



LINDA WATSON
CEO
***LYNX – Central Florida Regional
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With over 20 years of transportation related experience, Linda S. Watson is the CEO of LYNX, the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority. LYNX is responsible for providing residents and visitors in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties with safe, reliable, affordable public transportation. LYNX has twice been recognized as the fastest growing transportation system in the United States.

Before making her mark in Central Florida, Linda Watson served as the General Manager of the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority from 1996 to 2004 and also was the Assistant General Manager of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority. She graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in Urban and Regional Affairs.

On the state and national scene, Linda Watson is also making a significant impact representing Central Florida on issues important to our collective future. Her service on the Board of Directors for the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida, the Florida Public Transportation Association Board of Directors and as Senator Mel Martinez's Appointee to Military Academy Nomination Board are indicative of her commitment to our region.

Nationally, she currently serves as Chairman for the Transportation Research Board, a division of the National Research Council, one of the most respected research bodies known internationally as an independent advisor to the federal government and others on scientific and technical questions of national importance. She has also served the American Public Transportation Association, as a member of the faculty of the Eno Transportation Foundation Center for Transit Leadership Executive Development Program, Rutgers University's National Transit Institute (NTI) Advisory Board of Directors, Texas Transportation Institute Advisory Council, and the Transportation Cooperative Research Program as its Board Chairman.

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