



Thursday, June 5th, 2025

Welcome Session:

FDOT Secretary Address:

Speaker: Jared Perdue, PE

Summary: FDOT Mission and Compass, FDOT's Budget for FY 2025-2026, Florida's Continued Population Growth, Moving Florida Forward

Florida Transportation Builders Perspective:

Speaker: Dan Hurtado, PE

Summary: FTBA statements on the industry and the work program, ongoing collaboration with FDOT, and legislative update.

Federal Transportation Perspective:

Speaker: Matt Reiffer

Summary: Discuss ACEC National stance on current Transportation issues, ACEC Updates.

Technical Session #1: Planning | Design Dual Panel

Moderator: Scott Perfater, PE

Panelists:

Will Potter, PE

Ed Kestory, PE

Anson Sonnett, PE

Pete Vega, PE

Joseph Lauk, PE

Nick Benedico, PE, PMP, AICP, ENV SP

Nathan Mozeleski, PE

Angelo Belluccia, PE

Linda Hess, PE, PTOE, RSP1

Summary: Technical Session 1 will seek to move beyond the typical talking points associated with safety, quality and technology and focus on key aspects of improving how, why and when we DELIVER in these key areas. Safety discussions will center on the downward trend in serious injury and fatal crashes, examining contributing factors such as driver behavior and young driver education and encouraging urgency and policy mindset shifts in the fight to reach Zero. Additionally, the session will provide an overview of FDOT's new rail safety initiative, focusing on the role of technology in identifying near



misses and problem intersections. Data-driven quality control and quality assurance discussions will summarize the current state of consultant quality and review task force findings, conclusions and best practices. The session will underscore the shared responsibility in maintaining sound QC and QA practices and the benefits of partnering between ACEC-FL and the Florida Department of Transportation and the importance of giving and receiving authentic, data-supported feedback. The session will highlight the rapid pace of technological change and its significant impact on transportation delivery and budgeting. It will stress the importance of quickly identifying, evaluating, piloting, and implementing new technologies and the role technology can play, perhaps should play, in the future.

Technical Session #2: Program Management | Construction Dual Panel

Speakers:

Tim Lattner, PE
Brent Wilkins, PE, DBIA
Joey Wood, PE
Wendy Parrish
Len Becker
Courtney Hance, PE
Ashley Anderson, PE
Robert Whar
Taylor Carlquist
Richard Hewitt, PE
Josh Carter, PE

Summary:

Technical Session 2 will address program management and construction, emphasizing the need for a changing partnership to deliver future projects. It will include discussions on FDOT's initiatives to improve productivity and efficiency on projects through initiatives such as Voluntary Acceleration and Lump Sum CEI. Workforce development will be a major focus, with an overview of the Florida Department of Transportation's programs aimed at assisting workforce development and their impact on the engineering community. The session will tackle issues such as talent shortages, declining engineering college application rates, and retention problems, and will propose strategies to make the transportation industry more attractive to work in. Quality discussions will revolve around estimates and the independent cost process, highlighting the benefits seen from the Florida Department of Transportation's Forecasting and Performance Office in project costing and work program delivery. The session will also discuss the use and piloting of new tools to improve productivity for contractors, CEI, and the Department, including the use of rovers, drones, OnStation, e-ticketing, and other technologies.



Friday, June 6th, 2025

FDOT Work Program Overview

Speaker:

Lisa Saliba

Summary:

Five-year work program outlook, consultant engineering outlook, constructions lettings, federal funding, keeping the production pipeline healthy.

Technical Session #3: Major Projects Update

Moderator: Sandra M. Bucklew, PE

Speakers:

Keith Slater, PE

Jason Watts

Marc Hustad

Mike Gwynne, PE

Austin Petersen, PE

David Alonso, PE

Marianne Brinson, PE

Ben Smith

Taylor Byrd, PE

Kenny Geisendorff, PE

CJ Youmans, PE

Summary:

Technical Session 3 will provide updates on major projects, presenting challenges as opportunities in disguise. The session will include an update on the Moving I-4 Forward project and the use of Modified Phased Design Build (MPDB) to advance accelerated congestion relief projects. It will discuss the pros and cons, feedback from accelerated start procurement, lessons learned, and future applications. The Howard Frankland Bridge project will also be highlighted, with a major milestone reached in the opening of the new bridge. The session will discuss the challenges faced and how they were turned into opportunities, as well as remaining challenges as the project moves through its final phases. Workforce shortages, materials, utilities, and other impacts on production and delivery will also be addressed. Lastly, the session will provide an update on the First Coast Expressway project, discussing how project challenges were turned into opportunities, coordination with adjacent projects and Turnpike, acceleration plans for early completion, and Cost Savings Initiatives under consideration.