

TRANSPLEX 2003 Biographies

Ms. Elizabeth Alden – Ms. Alden manages the development of plans for public transportation and paratransit, travel demand management, community involvement, environmental justice, and land-use coordination with transportation. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and served three years as Vice-President and Program Chair of the Women's Transportation Seminar, Tampa Bay Chapter. She holds a Masters Degree in Planning from Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and a Bachelor of Environmental Design and Architecture from the North Carolina State University School of Design.

Mr. Thomas Bane, P.E. – Mr. Bane is a Professional Engineer who has worked in Roadway Design, Construction and Maintenance for the last 25 years and has worked for the Florida Department of Transportation since 1990. Mr. Bane presently works in Florida's Central Roadway Design office where he has authored many of Florida's highway design policies.

Mr. Bane's expertise is in Florida's highway design policies pertaining to roadway and roadside safety. He has been instrumental in the development of Florida's Utility Accommodation Manual's utility exception process and authored the Florida's Plan Preparation Manual policies on; design exception and variation processes, horizontal clearance and clear zones, and new suburban designs. He is a graduate of Florida State University and a graduate of AASHTO's Leadership Academy.

Mr. Charles Barmby, AICP – Mr. Barmby is a Transportation Planner at the City of Lakeland. He began working for the City of Lakeland as its Transportation Planner in 2001. Prior to that, he worked for the Polk Transportation Planning Organization as a Senior Transportation Planner during the development of the *Polk County 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan* and has previous experience with the Hillsborough and Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Mr. Barmby has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Tampa is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Ms. Dawn Bisplinghoff – Ms. Bisplinghoff serves as the ETDM and Modeling Coordinator for the Florida Department of Transportation, District Five Office. Ms. Bisplinghoff has worked for the Department of Transportation since 1995 in various capacities including growth management, corridor planning, and geographic information systems for transportation planning. During this time her primary focus has been on using existing database and GIS information to reinvent how the district handles information used for corridor planning and many other tasks. In a previous position with District Five, she initiated a regional data-sharing forum, which has enabled various agencies and companies to begin a partnership for better coordination resulting in cost savings and communication improvements.

Ms. Mary Helen Blakeslee - Ms. Blakeslee is part of Florida's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development in the Governor's Office. Her responsibilities include Rural Advocacy and Programs, Brownfield Redevelopment, Intergovernmental Coordination and Expedited Permitting.

Previously Ms. Blakeslee headed the Bureau of Business and Community Services in the Florida Department of Commerce. She was responsible for small and economically distressed community programs; the growth of the statewide certified development corporation, and the creation of three specialized small business loan programs, including the Emergency Small Business Bridge Loan program which has been successfully implemented six times since Hurricane Andrew in 1992. In addition, Mary Helen has been the Coordinator of Florida's award-winning multi-agency Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) since its inception in 1991.

Mr. Whit Blanton, AICP – Mr. Blanton is vice president and founding principal in the Renaissance Planning Group, a transportation and land use planning consulting firm based in Orlando, Florida. Since April 2000 he has served as chair of the American Planning Association's Transportation Planning Division, with 1,600 members nationwide. He is also currently serving as chair of APA's TEA-21 Reauthorization Task Force.

His 15 years of experience involves a wide variety of transportation planning, land use planning and public participation projects for public sector clients at all levels of government. He is a frequent speaker at state and national conferences, and has conducted land use-transportation seminars in Florida and Delaware.

Mr. Blanton holds a bachelors degree in journalism from the University of Florida, and completed his graduate coursework in urban and regional planning at Florida State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Florida Planning & Zoning Association.

Ms. Gina Bonyani – Ms. Bonyani is the coordinator for Auto/Truck Level of Service with the Florida Department of Transportation, Systems Planning Section. She has been with the Department of Transportation for five years. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering.

Ms. Robin Butler – Ms. Butler is the Principal Coordinator for Seminole County Traffic Engineering in the areas of traffic safety and public relations. With the assistance of a nine member staff, she manages the striping contract for Seminole County, the sign fabrication shop, which fabricates, installs and maintains all signing within Seminole County along the county road system and she coordinates all Community Traffic Safety projects and programs. She serves as liaison for the county with each of the county municipalities as well as state agencies. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Butler worked with the Florida Department of Transportation for 16 years

She is a Certified Child Passenger Safety Instructor and a Certified Operation Lifesaver presenter. She is a graduate of Leadership Seminole and serves on the LS Curriculum Committee, Board of Directors and Chairperson of the LS Alumni Committee.

Mr. Douglas Callaway – Mr. Callaway is President of Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT), a statewide business and transportation association. Previously Mr. Callaway was a transportation program manager with Carter & Burgess. In that role, he was involved in national business development and marketing activities for the firm's Transportation Programs Division. Prior to joining Carter & Burgess, Mr. Callaway worked for the Florida Department of Transportation for 12 years as the Federal Programs Coordinator. During his tenure with the FDOT, Florida's level of federal transportation funding increased from \$445 million annually to over \$1.2 billion.

