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JULY 17, 2023

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Dear 2023 Industry Forum Breakfast Attendees,

Welcome to the Miami-Dade Planning Organization (TPO) 2023 Industry Forum Breakfast! This morning we will feature local, state, and federal officials, as well as our partners and industry representatives, to discuss the future transportation and investment needs for the continued growth and economic vitality of the Southeast Florida region. As Miami-Dade County is now fully in the SMART 'Program' and Implementation Phase, these continued discussions are critical for our future economic growth and mobility.

Our guest speaker is Jamie Christian, P.E., Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division Administrator, and our keynote speaker is Jared W. Perdue, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary. There will also be interactive panels focused on policy framework and private industry involvement. We look forward to hearing from our transportation experts and collaborating with you today.

Thank you for joining us!



The Honorable Esteban Bovo, Jr.
Chairman, Miami-Dade TPO



JULY 17, 2023 | AGENDA

7:00 am	Registration/Sponsor Exhibit Industry Forum Networking
8:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Emcee: Jawan Strader, News Anchor, NBC 6 Introduction: Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Executive Director, Miami-Dade TPO Hon. Esteban Bovo, Jr., Chairman, Miami-Dade TPO "What's the Real Deal?" Bold Conversations on the Future of Mobility Moderator: Hon. Joseph M. Corradino, AICP, Mayor, Village of Pinecrest Hon. Esteban Bovo, Jr., Chairman, Miami-Dade TPO Hon. Oliver G. Gilbert III, Vice Chairman, Miami-Dade TPO Hon. Eileen Higgins, Board Member, Miami-Dade TPO
9:00 am	Special Guest Speaker Introduction: Hon. René García, Board Member, Miami-Dade TPO Jamie Christian, P.E., Florida Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
9:15 am	Intersection of Transportation and Real Estate Development Moderator: Gus Cabrera, President, Latin Builders Association Claudia Miro, Director of Government Affairs, Freebee Jose M. Gonzalez, Senior Vice President, Florida East Coast Industries, LLC Nir Shoshani, Principal, NR Investments
10:00 am	Keynote Speaker Introduction: Hon. Kionne L. McGhee, Board Member, Miami-Dade TPO Keynote Speaker: Jared W. Perdue, P.E., State Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation Question/Answer Moderator: Jawan Strader, News Anchor, NBC 6
10:45 am	"What's Coming Next?" New and Emerging Technologies Moderator: Christina Crespi, Executive Director, Miami Downtown Development Authority Crystal Stiles, Executive Director DT&M, Florida Power and Light Matthew Land, Public Policy and Government Relations, Eve Air Mobility Philip Brady, Infrastructure Manager, Skyports
11:30 am	Special Comments Introduction: Oscar J. Braynon, Chairman, Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust Alex Lastra, Florida Transportation Commission Closing Remarks Hon. Esteban Bovo, Jr., Chairman, Miami-Dade TPO



Welcome and Opening Remarks | 8:00 AM



EMCEE

JAWAN STRADER
NEWS ANCHOR, NBC 6



INTRODUCTION

AILEEN BOUCLÉ, AICP
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MIAMI-DADE TPO



HON. ESTEBAN BOVO, JR.
CHAIRMAN, MIAMI-DADE TPO

"What's the Real Deal?" Bold Conversations on the Future of Mobility



MODERATOR

HON. JOSEPH M. CORRADINO, AICP
MAYOR, VILLAGE OF PINECREST



HON. ESTEBAN BOVO, JR.
CHAIRMAN, MIAMI-DADE TPO



HON. OLIVER G. GILBERT III
VICE CHAIRMAN, MIAMI-DADE TPO



HON. EILEEN HIGGINS
BOARD MEMBER, MIAMI-DADE TPO

Special Guest Speaker | 9:00 AM



INTRODUCTION

HON. RENÉ GARCIA
BOARD MEMBER, MIAMI-DADE TPO



SPECIAL GUEST

JAMIE CHRISTIAN, P.E.
FLORIDA DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR,
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Intersection of Transportation and Real Estate Development | 9:15 AM



MODERATOR

GUS CABRERA
PRESIDENT,
LATIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION



CLAUDIA NIRO
DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS,
FREEBEE



JOSE M. GONZALEZ
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, FLORIDA EAST
COAST INDUSTRIES, LLC



NIR SHOSHANI
PRINCIPAL,
NR INVESTMENTS



Keynote Speaker | 10:00 AM



HON. KIONNE L. MCGHEE
BOARD MEMBER, MIAMI-DADE TPO



JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
STATE SECRETARY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION



