

GUEST SPEAKERS



Executive Director Joe Waggoner Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority

Prior to joining the THEA, Joe was the Chief of Planning and Development for the Maryland Transportation Authority. In that role he was responsible for the Authority's Division of Strategic Development and Capital Planning. These divisions oversee capital programs for preservation and expansion of Maryland's toll facilities, project planning and assessment of potential new toll facilities, and development of strategic/business plans for the Authority. Joe holds an undergraduate degree in geography and environmental planning from Towson University and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Maryland. His education and more than 28 years of experience in the development of a variety of transportation modes have given him a broad perspective on key issues in transportation.



Secretary Paul Steinman - FDOT District 7

Paul Steinman has more than 25 years of DOT transportation experience in Florida, Idaho and Michigan. Named the District 7 Secretary in 2013, Paul provides administrative oversight for the planning, development and operations for all transportation modes within Citrus, Hillsborough, Hernando, Pasco and Pinellas counties. He serves as a member of the FDOT Executive Team, the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority Board and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Board. He is an active participant in the department's effort for incorporating and implementing autonomous vehicle technologies within the transportation network.



Program Director Greg Krueger - HNTB

Greg Krueger, PE, of HNTB Corporation is an associate vice president and program director for emerging technologies in transportation, with an emphasis on automated and connected vehicles. Greg is responsible for program initiatives associated with emerging mobility solutions across the country. With more than 20 years of experience, Greg is working with both public and private sector clients to facilitate the deployment of connected and automated vehicles on the nation's roadways. Previously, Greg was manager of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Southeast Michigan Connected Vehicle Test Bed where he oversaw the day-to-day operations and technology enhancements for the original Proof of Concept facility.



Senior Staff Engineer Kaushik Raghu Volkswagen Group of America

Kaushik Raghu is a senior staff engineer at the Electronics Research Laboratory in the San Francisco Bay Area. He manages the development and testing of various Audi advanced driver assistance systems and piloted driving functions in the U.S. He is actively involved in the development of Traffic Jam Pilot, a Level 3 automated driving function that will appear in the next-generation Audi A8. Raghu has tested these functions all over the US, is the recipient of the first Autonomous Vehicle Test permit from the state of California, and the first to test on a Florida autonomous vehicle test bed.

Directions to Media event and Next Generation Vehicle Technology display on Franklin Street adjacent to Gaslight Square Park:

- Head North on N. Tampa Street towards E. Jackson Street
- Turn right onto E. Kennedy Boulevard
- Turn left onto N. Franklin Street

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May 17, 2016 | 9:30 am – 11:00 am

- 9:00 am Registration and Networking
- 9:30 am Welcome Remarks by Mayor Bob Buckhorn
- 9:35 am Keynote Remarks by The Honorable Ray LaHood, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and Co-Chair of Building America’s Future
- 9:50 am Panel Discussion
Moderated by Commissioner Beth Kigel - Florida Transportation Commission

Fmr. Secretary Ray LaHood
USDOT

Senator Jeff Brandes
Florida State Senate

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- 10:40 am Audience Q&A
- 10:58 am Closing Remarks
- 11:30 am Media event and Next Generation Vehicle Technology display on Franklin Street adjacent to Gaslight Square Park.

Press availability and demonstration of automated and connected vehicle technology following adjournment on Franklin Street adjacent to Gaslight Square Park

MODERATOR



Commissioner Beth Kigel - Florida Transportation Commission

Beth Kigel is the President and CEO of Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce. With more than 20 years of experience serving the public sector, Beth began her career as a corporate representative in the telecommunications industry focused almost exclusively on government solutions at the federal, state, county and municipal levels. She also has experience in government relations, public policy and political campaigns, and has served in several campaign leadership positions. Beth was appointed to the Florida Transportation Commission in January 2012. In 2015 Beth was named to the Leadership Florida Board of Directors, and appointed to The World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems Board of Directors.

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Fmr. Secretary Ray LaHood - USDOT

Ray LaHood served as the 16th Secretary of Transportation from 2009 to 2013 and quickly became known as a bipartisan leader and skilled conciliator in a highly partisan environment. He currently serves as a Co-Chair of Building America’s Future along with former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell (D) and former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg (I). The bipartisan coalition focuses on the need for a more significant investment in America’s infrastructure to ensure that America maintains its place as a global economic power. Before leading the U.S. Department of Transportation, Secretary LaHood served from 1995 to 2009 in the U.S. House of Representatives on behalf of the 18th District in Illinois, the same district once served by President Abraham Lincoln.



Senator Jeff Brandes - Florida State Senate

Elected to the Florida Senate in 2012, Senator Brandes has been a longtime supporter of improving transportation across the state and a backer of innovative solutions. As Chairman of the State Senate’s Transportation Committee, he has been an advocate of forward-looking projects, including the autonomous and connected vehicle test site managed by the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority on a stretch of the Selmon Expressway. Brandes is the author of the new law allowing autonomous cars on public roads for research purposes. He is also on the advisory board of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame in Tampa. Brandes served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1996 to 2007 which included a tour of duty in the Iraq War from 2003 to 2004.



Chairman Mike Suarez - Tampa City Council and HART

Prior to his election to the Tampa City Council in 2011, Mike Suarez had a career as an insurance professional working in several capacities. His 18 plus years in the business have included positions as a designer of insurance products for specific industries, insurance agency owner and a producer and commercial risk manager for the Insurance Office of America. Before embarking on his private sector career, Mike was the Central Florida District Representative for then-Senator Bob Graham. In his capacity as Councilman, Mike chairs the Public Works and Finance Committees and is also the Chairman of the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority.