

Transportation & Land Use Connection Speaker Panel

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Valerie Neilson

Executive Director at the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency

Valerie Neilson is an urban planning professional passionate about multimodal transportation and creating healthy, sustainable and economically vibrant communities. Valerie is leading the TPA's efforts to plan, prioritize and fund transportation projects that advance safe, efficient and connected facilities for users of all ages and abilities in Palm Beach County.



Dana Little

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Mr. Little has over thirty years of experience in architectural and urban design projects throughout the United States and Canada with particular emphasis in traditional town planning and urban revitalization. Mr. Little is the Urban Design Director for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and has been with the Council since 2003.



JP Weesner

Kittelson & Associates

John Paul "JP" Weesner, PLA is a principal planner and landscape architect with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. JP provides urban design and placemaking solutions for integrating transportation and the built environment with feasible projects that are walkable and livable as well as environmentally, financially, and socially sustainable.



Jonathan Hopkins

Smart Mobility Associates

Jonathan Hopkins has a storied transportation history focused exclusively on reducing SOV use, including groundbreaking work at Uber, Lime, Commute Seattle and Brightline. He now is the principal and founder of Smart Mobility Associates, focused on TDM, TMA establishment, transit campaigns, first/last mile service solutions and mobility tech.



Aileen Bouclé

Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

Ms. Bouclé is a highly qualified Transportation Planner with extensive public agency and private sector experience. She is currently the Executive Director for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization where she is leading the charge, along with the TPO Governing Board, to provide mobility choices for the residents of Miami-Dade County through the local transportation planning process, and more specifically the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit "SMART" Plan



Rick Vogel

The Related Companies

Richard Vogel is a global real estate executive with a proven success record in establishing vision, defining strategy, and executing large and complex projects in both developed and emerging markets. Mr. Vogel joined Related in January, 2017 to lead the company's 3.2 million square foot Grand Avenue redevelopment project, a visionary public-private partnership to revitalize downtown LA's cultural and civic core. In August, 2022, Mr. Vogel joined Related Southeast's leadership team to lead the company's business growth in South Florida.



Chelsea Reed

Mayor of The City of Palm Beach Gardens

Chelsea Reed, Mayor of Palm Beach Gardens, is an award-winning leader with decades of experience in business development and philanthropy. For the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency, Chelsea is Chair of the Governing Board, the Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board, and Vice Chair of the Southeast Florida Transportation Council. She is Chair of the Resilient & Connected Regional Task Force for Palm Beach North Chamber and established their Sustainability Subcommittee.



John L. Renne

Florida Atlantic University

Dr. Renne is the Director of the Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions and a Professor at FAU. He is best known as a global expert on transit-oriented development (TOD). He is the creator of the trademarked Renne-Greschner TOD Index® that tracks the values of homes and apartments in TODs across the U.S. From June - November 2023, he and his family will live in England, and he will be at the University of Oxford as an Honorary Research Associate in the Transport Studies Unit in the School of Geography and the Environment.