JAWAN STRADER
NEWS ANCHOR, NBC 6

"What's Coming Next?" New and Emerging Technologies | 10:45 AM



CHRISTINA CRESPI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MIAMI
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



CRYSTAL STILES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DT&M,
FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT



MATTHEW LAND
PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS, EVE AIR MOBILITY



PHILIP BRADY
INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER,
SKYPORTS

Special Comments | 11:30 AM



OSCAR J. BRAYNON
CHAIRMAN, CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT
TRANSPORTATION TRUST



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FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

Closing Remarks



HON. ESTEBAN BOVO, JR.
CHAIRMAN, MIAMI-DADE TPO



Aileen Bouclé, AICP

Executive Director, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

Since joining the agency in 2016, Aileen has been leading the charge, along with the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board, to provide mobility choices for the residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County through the local transportation planning process, and more specifically the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit "SMART" Plan. Ms. Bouclé serves on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, The Underline Board of Directors, and the National Association of Regional Councils' Executive Director's Council. She holds a Master of Science in Environmental and Urban Systems, with a specialty in transportation planning, and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Florida International University. Ms. Bouclé is also a Certified Professional Planner with the American Planning Association Institute of Certified Planners.



Honorable Esteban Bovo, Jr.

Chairman, Miami-Dade TPO & Mayor, City of Hialeah

In 2021, Esteban Bovo, Jr. was elected City of Hialeah Mayor, and in 2023 elected Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board Chairman. Prior to being Mayor, he served as Miami-Dade County Commissioner representing District 13, and BCC Chair for the 2017-2018 term. During his tenure, he established a Chairman's Policy Council to address several key issues including mass transit expansion funding, sea level rise, and housing affordability, etc. Chairman Bovo also served as State Representative for District 110 from 2008-2011 where he was elected Hispanic Legislative Caucus Chairman and Chair of the House Committee of Business Regulation. Chairman Bovo was born in Queens, New York and has been a proud resident of Miami-Dade County for over 47 years.



Philip Brady

East Coast Acquisitions and Partnerships Manager, Skyports Infrastructure

Philip Brady is a US Acquisitions and Partnerships Manager for Skyports Infrastructure. He heads up the company's efforts in the east of the US, where he leads on the acquisition, design & build, and operation of vertiports for air taxis. Philip's team addresses real estate agreements, local stakeholder engagement, regulatory approvals, airport planning, operational procedures, and enabling technology required to develop and operate safe, efficient, passenger-friendly vertiport infrastructure. He began his career as a tenant broker with Savills in Washington, D.C. Following that, he worked in property management and construction at industry leading companies, including Gilbane Building Company. Philip holds a Master's in Real Estate Development from George Mason University.



Oscar J. Braynon

Chairman, Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust

Oscar J. Braynon has an extensive background in military leadership, aviation management, civic engagement, technical recruiting, and business development. He served as an MIA Aviation Property Manager, responsible for major airport tenants. Oscar served as Community Project Coordinator for the Office of Community Advocacy, supporting positive community relations throughout the county. He was Chief of Staff for two County Commissioners; and Director of Intra-Governmental Affairs and Protocol in the Office of the Commission Chair. The foundation of Oscar's professional career is his service as an active-duty Naval Aviator, obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee (formerly Tuskegee Institute) University, as well as an Airline Transport Pilot Rating and is a Certified Turbojet Flight Engineer.



Gus Cabrera

**President, Latin Builders Association &
Director of Business Development, Resia**

Gus currently serves as the President of the Latin Builders Association, the largest Hispanic construction trade association in the United States and an active advocate on behalf of the building industry in South Florida. He is also the Director of Business Development for Resia, a vertically integrated real estate company that develops, builds, and manages multi-family rental communities across the country. He previously served as the principal of Evergreen Venture Group, a consulting and real estate investment firm and began his career with MasTec, Inc. holding several positions throughout his tenure, including Division Vice President where he was responsible for operations throughout South Florida. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Florida International University.



Jaime Christian, P.E.

**Florida Division Administrator, Federal Highway
Administration**

In December 2013, Jaime was appointed to the Senior Executive position as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Administrator for Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In this role, he provides executive direction over a \$2.3 billion Federal-aid program which is the 3rd largest and one of the most complex programs in the nation. Jaime previously worked as the FHWA Division Administrator in Utah for 5 years and has over 24 years of experience in the transportation industry. He holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois and is a graduate of the AASHTO National Transportation Leadership Institute and a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Illinois.