Mr. Callaway holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Florida Atlantic University and was a member of the Faculty Scholars Program.

Ms. Melanie Weaver Carr - Ms. Carr works in the Office of Policy Planning at the Florida Department of Transportation as the Rural Development Coordinator/Rural Economic Development Initiative Representative and Livable Communities Coordinator. She is responsible for coordinating statewide transportation policies and programs related to rural development, growth management, and sustainability with FDOT districts and external groups. Prior to this position she was a Performance Audit Administrator for the FDOT.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Florida and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Florida State University.

Mr. Tony Carvajal, CAE – Mr. Carvajal is President of Carvajal Consulting and Management. He has more than 20 years experience in training, project management, leadership development and hands-on operations and executive consultation.

Mr. Carvajal consulting firm provides strategic visioning and business plan development, board retreats, organizational audits, turn-key association management services, meetings, event and convention planning, volunteer and grassroots management, governmental affairs, facilitation and presentation services and specialized training for leaders and non-profit organizations. The clients Mr. Carvajal has served include: National Society of Professional Engineers, the Florida League of Cities, Florida Bankers Association, City of Destin, Technology Research Development Authority, the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, Tallahassee Engraving & Awards, Gray Link Communications and Fast Signs among others.

Mr. Carvajal holds a Bachelor's Degrees in Communication and Psychology from Florida State University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Florida International University.

Ms. Roxanne Chesser, P.E. – Ms. Chesser has been employed with the City of Port St. Lucie since 2000. Prior to this assignment she worked with numerous engineering consulting firms in Florida on water, wastewater, roadways and waste management projects. As a Civil Engineer with the City she is responsible for the Site Plan Review Division and several roadway projects. PSL has been noted as one of the fastest growing cities within Florida as well as the nation.

Ms. Chesser is a holds a BSCE and a MSEM from the University of South Florida.

Ms. Jennifer Clements, AICP – Ms. Clements is the new Manager of Strategic Planning at LYNX. Prior to that, she was a Project Manager at LYNX for nearly 5 years, working on projects such as Transit Development Plans, park and ride lots, air quality issues, corridor and small area studies, and Environmental Impact Statements. In previous jobs, Ms. Clements has worked as a transportation consultant and at a Metropolitan Planning Organization, focusing on transit and bicycle/pedestrian issues.

Ms. Clements is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners, and earned a Master's Degree in Urban & Regional Planning with a Transportation Specialty from Florida State University. She completed her undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies at Rollins College. Ms. Clements is currently serving as Immediate Past President for the Women's Transportation Seminar Central Florida Chapter.

Mr. Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E. – Mr. Comellas is a professional engineer working for the Florida Department of Transportation mainly in the Project Development and Environment area. As the Environmental Management Engineer, Mr. Comellas became very familiar with the NEPA and environmental permitting processes. Prior to that he was a Drainage Design Engineer exposed to the design permitting aspects of roadway and bridge projects. Currently, in addition to being the ETDM Coordinator for District Seven, he manages the Multi-Modal Systems Section, which includes the areas of public transportation and systems planning.

Dr. Linda B. Crider, Ph.D. – Dr. Linda Crider is presently a research associate for the University of Florida, Department of Urban and Regional Planning. She coordinates the statewide Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program for the Florida Department of Transportation, a program she has directed for over 10 years. She serves as the past president of The Florida Bicycle Association and as President of Bike Florida, Inc.

Dr. Crider teaches a graduate level course on design and planning of bikeway facilities and conducts a number of research programs focusing on bicycle and pedestrian planning, design and safety. She is presently working with FDOT Systems Planning Office on the multi-modal level-of-service research project, a major transportation planning initiative.

Mr. William Cross, P.E. – Mr. Cross is employed by the Florida Department of Transportation and is currently the Manager of the Florida Intrastate Highway System program. Previously Mr. Cross was the Assistant Planning Manager in the District Four Planning Office in the area of Systems Planning. He has over 15 years of Traffic

Engineering and Transportation Planning experience in both the public and private sectors.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

Ms. Sabrina S. David, AICP - Ms. David has been with the Federal Highway Administration for three years. She is the Planning Programs Coordinator for the Florida Division. Ms. David is responsible for the overall Federal-Aid planning and environmental program for Florida. She oversees statewide and metropolitan planning, air quality, data collection, and environment.

Ms. David graduated from Florida State University (FSU) with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. She has a Master of Science Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from FSU, with a concentration in comprehensive planning/growth management and transportation planning.

She is an active member of the American Planning Association and is a certified planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Mr. Dennis Dix, AICP – Mr. Dix is the Staff Director of the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization since 1992. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Geography and a Master's Degree in Political Economics. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Mr. Chris Doolin – Mr. has been a registered lobbyist for 27 years representing a variety of clients. His ongoing clients include the Small School District Council Consortium where he represents 42 rural public school districts and regional organizations and the Small County Coalition where he represents 36 county commissions located in Florida's small counties.

