



STEPHANIE C. KOPELOUSOS
Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation

Stephanie C. Kopelousos was appointed Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by Governor Charlie Crist on April 2, 2007. Prior to that appointment, she was named Interim Secretary by Governor Crist on January 2, 2007, after more than a decade of professional experience in state and federal public policy, with a particular emphasis in transportation. She oversees more than 7,000 employees and an annual budget of \$8 billion. The agency's mission is to provide a safe system of transportation that fuels our continued economic growth and enhances our quality of life.

Secretary Kopelousos has served in several capacities at the department since 2001. Prior to becoming Interim Secretary, Stephanie was FDOT's Chief of Staff, providing day-to-day management and directing legislative issues since December 2005. From 2001 to 2005, Secretary Kopelousos served as the primary federal liaison for the Florida Departments of Transportation and Community Affairs in Washington, D.C. Her policy portfolio included transportation, emergency management and disaster relief, and housing. She was instrumental in coordinating state efforts during passage of the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill and throughout two back-to-back hurricane seasons in 2004 and 2005.

Ms. Kopelousos entered public service in 1993 as a Legislative Assistant to Congresswoman Tillie K. Fowler, who represented Florida's 4th District including Jacksonville. She advised and supported Congresswoman Fowler in her capacities as Vice Chair of the House Republican Conference and Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Emergency Management with a focus on transportation and emergency management policy.

Ms. Kopelousos is a 1993 graduate of the University of Alabama.

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