



Thomas E. Conrecode
Vice President
Collier Enterprises, Ltd

Thomas E. Conrecode is a vice president with [Collier Enterprises, Ltd.](#) He is responsible for the company's governmental affairs strategies at the local, state and federal levels, including legislative matters. He works closely with the management of all business units to coordinate a company-wide approach to governmental matters. Prior to joining Collier Enterprises, Tom also served as Public Works Administrator for Collier County. He has an extensive background in governmental affairs and has served in various capacities in the real estate development industry.

Mr. Conrecode is a licensed civil engineer, project management professional and general contractor. In 1983, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Youngstown State University and in 1986 earned a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

Mr. Conrecode served as the original transportation consultant for the Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative (SWFTI) when the public-private partnership was founded in 1998. Now as a member of the SWFTI Executive Committee, Mr. Conrecode helps to direct the organization's efforts and strategy for advancing transportation funding into Southwest Florida. During the past four years, SWFTI's efforts have helped to advance more than \$1 billion in transportation funding into Southwest Florida. Mr. Conrecode has certainly played a key leadership role in the organization's success.

In 2000, Mr. Conrecode was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Transportation Outreach Program Advisory Council, serving as its chairman during the 2001-2002 cycle. The Advisory Council is a statewide committee charged with reviewing and recommending transportation projects for funding based on a competitive application and public hearing process. The Advisory Council recommended more than \$200 million in project funding statewide during the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 cycles. Of the projects ultimately funded by the Legislature during those two years, Lee and Collier counties received more than \$35 million for five priority projects.

Mr. Conrecode has also assisted in the development of transportation legislation designed to restore state dollars to the Transportation Trust Fund and to maximize available funding for transportation projects throughout the state.

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DOUGLAS J. CALLAWAY
President
Floridians for Better Transportation
(FBT)

Douglas J. Callaway is President of Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT), a statewide business and transportation association. Doug started as FBT President in January 2003.

Before agreeing to become President of FBT, Callaway was a transportation program manager with Carter & Burgess, a national architectural/engineering consulting and management firm based in Fort Worth, Texas. In that role, he was involved in national business development and marketing activities for the firm's Transportation Programs Division.

He is the author of a "how to" guide on being a Transportation Advocate in Washington, and a timely article on the reauthorization of the federal surface transportation law known as TEA-21.

Nationally recognized for his understanding of effective government relations techniques and his entertaining public speaking style, Callaway has been a guest speaker at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and before audiences from the Transportation Construction Coalition in Washington, D.C., the San Antonio Mobility Coalition, and numerous national & regional associations of state highway & transportation officials – AASHTO, SASHTO and WASHTO.

In January 2001, Callaway was named to the Transportation Advisory Committee for the transition effort of President George W. Bush.

Prior to joining Carter & Burgess, Callaway served as the Federal Programs Coordinator for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for 12 years, where he established a national reputation as a leader on federal transportation issues for both Florida and other so-called "donor states." During his tenure as the FDOT federal legislative "point man," Florida's level of federal transportation funding increased from \$445 million annually to over \$1.2 BILLION.

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SENATOR JIM SEBESTA (R)
Chairman
Senate Transportation Committee

Education: Loyola University, Chicago, B.S.C.; DePaul University, M.B.A.

Occupation: Real Estate/Broker/Developer

Spouse: Wife, Jean

Children: Jim, Ann Comber, Steve, Mike, Bob, John

Military Service: US Navy Reserves (8 years)

Date of Birth: August 24, 1935 in Pontiac, Illinois. Moved to Florida in 1959.