Mr. Doolin has been instrumental in providing leadership on appropriations issues and statutory changes structured to improve funding and support to Florida small counties and he has works closely with many of the state agencies that interact with local governments. Mr. Doolin has been instrumental in working with the legislature in creating the Small County Road Assistance Program, the Small County Outreach Program and in that capacity served on the Strategic Intermodal System Steering Committee. Mr. Doolin holds a Bachelor's and Masters Degree from Florida State University.

Mr. Earl Durden – Since June 13th of this year, Mr. Durden serves as the Chairman of the Florida Transportation Commission. He is also the Chairman, CEO and Director of Rail Management Corporation. Rail Management Association owns and operates 13 railroads, a trucking company and a rail equipment leasing company. He is also the Director of Emerald Coast Bank and The Banc Corporation, a bank holding company.

Since 1980, Mr. Durden has been heavily involved with the acquisition, start-up and operation of short line railroads. Prior to that he was engaged in a transportation consulting practice. Before that, he was the Vice-President and General Manager, Director and member of the Executive Committee of the Chattahoochee Industrial Railroad in Cedar Springs, Georgia.

Mr. Durden holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Kenneth Epstein, P.E. – Mr. Epstein is a Highway Engineer with FHWA's Office of Safety Programs. His areas of responsibility include Safety Management, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, and the Hazard Elimination Program. He is also a member of the Safety Conscious Planning Working Group.

Mr. Epstein has been with the Federal Highway Administration since 1991. He previously held several positions with the District of Columbia Department of Public Works, including positions in the Traffic Safety Division and the Office of Mass Transit.

Mr. Epstein holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland, and is a registered Professional Engineer in the District of Columbia.

Ms. Rusty Ennemoser – Ms. Ennemoser has served as the state public involvement coordinator for the Florida Department of Transportation for the past year. She previously was a public information officer in the Central Office for three years. She also has worked in the communications arena at the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, and Baptist Hospital of Miami. She owned her own communications firm in Coral Gables for six years and served as president of the Miami chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Rusty has a degree in journalism from Florida International University in Miami.

Mr. Waddah Farah – Mr. Farah is the Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven, Project Development and Analysis (PDA) Administrator. In this position he leads the Project Development & Engineering Section, the Corridor & Growth Management Section and the GIS Section.

Mr. Farah has over 20 years of experience in Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering, both in the private and public sectors including extensive experience in: Access Management, Development of Regional Impact, Long Range Transportation Plan, Project Development, Corridor Studies, Interchange Justification and Modification Report Analysis, Florida Intrastate Highway System, Traffic Impact Analysis, Level of Service Analysis, Congestion & Mobility Management and Traffic Engineering. Mr. Farah holds a Master Degree from the University of Central Florida.

Ms. Aimee Flannery -

Ms. Louise Fragala - Louise Fragala is the President of Powell, Fragala & Associates, Inc., a full-service community planning and consulting firm based in Lakeland, Florida that is widely regarded as a leader in the field of Public Involvement and the emerging discipline of Sociocultural Effects Evaluation. During her career, Ms. Fragala has earned statewide and national recognition for her innovative approach to designing and implementing successful strategies for Community Consensus Building, Growth Management and Public Involvement.

She established Powell, Fragala & Associates, Inc., in partnership with her husband, Augie Fragala, in 1988 after serving more than 10 years in key administrative positions with PMG Associates, Inc. in Ft. Lauderdale, Sondau & Associates in Miramar and Cordis Corporation in Miami Lakes.

Ms. Fragala earned her BS in English/Communication from Clemson University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude before going on to earn her Master's degree in Systems Management at Nova University.

Mr. Emil Frankel – Mr. Frankel was appointed Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy of the United States Department of Transportation in March of 2002. From 1991 to 1995, he served as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation. He was Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Environment of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and Vice Chairman of the I-95 Corridor Coalition. He has served as a speaker, panelist, and moderator on a wide range of transportation topics including Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies, intercity rail services, transportation planning and management, and transportation and air quality. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University, where he served as a Trustee from 1981 to 1997. From 1995 to 2001, Mr. Frankel was a Management Fellow of the Yale School of Management and a Senior Fellow of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, where he was engaged in teaching, research and writing on issues of transportation policy, transportation and the environment, and public management. In 2000 he was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Connecticut, where he taught transportation policy.

Mr. Frankel was a Fulbright Scholar at Manchester University in the United Kingdom and received his law degree from Harvard Law School.

Mr. Derek Fusco – Mr. Fusco is the District Transportation Engineer with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). He began working with the Federal Highway Administration in 1991 and has worked in the Florida Division since 1992.

