



2024 FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION, GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTION SUMMIT

DECEMBER 3, 2024 | JW MARRIOTT ORLANDO BONNET CREEK | ORLANDO, FL



9:00 AM - PROGRAM START

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

George W. Walton, P.E., Vice President & Southeast Division Sales Officer, *HNTB Corporation*

HOW TRANSPORTATION, GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE ARE HELPING GROW FLORIDA'S ECONOMY & CREATE GOOD JOBS

Mark Wilson, President, *Florida Chamber of Commerce & Foundation*

FDOT'S VISION FOR THE ROLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAYS IN A RAPIDLY GROWING STATE

Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E., *Florida Department of Transportation*

SOLVING THE AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING CHALLENGE: SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH & LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Former Senator **Jeff Brandes**, President, *Florida Policy Project*

Lesley Deutch, Managing Principal, *John Burns Research & Consulting*

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: PROTECTING INFRASTRUCTURES FROM NATURAL HAZARDS

Erik Salna, Associate Director & Meteorologist, International Hurricane Center, Extreme Events Institute, *Florida International University*

NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK

DRIVING PROSPERITY IN RURAL FLORIDA: HOW INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT CREATES JOBS & GROWTH

Lucienne Pears, Vice President of Economic & Business Development, *Babcock Ranch*

The Honorable Corey Simon, State Senator, *Florida Senate District 3*

ENSURING A SECURE WATER FUTURE: INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES FOR WATER RESILIENCE

Ernie Barnett, Executive Director, *Florida Land Council*

STRENGTHENING SUPPLY CHAINS: HOW BETTER TRUCKING & RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE BOOSTS FLORIDA'S ECONOMY

Moderator: **Kim Holland**, Assistant Secretary for Strategic Development, *Florida Department of Transportation*

Christina Bottomley, Vice President of Business Development & Real Estate, *CSX*

Robert Fatovic, Executive Vice President & Chief Legal Officer, *Ryder System, Inc.*

Alix Miller, Ph.D., President & CEO, *Florida Trucking Association*

FLORIDA'S SEA PORTS: FUELING GLOBAL TRADE & ECONOMIC EXPANSION

Moderator: **Michael Rubin**, President & CEO, *Florida Ports Council*

Allen Fore, Vice President of Public Affairs, *Kinder Morgan*

Joseph Morris, CEO & Port Director, *Port Everglades*

Nick Primrose, Chief of Regulatory Compliance, *JAXPORT*

NETWORKING LUNCH

FLORIDA ECONOMIC UPDATE: HOW GROWTH MOVES FLORIDA CLOSER TO A TOP 10 GLOBAL ECONOMY

Keith Richard, Ph.D., Vice President of Research, *Florida Chamber Foundation*

ENHANCING TOURISM: GROWING FLORIDA'S ECONOMY WITH BETTER AIR, SEA & LAND CONNECTIVITY

Moderator: **Casandra Matej**, President & CEO, *Visit Orlando*

Basil A. Binns, II, Deputy Director, Aviation Department, *Miami International Airport*

Ben Porritt, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs, *Brightline*

LEADING IN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY: HOW AUTONOMOUS & ELECTRIC VEHICLES CAN TRANSFORM FLORIDA

Crystal Stiles, Executive Director of Development, Distributed Technologies & Mobility, *Florida Power & Light Company*

STAYING COMPETITIVE IN SPACE: KEEPING FLORIDA AT THE FOREFRONT OF AEROSPACE INNOVATION

Robert Long, President & CEO, *Space Florida*

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SAFEGUARDING FLORIDA'S WORKFORCE: HEAT STRESS PREVENTION FOR A STRONGER ECONOMY

Brent Dutka, President & Founder, *Judson Marketing Group* and Heat Safety Advisor, *Florida Chamber Safety Council*

Jason Mozo, J.D., Senior Vice President, *Florida Chamber Safety Council*

CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: HOW BROADBAND EXPANSION DRIVES RURAL BUSINESS SUCCESS & PROSPERITY FOR FAMILIES

Leo Garcia, Director of the Office of Broadband, Division of Community Development, *FloridaCommerce*

BUILDING TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE: PREPARING STUDENTS FOR HIGH-TECH INFRASTRUCTURE JOBS

Moderator: **Rachel Ludwig**, Vice President of Talent Development for the Future of Work, *Florida Chamber Foundation*

Tom Crummy, Director of Marketing & Planning - Florida, *Waste Management*

Manny Perez, Dean of Engineering, Technology & Design, *Miami Dade College*

DeAnna D. Thomas, Executive Director, *Lake Technical College*

CALL TO ACTION: KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR FLORIDA'S CONTINUED GROWTH & ECONOMIC EXPANSION

Mark Wilson, President, *Florida Chamber of Commerce & Foundation*

4:00 PM - PROGRAM END

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A preview of the 2025 Legislative Session from Legislative Leadership, the Florida Cabinet and the Chamber's own governmental affairs team.

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The premier event for industry leaders who want to stay ahead in workplace safety, mental health, and sustainability.

Disney's Contemporary Resort, Orlando, FL | May 15-16, 2025

2025 Florida Prosperity & Economic Opportunity Solution Summit

Addressing the 10 root causes of generational poverty, and ways to create a pathway to prosperity for ALL Floridians.

Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, Daytona, FL | May 29, 2025

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