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Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Session 1 8:30 -10:00 am

Tools of the Trade. Leveraging Innovation for Engaging the Public

Public meetings will always be the mainstays of the public involvement process, but how can we capture new ideas and technologies to increase our reach into the communities we serve? From basic survey tools to mobile apps to virtual reality, new and innovative tools can make participation more convenient, affordable, and enjoyable for more people. This session will explore innovative public engagement activities and recent techniques implemented by FDOT, MPOs, and local governments.

- Beth Alden, Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Heather Garcia, Florida Department of Transportation District 5
- Jane Lim-Yap, Kittelson and Associates Rusty Ennemoser, Florida Department of
- Transportation, Moderator

Are We Seeing More Clearly? **Lessons Learned from Regional** Visioning

Many of Florida's urban and rural regions collaborated on long-term visioning processes to help guide future growth and development decisions. More than a decade later, are we making progress toward these visions? Have these processes guided transportation and land use decisions? How can we build on this foundation to identify and move toward a future vision for each region of the state? Join us to find out!

- Eric Hove, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (Boston, MA)
- Tara McCue, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Patricia Steed, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Greg Stuart, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Alison Stettner, Florida Department of Transportation, Moderator

Access for All! On the Frontlines of **Transportation and Equity**

This session will deliver a compelling discussion of the critical role transportation plays in providing access to livelihood and opportunity. From urban Orlando, which is facing a severe affordable housing crisis, to rural Arcadia in Florida's poorest county, the obstacles to delivering equitable transportation are many. Hear how those on the frontlines are responding to these challenges and working to tackle this essential issue.

- Frankie Elliott, Orlando REALTOR Association
- Eric Gray, United Against Poverty
- Gary Huttmann, MetroPlan Orlando
- Penny Pringle, DeSoto County Health Department
- Marybeth Soderstrom, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- David Darm, Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Moderator

Change - The Only Constant. **Incorporating Resilience into Transportation Planning**

Florida needs resilient communities and transportation systems that can adapt to changing conditions and prepare for, withstand, and recover from disruption. Hear about the Federal Highway Administration's resilience planning resources, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's Commitment 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region.

- Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- James Cromar, Broward Metropolitan
- Planning Organization Heather Holsinger, Federal Highway
- Administration Michael Sherman, Federal Highway
- Administration, Florida Division
- Jennifer Carver, Florida Department of Transportation, Moderator

Session 2 10:30 -12:00 pm

Bee-Utiful! Benefits of Beautification for Community Enhancement

How can we create a more sustainable /interconnected system within the context of FDOT's many programs? This session will share the "how" and "why" of roadside enhancements and management. Enhancing, managing, and maintaining wildflowers and flowering plants can save money, increase biodiversity and agricultural productivity, enhance water quality, and preserve rural areas, without compromising safety. Presenters will highlight benefits, identify resources, and share case studies.

- Jaret Daniels, University of Florida
- Lisa Roberts, Florida Wildflower Foundation
- Claudia Calzaretta, Florida Department of Transportation District 5, Presenter and

Hi Ho - It's Off to Work We Go! **Building A Future Transportation Workforce**

Construction workers, truck drivers, transit operators, supply chain managers: In many transportation industries skilled worker are in short supply. Could limited availability of skilled workers become an obstacle to implementing transportation plans and projects? Learn how to work with federal, state, and regional workforce partners to help close workforce gaps and develop the future transportation workforce.

- Lisa Bacot, Florida Public Transportation Association
- Alix Miller, Florida Trucking Association
- Michael Corbit, CareerSource Palm Beach County
- Richard Williams, CareerSource Chipola/Opportunity Florida
- Jennifer Stults, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Moderator

By Air or By Sea. Protecting Airport and Seaport Infrastructure

Resilience continues to be an important topic across Florida, not just related to our transportation system. Beyond road-based resilience initiatives, our seaport and airport partners are implementing some very progressive strategies related to increasing their resilience. Come join us to hear panelists representing these modes discuss the various resilience planning and implementation efforts at Florida's seaports and airports.

- Scott Brady, Project Manager, EG Solutions, Inc.
- Doug DiCarlo, Environmental Science Associates
- Ben Siwinski, VHB
- Doug Wheeler, Florida Ports Council
- James Smith, Smith-Woolwine, Inc.

2+2=More. Building Capacity through **Community Partnerships**

Partnerships among federal, state, regional, and local agencies, business leaders, educational institutions, and others create opportunities for long-term economic growth and build capacity at the local level. This session demonstrates the benefits of community partnerships and their longlasting results through local government engagement, technical assistance, research and data, and state and federal funding. The session will include a robust Q&A with each of the panelists.

