sponsored by Florida Transportation Builders Association
The Valencia Patio & Terrace (Outdoors)
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
Panelists will cover efforts that are focused on helping to expand and support our industry, including workforce development efforts, building a unified research institute here in Florida, and creating a new Small Business Program.

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
Courtney Hance, P.E., Senior Program Director, Moving I-4 Forward
Key leaders from aviation, roads, ports, and the railway sectors will explore comprehensive strategies for transportation infrastructure. Additionally, they will outline ongoing projects and prospective ventures shaping transportation infrastructure such as advanced air mobility.

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
The panel will discuss technological innovations that have completely reshaped connectivity and have brought forward cutting-edge advancements, such as autonomous driving technology, toll road innovation, and smart infrastructure.

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
This discussion will be on policies related to passenger rail, the future of Amtrak in Florida, prospects for Brightline Florida expansion and how the Federal Railroad Administration is partnering with that effort.

11:00 - 11:30 **Taking Our Processes 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

This session will showcase initiatives such as themed rest areas like the popular Alligator Alley Environmental Education and Recreation Center, along with strategies including voluntary acceleration, industry roundtables, enhanced cost estimating, and the Modified Phased Design-Build (MPDB) model.

- 11:30 - 12:00 We Cannot Get to the Stars Without a Good Ground Game:
Logistical and Infrastructure Solutions for Next-Gen Spaceflight
Colonel Brian Chatman, Commander, Space Launch Delta 45**
- 12:00 - 12:10 Closing Remarks
Sia Kusha, P.E., Chair, Floridians for Better Transportation**