Mr. Howard Glassman – Mr. Glassman is the Executive Director of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council, which is a statewide organization representing Florida's 25 MPOs. He currently serves on the Policy Committee of the Association of MPOs in Washington, DC and is actively involved in AMPO's federal policy and legislative initiatives. His former employers include the Florida Department of Transportation and Community Affairs, the Broward

County Planning Department, and Mid South Engineering Company. Mr. Glassman holds a Masters Degree in Community Planning and Area Development from the University of Rhode Island and a Masters Degree in Urban Studies from Southern Connecticut State University.

Mr. James W. Golden - James W. Golden is the manager of the FDOT Transportation Statistics Office and has served in the capacity since June, 2002. Prior to his current assignment, James served as Manager of Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS) Planning in the Systems Planning Office. Mr. Golden was hired by the Department in 1972 and served in District Three's Design, Traffic Operations and Planning Offices before moving to the Central Office in 1992.

Mr. Martin Guttenplan, AICP -

Mr. Terry Hess, AICP – Mr. Terry Hess is currently the Planning Director for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC). He has been with the Council since 1988. Mr. Hess has worked for local government and regional planning agencies in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Florida during his 27 years in the planning field. He received an M.S. in Geography from Penn State University, and is a Charter Member of the American Planning Association. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Mr. Lap T. Hoang, P.E. – Mr. Hoang is the State Traffic Operations Engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation. He has served as FDOT's Roundabout Program Manager, and chaired the Florida Roundabout Committee that produced the Florida Roundabout Guide. He is considered by the Board of Professional Engineers an expert in roundabout and traffic calming, and he assisted the Board in reviewing legal cases related to roundabout design and safety.

He received his B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida.

Mr. Steve Homan – Mr. Homan is the Public Information Officer for the Florida Department of Transportation, District Five, which includes nine counties of Central Florida and the urban areas of Orlando, Daytona Beach, Melbourne, Ocala, and Leesburg. He is responsible for keeping regional media and area residents informed about Department projects and issues. He often represents the Department at public hearings and meetings, and helped develop the District Community Awareness Plans which includes a checklist of issues to be addressed and public to be contacted during the development of projects. He held various positions in television news prior to joining the Department in 1987, including that of News Director for the Central Florida NBC affiliate.

Mr. John Horsley – Mr. Horsley is the Executive Director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

From 1993 to 1999 he served at the U.S. Department of Transportation. As Associate Deputy Secretary, he was an advocate for intermodal policies, quality of life initiatives and liaison to State and Local Governments, US Congress, and transportation constituencies.

A native of the Northwest, Horsley was elected to five terms as County Commissioner in Kitsap County, a community just west of Seattle. He is a graduate of Harvard, an Army veteran, a former Peace Corps volunteer and Congressional aide, and did graduate study at Georgetown. He is Past President of the National Association of Counties, and was founding Chairman of the Rebuild America Coalition.

Ms. Lee Ann Jacobs - Ms. Jacobs has FHWA planning coordination responsibilities for FDOT Districts Four and Six, covering the South Florida coastal region from Indian River County to Dade County. She also has the Division Office responsibility for various program areas, including Public Involvement and Community Impact Assessment. Ms. Jacobs has over 24 years of experience in the transportation field, including the Florida Department of Transportation Offices of Minority Programs, Policy Planning, and Environmental Management, and the Tallahassee-Leon County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Ms. Jacobs is a certified planner, and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Visual Arts and two Masters Degrees in Urban and Regional Planning and Public Administration from Florida State University.

Ms. Linda Glass Johnson - Ms. Johnson is the District Six Work Program Administrator at the Florida Department of Transportation. Ms. Johnson has been with the Department of Transportation since January 1985 following a little over two years of service as a Florida State Legislator's staff member.

Her responsibilities include managing the Work Program and Federal Aid staff who develop, monitor and reconcile projects in the district's Work Program as well as Budget staff who develop, monitor and reconcile the operating and product levels of the district's budget. As District Work Program Administrator, she serves as the district's chief Work Program strategist and advisor to district executives, department heads and project managers.

Ms. Johnson serves as voting member of Miami-Dade County's Transportation Planning Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Improvement Program Development Committee as well as serving as a Department representative to their Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee. She created and serves as chair to Florida Department of Transportation Technical Advisory Committee for the Florida Keys.

Mr. Bob Kamm - Mr. Kamm has worked for 10 years with an MPO in Indiana before moving to Florida. He has been with the Brevard Metropolitan Planning Organization for 15 years. Mr. Kamm has been the Director for past 5 years.

Mr. Kamm is a graduate of Ball State University.

Ms. Cathy Kendall – Ms. Kendall is a Transportation Planning Specialist with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Florida Division. In addition to oversight responsibilities for the MPO planning activities in Districts 1 and 7, Ms. Kendall has administered a number of program areas for the Florida Division, including bicycle and pedestrian planning, Recreational Trails, TCSP, Air Quality Conformity, CMAQ, LTAP and Value Pricing.