Religious Affiliation: Catholic

Committee Assignments

[Domestic Security](#)

[Ethics and Elections](#)

[Governmental Oversight and Productivity](#)

[Transportation](#)

[Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations](#)

Former Service

Founder, Board Member and Treasurer, Pinellas Affordable Housing Corporation

Board of Directors, Tampa Bay Community Development Corporation, 2001-Present

Board of Trustees, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, 2001-Present

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Agency on Bay Management, 2001-Present

Governor's Task Force on Election Procedures, Standards and Technology, 2000-2001

Governor's Task Team on Hurricane Evacuation, 2000

George W. Bush for President Pinellas Campaign, Honorary Chairman, 2000

Public Corruptions Study Commission, 1999-2000

Lake Wales City Commission, 1967

Hillsborough Supervisor of Elections, 1970-1974

State Campaign Director for President Ford

Reagan-Bush Campaign Manager, Jacksonville

Florida Ethics Commission

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Randy Johnson (R)
Chairman
House Growth Management Committee

Education:

University of Florida, B.A., Economics, 1981

Occupation:

President/CEO Central Florida Sports Authority

Spouse:

Darlene Adlington of Groton, Connecticut

Children:

Jordan, Brooke

Military Service:

Navy carrier pilot & officer, 9 years of service

Flown over 200 missions off of 2 aircraft carriers

Decorated for rescue of 5 servicemen lost at sea

Date of Birth:

December 16, 1959 in Nampa, Idaho. Moved to Florida in 1971

Religious Affiliation:

Baptist

First Elected: 1998

Community Service

Orange County Board of County Commissioners Staff Director

Orlando Naval Training Center Director of Staff/Admiral's Aide

Legislative Service

Elected to the House in 1998

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REPRESENTATIVE RAY SANSOM (R)
Chairman
House Transportation Committee

Education: Florida State University, B.S., Political Science 1984
University of West Florida, M.Ed. 1993

Occupation: Director, Community Affairs Department, Okaloosa County School District

Spouse: Tricia Raimey

Children: Jessica, Carlee, Julia

Date of Birth: July 11, 1962 Fort Walton Beach, FL

Religious Affiliation: Baptist

Committee Assignments

[Education Appropriations](#)

[State Infrastructure Council](#)

[Governmental Operations](#)

[Transportation](#)

[Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining](#)

Former Service

Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners, November 1992-2000

Florida Corrections Commission

Legislative Assistant House and Senate

Elected to the House in 2002; reelected subsequently

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ROBERT POOLE *Reason Foundation*

Reason Foundation is a nonprofit public policy think tank based in Los Angeles. It is the leading source of U.S. expertise on privatization, outsourcing, and public-private partnerships. Bob Poole is director of the transportation program at the Reason Foundation. During more than 25 years of public policy research, Bob has developed a national reputation as an innovator whose ideas have been turned into new policy at federal, state, and local levels of government.

Bob's 1988 policy paper proposing privately financed toll lanes for congestion relief inspired California's landmark private toll roads law (AB 680). That law authorized four pilot projects including the 91 Express Lanes in Orange County and the new SR 125 toll road under construction in San Diego. To date, 20 other states and the federal government have enacted similar laws. In 1993 Bob conceived and managed a study that coined the term HOT (high-occupancy/toll) Lane, a concept now being implemented nationwide.

Bob has advised the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the White House Office of Policy Development and National Economic Council, the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the California, Florida, and Georgia Departments of Transportation. He was a member of the Caltrans Privatization Advisory Steering Committee, helping oversee the implementation of AB 680. He was a member of California's Commission on Transportation Investment in 1995-96. The *New York Times* called him "the chief theorist for private solutions to gridlock," whose "ideas are now embraced by officials from Sacramento to Washington."

Bob is the author of dozens of policy studies and journal articles on transportation issues. His popular writings have appeared in national newspapers, including the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*; he has also been a guest on such network TV programs as "Crossfire," "Good Morning America," and "The O'Reilly Factor," as well as ABC and NBC News. He writes a monthly column on transportation policy issues for *Public Works Financing*. He received his B.S. and M.S. in mechanical engineering at MIT and did graduate work in operations research at NYU.