- Katherine Beck, Florida Main Street, Florida Department of State
- Jeff Carney, Florida Institute for Built Environment Resilience
- Whitney Gray, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Denise Imbler, Florida Regional Councils Association, Presenter and Moderator

12:30 -1:00 pm

Innovation in Transportation Planning Awards

FDOT is proud to recognize superior accomplishments and effort by presenting awards for Innovation in Transportation Planning Achievements in Florida. FDOT developed these awards to encourage innovation in planning, foster collaboration and partnerships, highlight outstanding planning achievements, and recognize creative planning techniques. Please join us as we recognize the nominees and present the award recipients for: Planning Professional of the Year, Planning Organization of the Year, and Planning Innovation of the Year

Session 3 1:30 -3:00 pm

Alexa - How's the City? Smart Cities **Are Not Just About Transportation**

Cities are digitally transforming to improve environmental, financial, and social aspects of urban life. Attendees will hear how one community in Florida embraced this concept and leveraged partnerships with the private sector to create an incubator of perpetual technological advancements improving the quality of life for its citizens. This panel will provide a range of perspectives on the opportunities related to advancing Smart City technologies.

- John Schultz, Bootleg Advisors
- Jeff Winkler, United Way of Northeast Florida
- Jeff Sheffield, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, Presenter and Moderator

Safety is No Accident. Emerging Safety Issues in Florida

New safety issues emerge as transportation changes to meet the growing needs of our ever-changing population. As Florida strives for a goal of zero fatalities, we must be innovative and strategic. Hear from our partners as they discuss strategies and partnerships that are being implemented and developed to address safety on our highways, trails, and railroads.

- Chief Mark Brown, Florida Highway Patrol Ken Bryan, Rails to Trails Conservancy
- Peggy Smith, CSX Transportation
- It Colonel Troy Thompson Florida Highway Patrol
- David Hawk, Federal Highway Administration, Moderator

Walking on Sunshine. Finding a **Brighter Future for Bicyclists and Pedestrians**

The Sunshine State's beautiful weather may be a guarantee, but safety for cyclists and pedestrians is not. Hear panelists present innovative methods to improve safety through project prioritization and identification. Presenters will highlight specific case studies, discuss current methodology, and share their experiences for improving safety for active mobility in the Sunshine State.

- Jack Kostrzewa, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency
- Robert Paquin, Jacobs Engineering Group
- Kate Widness, Kimley-Horn
- Frank Proulx, Toole Design Group
- Trenda McPherson, Florida Department
- of Transportation, Moderator

Corridor Planning. FDOT Style

Learn how FDOT's Districts are "Planning for Implementation" by streamlining the planning-to-design process to get short- and medium-term improvements built.

- Heather Garcia, Florida Department of Transportation District 5
- Bessie Reina, Florida Department of Transportation District 1
- Ken Spitz, Florida Department of Transportation District 7
- Alison Stettner, Florida Department of Transportation, Moderator

Session 4 3:30 -5:00 pm

Top of the Charts. Florida's Strategic **Intermodal System**

Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) facilities are the workhorses of Florida's transportation system and account for a dominant share of the people and freight movement to, from, and within Florida. At this session, attendees will learn how FDOT is incorporating Automated, Connected, Electric, and Shared (ACES) vehicle considerations into the SIS planning processes, as legislatively required by s. 339.64. F.S. Attendees will also learn about the resilience study and action plan being prepared for the SIS, as well as how FDOT created a new Access Management Guide that combines older guidebooks and aligns with Context Classifications and the FDOT Design Manual.

- Martin Guttenplan, CDM Smith
- Karen Kiselewski, Cambridge Systematics
- Tanner Martin, HDR, Inc.
- Gerald Goosby, Florida Department of Transportation, Moderator

If We Build It, Will They Come? **Industry Insights: Investing to Grow** Florida's Economy

Transportation investment can catalyze economic development – but sometimes project impacts fall short of expectations. Economic development practitioners share examples of successful projects and how they worked with their transportation partners to accomplish then. Get candid feedback on what might work in your region!

- Beth Cicchetti, Florida Economic Development Council
- Sharon Smoley, Orlando Economic Partnership
- Bruce Lyon, Winter Haven Economic Development Council
- Gray Swoope, VisionFirst Advisors
- Mayor Matt Surrency, City of Hawthorne,

Are We There Yet? AV/CV 101

With so much hype about autonomous vehicles (AV) and connected vehicles (CV), what are they really and how soon will they be here? Well, they're not coming, they're already here. Join us at this session to see where in Florida these vehicles are already operating and hear from industry leaders on how various technologies have been researched and implemented throughout

- Robert Frye, Tampa Hillsborough
- Expressway Authority
- Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando Paul Satchfield, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
- Brad Thoburn, Michael Baker International
- Jim Halley, Florida Department of Transportation, Moderator

Keep Calm and Carry On. Regional **Approaches to Resilience Planning**

Florida has seen the emergence of multicounty compacts and coalitions to address community resiliency. This panel discussion will help you understand the benefits of a regional approach, where transportation fits in the bigger picture of community resiliency, and who the partners are in these organizations. Hear from the practitioners and be ready to ask questions.

- Jennifer Jurado, Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact
- Tara McCue, East Central Florida
- Regional Resilience Collaborative Mike Savarese, Florida Gulf Coast
- University Sean Sullivan, Tampa Bay Regional
- Planning Council, Moderator