Prior to her work at FWHA, Ms. Kendall served as Planning Manager at the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department and MPO. Here she worked with citizens and government officials in formulating public policy for growth management issues at the city and county level. Ms. Kendall is a certified planner with over 15 years of planning experience in the federal, state and local level, and has served as an expert witness in a number of administrative hearings related to project development and land use.

Ms. Kendall has a Master of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Florida State University. Ms. Kendall also currently serves as an Executive Member of her local chapter of the American Planning Association.

Mr. Fred Kent – Mr. Kent is the President of Project for Public Spaces, Inc. He has a wide range of experience in urban planning and human behavior analysis, with particular expertise in how public spaces function successfully. He also has experience with involving and guiding communities through the planning process and in improving the street environments. In 1972, he worked with William H. Whyte, the pioneering researcher on people's use of urban spaces. In 1975, Mr. Kent founded PPS to expand and apply the findings of Whyte's Street Life project to improve public spaces of all kinds. He has guided PPS's research and project work in areas including downtown, commercial and neighborhood streets; urban parks, plazas and central squares; downtown master planning; transit stations and other transportation facilities; and mixed-use developments.

Mr. Kim Patrick Kobza – Mr. Kobza is President and CEO of Neighborhood America, a Naples-based information technology company. Mr. Kobza possesses a strong multi-disciplinary background with 20 years of experience in business, law, technology, land use, and community leadership. He has a broad base of business experience, having served as general counsel to many well-known businesses in the southeast. He is a frequent lecturer on technology and leadership at both regional and national conferences. Mr. Kobza's unique mix of subject matter knowledge and business experience has enabled Neighborhood America to gain steady market acceptance based on sound business practices.

Mr. Jeff Kramer, AICP – Mr. Kramer is a Research Associate at the University of South Florida, Center for Urban Transportation Research whose areas of expertise include: Transportation Planning and Policy, Regional Transportation Planning Process,

Public Involvement, Government Relations, Environmental Impact Analysis, Community Impact Assessment, Access Management, and Transportation Systems Management.

Mr. Kramer's previous employment includes: Metropolitan Planning Organization Liaison, District Five, Florida Department of Transportation, Orlando, FL, Transportation Planner, BRW, Inc., Orlando, FL, Transportation Planner, Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Roanoke, VA, and Graduate Research Assistant, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA.

Mr. Kramer holds a M.C.P., Transportation Planning, Georgia Institute of Technology and a B.A., Government, Cornell University.

Mr. Bob Krzeminski – Mr Krzeminski has thirty years with the Florida Department of Transportation having served in both the District and Central Offices. Presently he is the Manager of Systems Management in the Systems Planning Section. His areas of responsibility include: Access Management, Level of Service, Interchange Justification, ITS Planning, Site Impact Analysis. He currently heads up the Statewide District Interchange Coordinator Team and the Statewide Special Use Lane Team. Mr. Krzeminski holds a Bachelor's and Masters degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University.

Mr. Bruce W. Landis, P.E., AICP –

Mr. David Lee, P.E. – Mr. Lee is the Administrator, Statewide Planning and Policy Analysis Section of the Office of Policy Planning for the Florida Department of Transportation. He is responsible for the development of the Department's transportation and policy recommendations within the Office of Policy Planning. He serves as a principal multimodal and intermodal professional engineer and planner. He is involved with long-range trends and conditions, and the Florida Transportation Plan and its annual Short-Range Component. He provides coordination on transportation policy making activities with federal, state, local agencies as well as the Legislature, Governor's Office, the Florida Transportation Commission and others.

Mr. Lee holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University and an accomplished Web Master.

Ms. Ysela Llort – Ms. Llort is the State Transportation Planner for the Florida Department of Transportation. In that capacity, as chief planner, she oversees the state-wide and systems planning as well as environmental management functions for the Department of Transportation. Primary responsibilities include executive level policy formulation and interpretation, as well as working with the numerous transportation partners including metropolitan planning organizations, to obtain consensus on needs and priorities for this unique state. Ms. Llort has been with the Department since August of 1994.

Prior to her work with the Florida Department of Transportation, Ms. Llorc served 9 years with the Virginia Department of Transportation as Assistant District Engineer for Planning and Operations in the Northern Virginia portion of Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. She has worked in both private and public sectors including developmental banking.

Ms. Llorc is a national leader in transportation planning. She represents the United States in the World Road Association (PIARC). Ms. Llorc was recently named associate member of the National Academy of Sciences for her outstanding contributions. She currently represents the State of Florida on numerous national transportation committees.

Ms. Llorc earned her undergraduate degree from Duke University and Masters degree from Clemson University.

Mr. Rob Magee – Mr. Magee has been with the Florida Department of Transportation for ten years. Over this time he has acted as a liaison for the Department with the Department of Community Affairs and Governor's Office in matters concerning growth management. Mr. Magee also has extensive planning experience at the local government level. Prior to his employment with the Department he was Planning Director for Lee County and also served as Chief of Comprehensive Planning for the Tallahassee Leon County Planning Department.

