



**Meet Five Futurists**

**Preparing for Disruption and Transformation**



**Alice Ancona**

*Director, International Strategy and Policy; International Trade and Investment Office | Florida Chamber of Commerce*

Alice Ancona heads the Florida Chamber's international efforts and is responsible for developing and implementing programs that foster global trade and investment for Florida. She is responsible for promoting the Chamber's international trade agenda, including reducing barriers to trade, promoting efforts to expand trade opportunities for Florida businesses and products, and expanded development of our trade infrastructure to federal and state, elected and appointed officials, staff and agencies as well as within the business community.

Ms. Ancona serves as the lead advocate to accomplish the goals set forth in the Florida Trade & Logistics Study 2.0 (TL2) through the newly created Florida Trade and Logistics Institute which actively works to expand Florida's role as a global trade hub. She also serves as staff to the Chamber's International Business Council and International Policy Committee which develops policy positions and recommendations on international trade and investment and works to promote Florida's global competitiveness through advocacy.

Ms. Ancona has experience in planning, developing, and implementing export programs and strategies for U.S. based companies; identifying and exploring export opportunities in overseas markets and market access problems affecting trade and has contributed to international trade research efforts.

**Preparing for Florida's Future Air and Space Economy**



**Mark Bontrager**

*Vice President, Spaceport Operations | Space Florida*

Mark Bontrager currently serves as the Vice President for Spaceport Operations. In this role, Mark leads the planning and development of space transportation infrastructure improvement projects of Space Florida's spaceport holdings and the Florida Spaceport System Plan.

Mark is responsible development and operations of Space Florida's Spaceport assets including multiple launch complexes, launch vehicle processing facilities, and payload processing facilities.

Bontrager has more than 21 years' experience with the United States Air Force and most recently served as a Colonel and Commander of the 45th Mission Support Group at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, which provides critical support to military space launch operations as well as commercial, NASA and ballistic missile launches. Mark's keen understanding of Air Force processes and space launch/payload processing operations brings a critical skill set to Space Florida.

Mark also works closely with Business Development and the Florida Department of Transportation to capture opportunities to improve and modernize Florida's existing spaceport assets and strengthen relationships with aerospace stakeholders who see Florida as the place for space.

**Preparing to Move People and Goods in Southwest Florida**



**Secretary L. K. Nandam**

*Florida Department of Transportation | District 1*

Mr. Nandam is the District Secretary for District One of the Florida Department of Transportation. He has over twenty-two years' experience in the transportation industry in both the private and public sector. He has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Andhra University, India and a Master of Science in Transportation Engineering from Wayne State University.

Prior to becoming the District Secretary, he has served as the Director of Operations and District Traffic Operations Engineer at the Florida Department of Transportation. He has previously served as the Traffic Operations Engineer with the City of Boca Raton and as a Senior Transportation Engineer with a private sector engineering firm.

He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Florida and is an active member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

**Preparing to Move Freight, Fuel, and Food**



**Dave Sanford**

*Deputy Executive Director | Port Manatee*

Dave Sanford serves as Port Manatee's Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer. Sanford's distinguished 40-year plus career of service in senior-level positions in the public and private sectors include eight years as a presidentially appointed member of the Federal Senior Executive Service assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as executive assignments to the U.S. Senate and Office of the Assistant Secretary of Army for Civil Works. Sanford previously served as director of legislation and navigation policy at the American Association of Port Authorities and was the principal port industry advisor and lobbyist for water-side port issues.

After retiring from the Corps of Engineers in 2002, Sanford spent three years as a lead research scientist and visiting scholar at the George Washington University's Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management in Washington DC. There he consulted on Eastern European water issues and also assisted the Assistant Secretary of Army for Civil Works in crafting a partnership agreement between the Netherlands Water Ministry and the Corps of Engineers working through the U.S. Embassy in The Hague.

He is a U.S. Army veteran with overseas active duty service in the Military Police Corps from 1966 to 1969 and a graduate of Concord University in Athens, WV with a B.A. in Physical Geography.

