



**Thursday, May 28, 2026**

**Welcome Session (2 PDHs):**

**FDOT Secretary Address:**

**Speaker:** Jared Perdue, PE

**Summary:** FDOT Mission

**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:** Jamie Christian

**Summary:** Discuss FHWA Issues

**FDOT Work Program Overview (1 PDH)**

**Moderator:** Rosemary Woods

**Speakers:**

Lisa Saliba and Jennifer Marshall

**Summary:** Overview of FDOT's Work Program and a high-level update on Major Programs. Presentations will offer insight into current priorities, outlook, and considerations influencing transportation program development and delivery across the state.

**Technical Session #1: Leadership Through Partnership | From Policy to Project Delivery (1.5 PDHs)**

**Moderators:** Rudy Powell, Joseph Lauk

**Panelists:**

Will Potter, PE – FDOT

Katasha Gruver – FDOT

Michael Schweir – Mead & Hunt

Brian Blanchard, PE – HDR Engineering, Inc.

Yassi Myers, PE – TLP Engineering Consultants

Jim Stroz, PE – FDOT D5

Marc Hustad, PE – RS&H, Inc.

Manny Espinal – FDOT

Joe Marzi, PE – FDOT

Raj Rangaswamy, PE – CONSOR Engineers

Mel Pollock, PE – The Corradino Group



**Summary:** Panelists will examine partnership across multiple levels, beginning at the Industry Level, with discussion on policy, navigating change, and firm leadership perspectives on advancing the transportation industry. At the Program Level, the conversation will focus on Alternative Delivery, featuring both Department and consultant perspectives based on current experience in District 5. The session will also highlight partnership at the Project Level, using two active construction projects in South Florida to illustrate how collaboration across PD&E, design, and construction supports shared goals and successful delivery.

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### **Technical Session #2: Partnership in Practice: Developing the Next Generation of Transportation Leaders (1.5 PDHs)**

**Moderators:** Angela Kay – FDOT and Robert Jackson, PE – Haskell

**Speakers:**

Steve Braun, PE – FDOT

Coriann Salas, PE – WGI

Dario VanHorne, PMP – FDOT

Michelle Buitron, PE – Patel, Greene & Associates

**Summary:**

This FDOT Transportation Program panel brings together voices from across the profession to explore how FDOT and the consulting community can work together to shape the future of Florida’s transportation workforce. Featuring two early career professionals and two senior leaders from both FDOT and ACEC, the discussion is intentionally designed to reflect multiple perspectives and generations within our industry. Panelists will discuss key workforce and leadership development initiatives—including FELI, the PE Training Program, ACEC Emerging Leaders, mentoring, and succession planning—and how these programs are evolving to meet the needs of today’s and tomorrow’s professionals. Through candid dialogue, the panel will examine where partnerships are working well, where gaps remain, and how shared responsibility between FDOT and the Industry can hasten development, strengthen leadership pipelines, and support long term program success.

### **Technical Session #3: Technical Session 3: FDOT & Industry Leadership Panel (1.5 PDHs)**

**Moderator:** Rudy Powell, PE – FDOT, Jennifer Marshall, PE – FDOT, and Sandra M. Bucklew, PE – ACEC Florida

**Speakers:**



John Tyler, PE – FDOT D5 and SunRail

Greg Evans, PE – FDOT

Justin Hall – FDOT D7

Will Watts, PE – FDOT

Scott Perfater, PE – Burgess & Niple, Inc.

Rosemary Woods – AtkinsRealis

Jason Watts, AICP – HNTB Corporation

**Summary:**

Building on the Day 1 discussion honoring the legacy of Former FDOT Secretary Ben Watts, this panel turns the focus forward—examining how the principles that defined his leadership continue to shape FDOT’s culture and its partnership with Industry today. Featuring current FDOT executive leadership alongside consultant industry leaders, the conversation will explore how trust, accountability, and shared purpose translate into day to day collaboration and project delivery. Panelists will connect lessons from Ben’s era to today’s expectations, offering practical insight into how strong partnerships can drive better outcomes for Florida’s transportation program.