Mr. Magee has a B.S from the University of Tennessee and a Masters degree in Urban and regional planning from Florida State University.

Mr. Phil Matson – Mr. Matson is the Assistant Staff Director for the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization. He has worked in the transportation planning area for over 16 years at the state and local levels. He has a Masters Degree from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in City and Regional Planning.

Mr. Douglas McLeod – Mr. McLeod is the Manager for Level of Service and Congestion Management at the Florida Department of Transportation, Systems Planning Office. He is the primary author of FDOT's 2002 Quality/Level of Service Handbook and is a member of the Quality of Service Subcommittees for the committees that oversee the Highway Capacity Manual and Transit Capacity and Quality of Service Manual. He has extensive transportation experience in both the public and private sectors, including seven years of service in District 5. He holds degrees from Eckerd College and Florida State University.

Mr. Warren D. Merrell, Jr., P.E. – Mr. Merrell manages the Systems Planning Office for the Florida Department of Transportation. His undergraduate and graduate engineering, and transportation planning work was completed at the University of Tennessee and the Yale Bureau of Traffic and Transportation. He is a registered professional engineer in the states of Florida and Tennessee.

Ms. Carin Michel –

Mr. Edward A. Mierzejewski, Ph.D., P.E. - Mr. Mierzejewski is currently the Deputy Director at the University of South Florida. Prior to that he spent 15 years in private consulting and 3 years as MPO Staff Director. Current responsibilities include interaction with the Florida Transportation Commission, Florida Legislature, Florida DOT management and other elected and appointed officials throughout Florida.

Mr. Mierzejewski has provided staff support to the Transportation and Land Use Study. Directed a comprehensive state transportation policy initiative project. Other projects have included studies on the application of automatic vehicle identification to Florida's Turnpike, a TRB synthesis report on electronic toll systems, a cost-effectiveness analysis of motor vehicle inspection programs, a major FTA research project on factors related to transit use, planning for transportation demand management programs, evaluations of alternative fueled vehicles, development of access management programs, and a legislatively-mandated study of highway functional classification criteria and jurisdictional determination.

Mr. Mierzejewski holds a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of South Florida and a MSCE from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a BSCE from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. William W. Millar – Mr. Millar is the President of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), North America's foremost organization dedicated to the advancement of public transportation. Mr. Millar became chief executive officer of APTA in 1996 after 24 years in transportation operations and management.

Mr. Millar was Executive Director of the Port Authority of Allegheny County (PAT), the principal transit system serving Pittsburgh, PA, for 13 years prior to joining APTA. As head of one of the country's largest public transit providers, he directed a system that operates bus, light rail, exclusive busway, demand response and inclined plane transit service. Prior to serving with PAT, Mr. Millar developed and managed Pennsylvania's Free Transit Program for Senior Citizens as well as other transit aid programs for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation including rural and other community based transportation systems.

Mr. Bryon Mobley – Mr. Mobley works at Digital Production Center, a full service production company providing services to the advertising, broadcast and corporate industries on local, regional, and national level, specializing in producing expert and creative computer animation. Services range from 30 second TV commercials to 30 minute TV infomercials utilizing video or film formats as well as safety and training videos, tape duplication and trade show DVDs.

Editor and animator, Bryan Mobley, has been producing animation since 1991, working with expert witnesses such as engineers, doctors and CAD designers to support their testimony and produce realistic 3d representations through computer animation. He specializes in the re-creation of motor vehicle collisions and medical animations used

primarily in civil litigation. He also works closely with city planners and developers to visualize new building and roadway projects.

Bryan is also expert in the use of the award winning 3D program LightWave, and has been an assistant instructor in LightWave at Jacksonville University.

His work has recently won a Communicator Award of Distinction.

Ms. Nancy Model – Ms. Model serves as the MPO Public Involvement Coordinator for the Transportation Planning Division of the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC). The WFRPC's three MPOs include: Pensacola MPO, the Okaloosa – Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), and the Panama City MPO.

Ms. Model has been with the WFRPC for six years, three of those in its Transportation Planning Division. Prior to the Planning Council, she served 20 years as a munitions officer in the U.S. Air Force. She holds Bachelor's Degrees in English and Environmental Studies and a Masters Degree in Administration.

Mr. Norbert Munoz - Mr. Muñoz has worked with the FHWA as a Technical Systems Engineer for 13 years. He graduated from Texas A&I University in Kingsville, Texas, with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1990. He entered the FHWA Highway Engineer Training Program and completed training assignments in Delaware, Texas, Idaho, and Mississippi. Upon graduation from the training program in 1992, he accepted a position in the Mississippi Division office as area engineer. His Federal Highway experience includes full program responsibility for Safety, Technology Transfer, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Pavements, Planning, Local Technical Assistance Program, and Research in the Mississippi and Florida Division Offices.

