Welcome, Jose!

FBT welcomes our new Chair, Jose Abreu

José Abreu has been at the forefront of transportation leadership in Florida the majority of his career. He has headed one of the most innovative transportation agencies in America—the Florida Department of Transportation—and one of the busiest airports in the world—the Miami International Airport—with equal success and notable accomplishments. He has shared his engineering skills and philanthropic passion with numerous entities for over 3 decades. That is why his selection as 2018-19 Chair of Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT), the state’s 30-year-old transportation advocacy group, was the perfect choice and a unanimous decision! He takes the reigns from Denver Stutler, who has served as Chair since 2015.

2018 Transportation Summer Camp

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Join us at the Vinoy in St. Petersburg for 3 days filled with information, networking and fun! Here are some highlights:

Monday, July 16th
Partner meetings, including FDOT Secretaries, the Florida Transportation Commission Workshop, the MPOAC, FBT Board
*Who’s Who* Mix and Mingle

Tuesday, July 17th
TEAMFL and FTC Meetings
Formal session begins at 1:00PM
Andrew Evans delivers the Keynote address that you won’t forget!
*Camping by the Bay* reception

Wednesday, July 18th
General Session and Camp Wrap-up at noon

Click [here](#) for event registration information.

Newsworthy

**GOP Pushes Back on President’s $1 trillion Infrastructure Plan**

Prominent Republican lawmakers are already coming out against raising the federal gas tax to pay for the president’s promised $1 trillion investment in infrastructure. Speaking on Saturday night at a private donor retreat here hosted by billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch, Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn opposed the idea.

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**An Entirely Different Kind of Self-driving Car**

A new startup that proposes a different spin on autonomous transportation came out of stealth today. The company, called Nuro.ai, was founded by two former lead Google engineers who worked on the self-driving car project.
February 8-9

Florida Construction Conference; Hyatt Regency International Drive, Orlando; For information, contact FTBA at (850) 942-1404.

February 14th

Florida Public Transportation Association/CTD Legislative Awareness Day at the Capitol; For information, call (850) 878-0855.

July 16-18

2018 Transportation Summer Camp, The Renaissance Vinoy, St. Petersburg; Registration is open and sponsorships are available! For information, call Sally Patrenos at (850) 933-1386. Or for further details, visit our website.

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