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RONALD UTT, Ph. D.
***Senior Research Fellow for the Thomas A. Roe
Institute for Economic Policy Studies
The Heritage Foundation***

Ronald Utt is Senior Research Fellow for the Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation where he conducts research on housing, transportation, and the federal budget. Utt also specializes in the application of privatization, restructuring, decentralization and devolution of government programs, and works in cooperation with scholars across the United States to evaluate the success and failure of policies for urban revitalization, land use and growth management.

Utt is a veteran of budgetary politics in Washington, having served as director of the housing finance division at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and senior economist at the Office of Management and Budget in the early 1970's. In 1977, he became director of economic research at the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts. From 1980-87, he served as associate chief economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan appointed Utt to lead his Administration's efforts to promote the transfer of some federal government functions to the private sector. Utt's work helped Reagan present a variety of privatization proposals in his fiscal 1988 budget, including selling the Northeast corridor of Amtrak rail passenger service, some naval petroleum reserves and the Bonneville Power Administration.

From 1989-1990, Utt served as Senior Fellow in Political Economy at Heritage before being named Executive Vice President of the National Chamber Foundation, the research and education division of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. There, he created and edited the *Journal of Economic Growth*, a scholarly publication focusing on free market solutions to economic development and the *Journal of Regulation and Social Costs*, which investigated the economic costs of government's social regulations. Utt returned to Heritage in 1994.

Utt holds a doctorate in economics from Indiana University and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Penn State University.

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WAYNE R. MALANEY
Director of Governmental Affairs
Beck, Barrios, Malaney & Henderson

Mr. Malaney received his Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas, and his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Florida State University.

Prior to becoming a member of the firm Mr. Malaney was Of Counsel to Beck & Barrios, P.A., for two and one-half years. Mr. Malaney serves as the firm's Director of Governmental Affairs.

Mr. Malaney lobbies before the Florida Legislature, Cabinet and Executive Branch of government and maintains a general civil practice in administrative law, governmental relations, elections and ethics. His administrative practice includes transportation matters such as access management and outdoor advertising.

Mr. Malaney was a partner of Vogt & Malaney Government Relations prior to joining the firm. Mr. Malaney and his partner, former Senate President John Vogt, provided legislative and administrative lobbying services before the Florida Legislature and Executive Branch agencies.

As a former Staff Director and General Counsel for the Committee on Ethics and Elections of the Florida House of Representatives, Mr. Malaney planned, organized and directed staff research efforts on the drafting and analysis of legislation. He conducted legal research and drafted legal opinions, reviewed legislation for constitutional conflict, provided professional legal advice and counsel on committee matters, and he acted as liaison between committee members, press and affected agencies and organizations.

Mr. Malaney also served as legislative and administrative assistant to Senator Bob Graham, directed Senator Graham's staff, and acted as the liaison to Senate staff and lobbyists.

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J. THOMAS GIBBS
Chairman
Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority

J. Thomas Gibbs, a native of Virginia, attended Virginia Commonwealth University and is a licensed real estate broker and investor.

In July 2000, he was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Governing Board of the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority. He is also past Chair of TEAM Florida, the statewide association of toll agencies.

Gibbs was President of Realty International, a Virginia-based industrial development firm, when he moved to Florida in 1973. The following year, he formed GGC & Associates and developed a large industrial complex in east Tampa.

He is a member of the American Southern and Florida Industrial Development Councils. An avid supporter of the University of Florida athletic program, Gibbs is a long-time member of the Gator Boosters.

He is also a life member of Sertoma International, a 32nd Mason, past Chair of the East Hillsborough Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, and a past Chair of his church board.

Gibbs served in the United State Navy from 1958 to 1962.

He has four children and eight grandchildren and has been married to his wife, Brenda, for 39 years. In his free time, Gibbs likes to hunt, fish, and travel.