The Honorable Linda Myers -

Ms. Kathleen Neill – Ms. Neill is the Florida Department of Transportation's Intergovernmental Programs Administrator, responsible for coordinating the implementation of federal metropolitan planning requirements assigned the Department. Prior work experience includes: Lead Analyst for the Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) conducting program/policy reviews of agencies such as FDOT; and Inspector General for the Florida Department of Business Regulation.

Ms. Neill holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Maryland and Masters in Public Administration from Florida State University.

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Mr. Hans Ramsay began his vision of building a production company in 1981 after serving 10 years as a US naval navigator. The Digital Production Center is a regional leader in quality computer animation and customer satisfaction.

Mr. Louis Reis, P.E. – Mr. Reis is the State Project Development Engineer with the Environmental Management Office, Florida Department of Transportation, Central Office. He has been with the Department for 17 years. During his tenure he spent seven years in District Five managing both in-house and consultant PD & E projects. For the past 10 years he has served as the State Project Development Engineer, overseeing the Project Development process.

Mr. Reis received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Louisiana Tech University, and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida.

Mr. Ed Rice, Jr., P.E. – Mr. Rice is the State Safety Engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation that includes the areas of State Highway System Crash Data Base, Highway Safety Improvement Program, State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program, Community Traffic Safety Teams, Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Programs, Industrial Safety/Loss Prevention Program and the Emergency Management Program. Prior to this assignment he worked for the Federal Highway Administration in various traffic operations and safety positions.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky.

Ms. Maureen “Muffet” Robinson – Ms. Robinson is the Director of Communications and Public Outreach for METROPLAN ORLANDO, the region's transportation planning partnership. She is responsible to direct the organization's public involvement and public relations activities, and to staff the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Her prior work includes directing an Amtrak-related whistlestop train tour throughout the country to promote railroad station restoration and serving 20 years with Maryland's transportation agencies.

Ms. Robinson is a graduate of the University of Maryland and serves on the National Board of the Women's Transportation Seminar. She is also on the American Lung Association of Central Florida Board of Directors.

Mr. Robert P. Romig - Mr. Romig is currently the Director of the Office of Policy Planning for the Florida Department of Transportation. In this role, he serves as the department's principal policy advisor on transportation-related matters. Mr. Romig is

also responsible for the development and publication of the Florida Transportation Plan and coordination of the department's planning activities with federal, state, and regional agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Romig served as the Governmental Programs Director for the Department of Transportation and was responsible for coordinating the department's Federal and State legislative activities. Before assuming duties with D.O.T. in November 1988, Mr. Romig served as Staff Director of the Transportation Committee of the Florida House of Representatives. For seven years, prior to his appointment as Staff Director, Mr. Romig served as a Legislative Analyst with the Transportation Committee.

He is a graduate of the Florida State University School of Business with a major in Accounting.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson – Mr. Sanderson is the Director of Transportation Planning/MPO Staff Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Gainesville, Florida. He previously served as a Planning Associate for the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Gainesville, Florida.

Mr. Sanderson has an Undergraduate Degree from Florida State University and a Graduate Degree in Urban and Regional Planning also from Florida State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Planning Association.

Mr. Gustavo Schmidt, P.E. – Mr. Schmidt is the District Planning and Environmental Engineer in the Planning and Environmental Management Office, District 4, Florida Department of Transportation. He has 29 years of experience in Traffic Engineering, Planning and Project Development. He has been with the FDOT for 24 years.

Mr. Schmidt is a Professional Engineer in the State of Florida and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and a Masters Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Mr. Dennis Scott – Mr. Scott began work as the State Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator with the Florida Department of Transportation in October of 2002, after holding a similar position with the Delaware Department of Transportation for one year. Prior to Delaware, he spent eight years as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator for the Missouri Department of Transportation. Before Missouri DOT, Mr. Scott served as the Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner for Hillsborough County Planning Commission.

Mr. Scott holds a Bachelor's Degree from Park College in Parkville, Missouri and a Masters Degree from the University of Missouri.

Mr. Gary Sokolow – Mr. Sokolow is a Senior Transportation Planner/Manager with the Florida Department of Transportation in Tallahassee. He has been with the Department

for almost 16 years. He also has experience with the private sector as well as MPO and local government service in Atlanta.

His areas of specialty include: growth management, site impact analysis, hurricane evacuation issues, and access management. He managed Florida's efforts to create one of the nation's first comprehensive Access Management programs winning the Department's Award for Engineering Excellence in 1991. He was editor of the Department's Median Handbook and their latest System Planning CD, which contains an entire library of transportation planning knowledge and tools. He received his Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University.

Mr. G. Alex Taft – Mr. Taft is a transportation professional with nearly twenty-seven years of experience, appointed Executive Director of the Associations of MPOs (AMPO) in February, 2000. AMPO represents metropolitan planning organizations throughout the nation responsible for coordination, review, and approval of transportation plans, programs and projects. Previous to his appointment Mr. Taft was on the board of directors of AMPO and was Executive Director of WILMAPCO, the metropolitan planning organization in Wilmington, DE, where he directed the development of an innovative long-range transportation plan and received a national excellence award for an outstanding public participation process.