Honorable Joseph M. Corradino, AICP
President, The Corradino Group, Inc. &
Mayor, Village of Pinecrest

As President of The Corradino Group, Inc., Joe Corradino heads the company's Urban Planning operations, focusing on policy, land use, and transportation. Joe works with local governments as a planning transportation advocate to create and improve their comprehensive plans, zoning codes, and transportation master plans. He understands what it takes to be successful in this arena, where local municipalities oversee land-use decisions and larger governments mandate transportation. Mr. Corradino is also the Honorable Mayor of the Village of Pinecrest, and as an elected official for two decades, he has a perspective few consultants possess.



Christina Crespi
Executive Director & CEO, Miami Downtown
Development Authority (DDA)

Christina oversees the Miami DDA, a quasi-governmental agency of the City of Miami governed by a 15-member board of directors. She leads the development, management, and execution of the agency's long-term strategic plan, which includes advocating, facilitating, and executing business development; urban planning and capital improvement projects; marketing and communication strategies; enhancing services at the street level to ensure the quality of life of Downtown Miami residents; and promoting art and culture in the district. Christina has received numerous accolades for her work with the agency as well as in the community. Christina holds a bachelor's and master's degree in social work and social policy and administration from Florida State University.



Honorable René Garcia
Miami-Dade TPO Board Member &
County Commissioner, District 13

Commissioner René Garcia's passion for serving began more than 20 years ago as a Councilman in the City of Hialeah. As State Representative, and then as State Senator, he focused on helping those most in need. Elected in 2020 as County Commissioner for District 13, Commissioner Garcia truly believes in the importance of balancing the economic progress and growth of a community with the social needs of its people, using a pragmatic approach to leave this community a better place for our children. He was appointed as Chairman of the Public Health Trust/Medical Schools Annual Operating Agreement Committee and sits on the Community Health Committee (CHC), the Housing, Recreation, Culture, and Community Development Committee (HRCDCD), and the Transportation, Mobility, and Planning Committee (TMPC).

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Honorable Oliver G. Gilbert III

**Vice Chairman, Miami-Dade TPO &
Chairman, Miami-Dade County BCC**

Oliver G. Gilbert III is the Vice Chair of Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and the Chairman of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and the Commissioner of District 1. Prior to his current role, Chairman Gilbert served in many leadership positions including as Mayor of the City of Miami Gardens, President of the African American Mayors Association, and Chairman of the Miami-Dade TPO. Born and raised in Miami Gardens, Chairman Gilbert is a staunch advocate for the residents of District 1 and all of Miami-Dade County, which he so proudly calls home. He is a graduate of Florida A&M University. Upon graduating, he attended the University of Miami School of Law where he graduated with honors and is licensed to practice law throughout the State of Florida.



Jose M. Gonzalez

**Executive Vice President, Business Development,
Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FECI)**

Jose leads the strategic planning for all the expansions within the various business units for Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. His involvement spans across all projects for FECI and its subsidiary companies, including Brightline, the country's first privately developed, owned, and operated intercity passenger rail system. He is also involved in the development of the rail infrastructure and continues to be involved in the development of the Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) surrounding the stations. Jose serves as the President of the Builders Association of South Florida, a local chapter of both the Florida Home Builders Association and the National Association of Home Builders. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Florida International University.



Honorable Eileen Higgins

**Miami-Dade TPO Board Member &
County Commissioner, District 5**

Eileen Higgins is County Commissioner for District 5. She serves as chair of the Transportation, Mobility, and Planning Committee and the TPO's Urban Mobility Task Force. Since 2018, Commissioner Higgins has brought the perspective of a transit rider to the County Commission – showing leadership in expanding mass transit including the implementation of the SMART Plan. She also serves as the chair of the National Association of Counties' Transportation Steering Committee. An engineer by trade, with an MBA from Cornell University, she is a problem solver with a proven record. Her work as a Country Director in the Peace Corps and as a diplomat in the US State Department gives her the ability to look at local challenges with a unique perspective.



Matthew Land Government Relations and Public Policy, Eve Air Mobility

Matthew Land leads Government Relations and Public Policy for Eve Air Mobility focused on issues at the federal, state, and local level throughout the United States while providing strategic political support globally. Eve is an independent company that recently spun off from Embraer and dedicated to accelerating the Urban Air Mobility (UAM) ecosystem through an advanced electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicle (eVTOL) project, a comprehensive global services and support network, and a unique air traffic management solution. He has worked in various capacities in politics for more than fifteen years including working on campaigns and as a lobbyist before municipalities throughout Florida and before the Florida Legislature.