**Preparing for ACES: Automated/Electric/Connected/Shared-use Vehicles**



**Ben Walker**

*Florida Director of Multi-Modal Planning | HNTB*

Ben Walker serves as a leader within HNTB for Connected/Automated Vehicle policy analysis and brings his experience in working for FDOT and now in emerging technology applications to us today.

Ben Walker has led the Florida Automated Vehicle Initiative consultant support contract with FDOT Central Office for the past 4 years as well as served as Emerging Technology Lead for the Polk County TPO LRTP update and the Autonomous Mobility Service project with the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority.

From moderating sessions at the ITS World Congress, to serving as project manager on developing an MPO Automated, Connected, Electric, and Shared-Use Vehicle Planning Guidance document, Ben has helped begin integrating emerging technologies into the transportation planning process.



**Southwest Florida 2045 TransForum**

Monday, January 28, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice

**Welcome and Introductions**

Sarasota County Commissioner Alan Maio  
Chair, Sarasota/Manatee MPO

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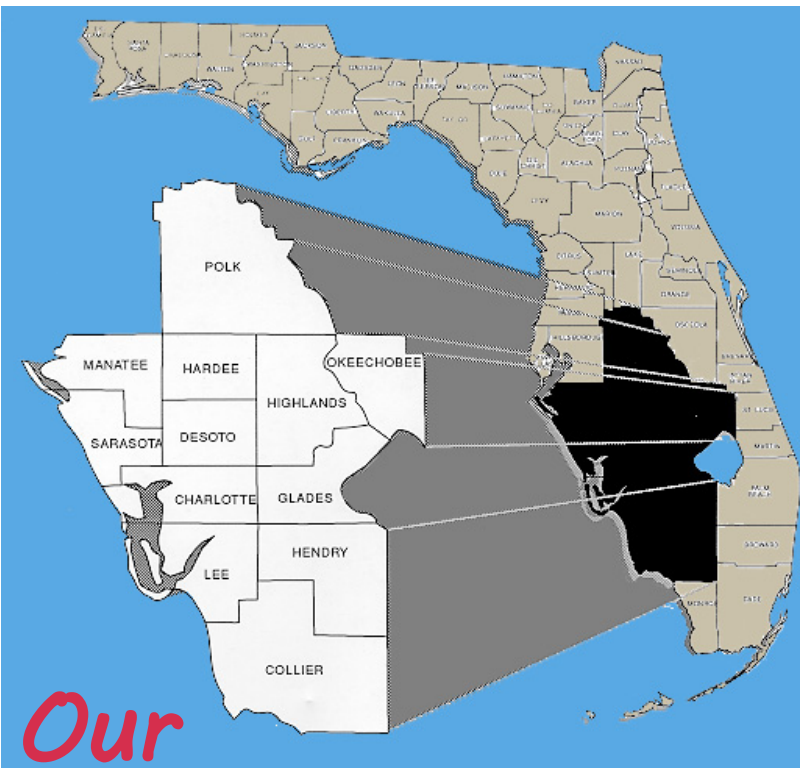
**Preparing for Private Sector Plan for 2030**

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**Preparing a Long Range Transportation Plan for 2045**

**Adjourn**

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**Event Survey**

**1. Please rate today's TransForum (circle)**

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**2. How would you rate (circle):**

- a. Advance notice/registration: Poor Fair Good Super
- b. Location: Poor Fair Good Super
- c. Day and Time: Poor Fair Good Super
- d. Agenda Format: Poor Fair Good Super
- e. Presentations: Poor Fair Good Super
- f. Overall Rating: Poor Fair Good Super

**3. Please identify what you believe are the top three REGIONAL issues presented today.**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Please identify what you believe are the top three LOCAL issues presented today.**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Please note any additional TRANSPORTATION issues you believe should be included in your 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**6. The TransForum could have been improved by:**

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**7. I would like to continue involvement in 2045 long range transportation planning**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

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Transportation Plan  
Schedule



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