Alex previously was Transportation Director for the City of Wilmington, Delaware, where he introduced modern management of downtown parking, improved public transit operations, instituted effective traffic control, and developed several capital improvement projects for the city, such as the re-design of Martin Luther King Boulevard in downtown. He formerly was a Senior Associate with Cambridge Systematics, Inc, where he managed a transportation section and directed numerous projects. He began his transportation career in the City of Boston, rising from Traffic Management Assistant to Transportation Advisor to the Mayor. Alex received a Bachelor's Degree from Washington & Lee University and a Masters Degree in Urban Affairs from Boston University.

Ms. Suraya Teeple – Ms. Teeple works at the Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, as the Urban Planning Administrator (AKA Acronym Girl-MPO,ETDM,SIS). She started her career with a Florida consulting firm, went to Washington, D.C. to Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Agency, returned to Florida Department of Community Affairs in Highway Safety program, worked at FDOT Central Office as originator of FSUTMS, worked for Jacksonville MPO, worked as PD&E consultant for a number of years and returned to FDOT District 2 in 1999.

Ms. Teeple holds an undergraduate degree in Environmental Science/Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and graduate degree in Transportation Planning from Florida State University.

Mr. Gary Toth - Gary has 29 years of experience within the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and is currently Director of Project Planning and Development.

Prior to that, he was Manager of the Bureau of Project Scope Development, which is charged with generating annual new starts for NJDOT approaching one billion dollars. “Scoping” involves creating a partnership with the host communities and regulatory agencies, and systematically ratcheting down project expectations to create a good fit between engineering, environmental and political considerations.

Gary is one of the originators of the NJDOT Task Force on Context Sensitive Design (CSD) which is now in the process of implementing CSD “Thinking Beyond the Pavement” principles for NJDOT projects.

Gary has worked for NJDOT since graduating from *Stevens Institute of Technology in NJ in 1973 with a Bachelor's of Engineering (Major in Civil Engineering)*. He also is a graduate of the Environmental Management Institute at the University of Southern California in 1980.

Ms. Sarah Ward – Ms. Ward is the Transportation Planning Administrator for the Pinellas County Department of Planning/Staff Director for the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization. She is responsible for supervision of professional planning and support staff for the Transportation Division of the Pinellas County Department of Planning. She is also responsible for developing and maintaining the Transportation Element of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning requirements for the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization. She serves as staff representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) and the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science, Bethune-Cookman College and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration, Northeastern University and a Juris Doctorate, Stetson University College of Law.

Mr. Scott Washburn - Mr. Washburn is currently employed as an assistant professor with the University of Florida, where he has served on the faculty since August of 1999. His research areas include highway capacity, quality and level of service, and development and application of advanced technologies to traffic operations and safety issues. Other specialty areas include software development, development and testing of simulation models, and statistical and econometric methods. Dr. Washburn has also worked the equivalent of three full-time years in the professional consulting industry. This experience was quite varied, but the primary focus of the work was on traffic operations issues.

He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering, University of Washington and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Washington and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Washington. He is also a registered professional engineer in the state of Washington.

The Honorable Janet Watermeier – Commissioner Watermeier serves as President of The Florida Gulf Coast Group, a consulting and development team in Southwest Florida. Appointed by Governor Jeb Bush, she also serves on Florida’s Transportation Commission.

She has been active in economic and real estate development at both the state and local level for over 15 years. Janet served as Lee County’s Economic Development Director, Industrial Development Authority Director and Community Redevelopment Agency Director. Prior to her public sector experience, she served as Vice President of West Coast Commercial Operations for Westinghouse Communities, Inc. (WCI). She currently is on the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and Florida’s Long Range Economic Strategic Plan Task Force. Additionally, she conducts seminars for the Department of Community Affairs and the Florida Economic Development Council.

She graduated magna cum laud from Old Dominion University in Virginia with a degree in Economics, received a graduate fellowship and later attended the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law.

Mr. Michael Zeigler – Mr. Zeigler is the Director of Transportation Planning for the West Florida Regional Planning Council where he serves as the Staff Director for three metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) in the Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, and Panama City Urbanized Areas. Mr. Zeigler has been employed as a Transportation Planner since 1984; and became the Council’s Director of Transportation Planning in 1986. He supervises nineteen (19) employees in the Council’s Transportation Division.

Mike Zeigler’s training and experience, have included research on estuarine ecosystems while at the University of West Florida. His planning experience has included studies of the onshore impacts of outer continental shelf oil and gas exploration, energy conservation, bicycle and pedestrian programs, and the full range of transportation planning.

Mike Zeigler received his formal education in Biology at Penn State University and the University of West Florida.