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RALPH C. MERVINE, P.E.,
Interim Executive Director
Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority

Ralph Mervine is interim Executive Director of the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority and a graduate of the University of South Florida, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Mr. Mervine is a licensed engineer with more than 25 years of experience.

Prior to joining the Expressway Authority, he served as Vice President, Florida Transportation Practice for ARCADIS Engineering.

Mr. Mervine also worked for the Florida Department of Transportation for 11 years as the District One Director of Operations.

Mr. Mervine has extensive international business experience, serving as the Vice President, International Business Development for Brown and Root for seven years, in addition to working in Saudi Arabia for ARAMCO—Arabian American Oil Co., as a Senior Project Engineer.

He started his engineering career as a Project Engineer on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline project.

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KIMBERLEE L. POULTON
Director of Communications and Marketing
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Kimberlee Poulton is the Director of Communications and Marketing for Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, a part of the Florida Department of Transportation.

A graduate of Florida State University with a BA in Communications, Ms. Poulton was Vice President of a Public Relations and Marketing firm specializing in high-end clients prior to joining the Department in 1990.

Ms. Poulton is a member of the Communications & Outreach Task Force and the Vice Chair of the Public Relations Steering Committee for the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association and is a past chairman of the Public Involvement Committee for Team Florida, a toll facility transportation organization in Florida.

An "Up & Comer" award winner, she is an active member of the Junior League of Boca Raton and an avid traveler of international destinations. A Florida native, Ms. Poulton currently resides in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

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CHRISTOPHER L. WARREN *Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer Florida's Turnpike Enterprise*

Mr. Warren joined the Florida Department of Transportation in 1988. In his tenure with the Department he held several leadership positions at both the District Office and State level including the State Roadway Maintenance Engineer.

As the State Roadway Maintenance Engineer, he was responsible for the development and implementation of maintenance policy throughout the state. In 2000, he was appointed Director of Maintenance for Florida's Turnpike System and responsible for the road and bridge maintenance on the statewide Turnpike system. Florida's Turnpike is part of the Florida Department of Transportation and is responsible for the 460-mile Turnpike System, which is the largest user-financed transportation system in the State, and the fourth largest in the nation.

In 2002, the Florida Legislature transformed the Turnpike into Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. The Enterprise operates the Turnpike System like a business from within the Florida Department of Transportation. As a result of the transformation to the Enterprise, in 2003 Mr. Warren was appointed the Turnpike's first Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer.

He is responsible for all operational divisions within the Turnpike organization including: Planning and Production, Highway Operations, Toll Operations, and Business Development and Concession Management. Florida's Turnpike serves over 1.6 million customers a day, with the mission to help meet the transportation needs of the State, serve its customers and protect bondholders.

Mr. Warren is also active in the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA). In 2003, Mr. Warren was awarded the Thomas B. Manual Leadership Award, which is the most prestigious award given to a Turnpike manager.

A long time resident of Florida, he is involved in community activities including Little League and the Boy Scouts of America, in which he is an Eagle Scout. He holds a B.S. degree in Engineering from the University of Central Florida and an M.B.A. from the University of North Florida.

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JANET WATERMEIER
Vice Chairman
Florida Transportation Commission

President of The Florida Gulf Coast Group. Serves on the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and Florida's Long Range Economic Strategic Plan Task Force.

Additionally, she conducts seminars for the State Department of Community Affairs and the Florida Economic Development Council. Appointed to Commission in December 2001.

Janet graduated magna cum laud from Old Dominion University in Virginia with a degree in Economics, received a graduate fellowship and later attended the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law.

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NEIL D. SCHUSTER
President and CEO
Intelligent Transportation Society
of America

Neil Schuster is President and CEO of ITS America, the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. He was appointed to his position in October 2001.

Schuster joined ITS America after 16 years as Executive Director of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association, the association of the worldwide toll industry. He was with IBTTA from 1985 to 2001.

IBTTA has members in more than 21 countries, and provides an international forum for toll officials to explore solutions to industry problems.