Alex Lastra Florida Transportation Commission

Alex Lastra is the founder of Desarrollo Florida LLC, a real estate development firm based in Miami. Throughout his career, he has worked on developments with a value well in excess of \$1 billion consisting of all product types. From 2003 through 2018, Alex served as one of the founding partners and the Senior Managing Director of Atlantic Pacific Development, a privately-held real estate development firm in Florida and California. Prior, he worked at the Related Group of Florida as a Senior Project Manager responsible for all aspects of real estate development. Alex is a State of Florida Licensed General Contractor and is active with the Latin Builders Association (LBA) serving as the organization's President from 2016-2018.



Honorable Kionne L. McGhee Miami-Dade TPO Board Member & County Commissioner, District 9

Kionne McGhee grew up in South Dade public housing and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Howard University and a Juris Doctorate from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2012 for Florida House District 117 and served as the Minority Leader from 2018 to 2020, when he was elected as Miami-Dade County Commissioner for District 9. His numerous affiliations include the Florida Trial Lawyers Association, Wilkie D. Ferguson Bar Association, and the Greater Miami Service Corps, where he serves as a board member. He is also President and founder of 2NOIT Media & Publishing, founder of Y.A.L.E. (Young Advocates Leading by Example), and president of Transitions, Inc.



Claudia Miro

Director of Business Development & Government Affairs, Freebee

Claudia serves as Director of Business Development & Government Affairs for Freebee, a free, on-demand, fully electric first-last mile micro transportation company that focuses on connecting communities as well as increasing economic development in the areas they serve. Her role is to continue to expand Freebee's business footprint, opening markets in communities throughout the State of Florida and beyond. She serves on the City of Coral Gables Planning & Zoning Board, the Miami Herald Community Advisory Board, Florida International University President's Council, and Miami-Dade County Interfaith Board. Claudia was named as one of the Top 50 Women Leaders of Miami for 2023. She holds a master's degree and bachelor's degree in public administration from Barry University.



Jared W. Perdue, P.E.

Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation

Secretary Perdue was named FDOT Secretary on April 7, 2022. Secretary Perdue has devoted his career to FDOT since entering public service through the Professional Engineer Training Program with FDOT District Three. After completing the program, he served in various leadership roles within the Department, including Geotechnical Engineer, Interim District Maintenance Engineer, District Traffic Operations Engineer, District Design Engineer, and Director of Transportation Development for District Three. Before being appointed as Secretary, he served as the District Five Secretary for two years during which he oversaw projects and operations in the nine-county region. Under Secretary Perdue's leadership, FDOT will continue to prioritize safety and embrace innovation to create and deliver a robust multimodal transportation system to support Florida.



Nir Shoshani

Principal, NR Investments

Prior to forming NRI in 2001, Mr. Shoshani held the title of president at Top Image Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ: TISA), a publicly traded, high-tech firm headquartered in Israel with operations around the globe. Mr. Shoshani is a graduate of the Belgrano School of Business in Buenos Aires.



Crystal Stiles

Executive Director, Development Distributed Technologies and Mobility, FPL

Crystal leads DT&M functions that enhance programs and offerings for customers. Under her leadership, DT&M is expanding FPL Evolution, a growing electric vehicle (EV) network including public charging, residential charging, and fleet electrification. She is also responsible for microgrids and emerging technologies. Crystal joined FPL in 2012 and led FPL's Office of Economic Development. Under her guidance, the economic development team received repeat recognition by national economic development organizations and helped hundreds of companies locate or expand in Florida, resulting in over 30,000 new job opportunities. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in communication from Mary Baldwin College and a Master of Business Administration with a focus in international business from Florida Atlantic University.



Jawan Strader

News Anchor, NBC 6

Jawan Strader is an Emmy award-winning journalist, co-anchoring NBC 6 news with Jackie Nespral. He also hosts "Voices with Jawan Strader" dedicated to the black community and the disenfranchised. He brings more than 20 years of experience in journalism, covering some of the most impactful stories that have touched Southeast Florida and the country. The Indiana University journalism and speech communications graduate joined WTVJ/NBC 6 in 2012. Jawan has won a number of Emmy awards including one for Anchoring. He is a mentor to young journalists and for 5000 Role Models of Excellence, member of the National Association of Black Journalists, and President of the local chapter 100 Black Men of South Florida and Kappa Alpha PSI Fraternity, Inc.

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