At IBTTA, he launched the association's first advocacy program and a technology program to help toll officials implement electronic toll collection systems and work toward industry-wide performance specifications. He served on the ITS America Board of Directors when the organization was first formed.

Prior to joining IBTTA, Schuster served with the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association, from 1982 to 1985. He was also with the American Waterways Operators, from 1975 to 1982.

Schuster received his B.A. in Economics from Brooklyn College in 1973, and an MBA from the University of Colorado in 1975, where he majored in Transportation Management.

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Elizabeth Birriel, P.E.
ITS Program Manager
Deputy State Traffic Operations Engineer

Elizabeth graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering and from the University of South Florida in Tampa with a Masters Degree in Civil (Transportation) Engineering. Her career with the Florida Department of Transportation spans 12 years. 9 of these years have been in Maintenance, working in District 7, District 3, and the Central Office.

She has been in Traffic Operations in the Central Office for the last three years. She formerly managed the Incident Management Program and the Traffic Control Device Equipment Certification Program. Last year, she assumed the duties of ITS Program Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation.

Elizabeth is a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Florida. On a personal note, she is mother to Sophia, a two year old toddler. On her very limited spare time, she enjoys reading, traveling, canoeing, and photography.

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JAVIER RODRIGUEZ, P.E.
Director of Transportation Development
FDOT District 6

Mr. Rodriguez currently serves as the District VI Director of Transportation Development for the Florida Department of Transportation. He is responsible for the offices of Planning, Public Transportation, Environmental Management, Roadway and Structures Design, Consultant Management, Production Management, Right of Way Administration, and Right of Way Engineering.

Prior to holding this position, Javier served in various capacities within the Department including District Environmental Management Engineer, Project Development Engineer, and Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) Project Manager.

He has been with the Department for 14 years and is a registered Professional Engineer.

Mr. Rodriguez is a 1990 graduate of Florida International University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Degree.

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Austin Jeffrey Weidner
Mobility Manager
Florida Department of Transportation
District 4

EDUCATION:

MS, Urban and Regional Planning, Transportation Specialization, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 1983

BA, Government, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1981

AA, Business, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1979

Registration: American Institute of Certified Planners 1989-1997

EXPERIENCE:

Mobility Manager, Office of Modal Development, Florida Department of Transportation, District 4, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1998 to Present. Current position is responsible for managing the development and implementation of multimodal facilities for District 4 Public, Florida Department of Transportation. The position requires interaction with 5 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St Lucie and Indian River Counties), 6 Transit Agencies, 3 Deepwater Ports and 2 Railroad Agencies.

Director of Transportation Planning, Frederic R. Harris, Inc, Miami Lakes, Florida, 1991 to 1997. Responsible for managing all Transportation Planning activities. Major projects managed include the I-95 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Monitoring Program, the Island of Hawaii Long Range Transportation Plan and the Red Road/57th Avenue Project Development and Environment Study.

Vice President, Walter H. Keller, Jr. Inc., Coral Springs, Florida, 1986 to 1991, Vice President of a local planning and engineering firm. A majority of clientele were private developers seeking development approval and permits from local government agencies.

Associate Planner, Broward County MPO, Ft Lauderdale, Florida, 1983 to 1986. Major project involvement included the Year 2010 Broward County, Florida Long Range Transportation Plan.

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Kim DeLaney
Growth Management Coordinator
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Kim DeLaney currently serves as the Growth Management Coordinator for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, a state agency that spans the four-county region from Palm Beach County north to Indian River County.

Previously, Mrs. DeLaney spent a decade as the City Planner and CRA Manager for the City of Stuart, Florida. Mrs. DeLaney has also worked with the FAU/FIU Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems where she was a facilitator for the American Assemblies public workshop process for a variety of Florida communities and state agencies.

Mrs. DeLaney's educational background includes bachelor's and master's degrees in Political Science and Public Administration, both from the University of Florida and more recently, a Ph.D in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

Mrs. DeLaney and her husband Don live in Hobe Sound, Florida and continue to marvel at the exploits of their young sons Zack and Jake.

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R. Randolph Lyon, Jr. (Randy)
President
Xentury City Development Company

Randy Lyon is President of Xentury City Development Company. The company is privately held and owns for master development 500-plus-acre mixed use urban commercial project in central Florida's Osceola County, best known as the site of the 1,406-room Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center/Florida.

Lyon has overseen the development and/or operation of major resort and residential projects around the world including products for the Mirage Resorts, Brisbane, Australia, the development of the Island of Lanai including the Lodge at Koele and the Manele Bay hotels in Hawaii, named one of the world's top 10 resorts, the upscale Lake Nona Property Holdings' golf community in Orlando and The Ginn Company's successful Reunion Resort & Club community in southwest Osceola County. Internationally, he is a respected advisor on master planned communities, both urban mixed use and greenfields.

After graduating from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and a Masters in Finance, he continued in an administrative role as an Assistant Dean including teaching in the graduate education program. Lyon remained connected to Central Florida and the college (as alumni president and a trustee) even after he and his wife Andrea moved to Sarasota, Florida, in 1973 where he began work in real estate development.

He has served as a District Council Chair for the Urban Land Institute and now serves as a District Council Counselor and champion for statewide partnerships. In 2000 Randy headed a public-private partnership in education that won the ULI's prestigious **Award of Excellence** and an Associated Builders and Contractor's "**Golden Eagle**" national award. The NorthLake Park Community School has served as a national model and hosted numerous interested guests, visitors and fans of the model – including President George W. Bush.

Among many civic contributions, Lyon is the volunteer Chairman of **myregion.org**, serving seven counties, 85 cities and over 3 million Central Florida residents. Myregion envisions a community overflowing with possibilities for growth and development, sharing regional information easily accessed through a common database, and educational and healthcare systems internationally renowned for their commitment to excellence. It's ensuring Central Florida's place in the global economy and improving opportunities for generations to come.

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DONALD J. SKELTON, P.E.
District 7 Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation

- Born and raised in Daytona Beach, Florida
- Graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- Employee of FDOT for 16 years
- Transportation Experience:
 - Project Development – 6 years
 - 1995 Planning Manager – 1 year
 - 1996 Director of Planning and Programs - 4 years
 - 2000 Director of Transportation Development – 5 years
- Projects worked on include:
 - Suncoast Parkway PD&E
 - Tampa Interstate Study PD&E
 - I-4/Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Connector Interchange Justification Report
- As Director, was responsible for overseeing production of \$200+ million average annual lettings.
- Appointed District Secretary for District Seven on May 20, 2005
 - Serving Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando and Citrus Counties
 - Responsible for 673 employees tasked with planning, delivering, operating and maintaining the state road system and partnering with other agencies to provide all modes of transportation.
- Married with 2 children – son 12, daughter 10
- Enjoys playing golf. Interests include sports of all kinds particularly with Gators.

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STAN CANN
District 1 Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation

Stan Cann was appointed to the position of District One Secretary on July 12, 2004. District One is the southwest region of Florida and includes 12 counties.

Secretary Cann, a graduate of the University of Florida and a registered Professional Engineer, also was Florida DOT's District Six Secretary, serving through 1994.

He has the combined experience of having held top management positions in both the private and public sector, and his background includes 32 years in key management positions in all phases of large-scale highway and rail transportation projects.

He has a proven track record, having managed over \$6 billion worth of successfully completed projects including Miami's Metrorail, Gratigny Parkway, MacArthur Causeway, Brickell Avenue Bridge, Biscayne Boulevard, the reconstruction of I-95 in Dade County, the reconstruction of I-25 through Denver, Colorado and the extension of Bay Area Rapid Transit into San Francisco International Airport.

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SIAMAK KUSHA, P.E.
Executive Vice President
Ayres Associates

Mr. Kusha is an Executive Vice President for Ayres Associates. He joined Ayres Associates in 1986 in the Madison, Wisconsin office as a Transportation Engineer after having served for more than five years in a similar position at another firm, and held a variety of positions in the company's Transportation Division. Sia served as a project engineer, project manager, and Manager of the Transportation Services in Madison. In 1992 he transferred to Milwaukee to open this office for the firm and was named the Regional Vice President of the Milwaukee Office in 1994. In 1996, he relocated to Tampa as the Regional Vice President of Florida, where he served in that capacity until he was appointed to the Executive Committee in the August of 2000.

As a transportation engineer, project manager and PIC, Sia has been involved in a variety of transportation projects, including corridor planning, PD&E studies and EIS development, highway design and program management for major transportation facilities in Wisconsin and Florida. He has managed and designed both urban and rural transportation facilities. Currently, Mr. Kusha serves as the National Transportation Leader for Ayres Associates, overseeing all transportation functions throughout the company.

Sia is active in both civic and professional organizations. He served as president-elect of the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers and is currently the chairman of the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers, Transportation Committee and serves on the executive committee of the board of directors for this organization. He served on the advisory council for the Hillsborough Education Foundation, Tampa Chamber of Commerce Transportation and Land Use Committees, and is a member of the board of directors of New Tampa YMCA, as well as the Greater Tampa Bay United Way steering committee.

Sia is a registered professional engineer in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. He holds a B.S. degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering and is currently pursuing his Masters in Transportation Engineering, as well as, an M.B.A. Degree.

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BOB BURLESON
President
Florida Transportation Builders Association

- President, Florida Transportation Builders Association: 1989 - Present
- Graduate: Virginia Tech with B.S. in Building Construction, 1970
- Member: Phi Eta Sigma freshmen honorary fraternity, ODK
- 1972 - 1987: Worked with Wiley N. Jackson Company - a major roadbuilder in S.E. United States - Vice President - North Florida Operations ; Joint Venture Projects; Administration- Company was sold in 1987.
- 1986 - Presented the ARTBA Award by the American Road & Transportation Builders Association.
- Moved from Roanoke, Virginia to Tallahassee in 1989
- 1997 Presented the Golden Eagle Award by the Floridians for Better Transportation
- Married with 3 grown sons, all married. One grandson.

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Denver Stutler, Jr.
Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation

Denver Stutler, Jr. was named Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by Governor Jeb Bush on June 27, 2005. He began his new duties as FDOT Secretary on July 9. Prior to joining FDOT, Mr. Stutler served as Chief of Staff for Governor Bush.

As Chief of Staff, Mr. Stutler was responsible for managing 250 employees in the Executive Office of the Governor, as well as oversight of the executive agencies reporting directly to the Governor. In addition to his management responsibilities, Mr. Stutler assisted the Governor in reviewing legislation, formulating policy, developing the state budget and communicating with legislators, Cabinet members, the media and the public. He began working in the Bush Administration in 1999 as the Chief of Staff at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) after serving on the gubernatorial transition team.

Prior to entering public service, Mr. Stutler was a Principle with Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc., an international environmental engineering firm. He served as a Senior Fellow for Senator Connie Mack (R-FL) in the 105th Congress, where his duties included environmental and water related appropriations and policy. Mr. Stutler was a delegate in 1994 to the NATO-sponsored research conference on Remediation and Management of Degraded River Basins in Vienna, Austria. Additionally, he participated on an Engineering Ministries International project team to Kinshasa, Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire), Africa, to engineer water supply, wastewater and erosion control improvements.

Mr. Stutler completed his undergraduate studies in 1987 at the University of Central Florida (UCF), where he majored in civil engineering. He received his Masters degree in civil engineering in 1989 from UCF and was elected Student Body President while attending the university. Mr. Stutler is currently registered to practice engineering in Florida.

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