



*Freight Stakeholders,*

*I am excited to join the Florida Department of Transportation team as the Office of Freight, Logistics and Passenger Operations (FLP) Administrator. In collaboration with the FLP Team, I look forward to working with you, our partners, to ensure the multimodal investments we are making today continue moving Florida forward by engaging industry, enhancing our economy, and furthering opportunities and advancement for all Floridians.*

*Sincerely,*

*Brad Swanson*

*State Freight, Logistics and Passenger Operations Administrator*

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## Ongoing Initiatives and Progression

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**Announcement of Volkswagen Jetport Expansion**

**I-4 Ultimate Groundbreaking**

**Recognition of Seaport  
Infrastructure Improvements**

**Assistant Secretary Rich Bitter  
at Port Everglades Cruise  
Terminal Ribbon Cutting**

### FDOT Planning Updates

- FDOT will be conducting Freight Mobility and Trade Plan follow up regional listening sessions around the state in partnership with the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan Updates in Summer 2015. More details coming soon! For background on the FTP and SIS, visit [FloridaTransportationPlan.com](http://FloridaTransportationPlan.com).
- In addition to FTP and SIS Plan updates, FDOT has begun the modal system plan process. Plans currently in process or scheduled to begin in 2015 include: Florida Aviation System Plan, Florida Seaports and Waterways System Plan, Florida Rail System Plan, and the first ever Florida Motor Carrier System Plan. All modal plans will be coordinated and will incorporate Freight Mobility and Trade Plan objectives. For more information, visit [Dot.state.fl.us/multimodal](http://Dot.state.fl.us/multimodal).



### Next Steps

- Maintain a dynamic freight project needs list
- Continue stakeholder dialogues
- Develop FDOT District Freight Coordinator positions
- Continue work with partners on [FreightMovesFlorida.com](http://FreightMovesFlorida.com)



## Take Our Logistics Snapshot Survey



The [Transportation Statistics Office \(TranStat\)](#) is the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) central clearinghouse and principal source for highway and traffic data. TranStat publishes data, documents, and answers special requests for data inside and outside the agency.

As Florida continuously grows in the freight, trade, and logistics industry, FDOT captures data and information from Florida's multimodal transportation networks that include seaports, railways, airports, and highways. One of FDOT's goals is to highlight the State's performance in freight mobility and its related influence to Florida's economic growth.

FDOT's TranStat office has the task of developing data and analyses that are relevant, accurate, current, comparable, complete, and accessible. We request your input through participation in a short online survey that will help define the freight data and analyses necessary to provide meaningful and purposeful information. This information will contribute in telling the Florida Freight Story and improve the quality of data and information FDOT provides.

## Florida Trade and Logistics: Job Growth

Trade & Business Economy: Florida Employment Growth			
Industry Sector	March 2014	March 2015	Percent Change
Professional and Business Services	1,146,500	1,197,300	4.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,604,700	1,663,700	3.7%
Retail Trade	1,027,500	1,068,000	3.9%

Transportation and Economic Growth: Florida Employment Growth			
Industry Sector	March 2014	March 2015	Percent Change
Transportation and Warehousing	230,100	238,300	3.6%
Support Activities for Transportation	53,700	54,100	0.7%
Construction	383,100	416,000	8.6%

\* Numbers reflect total number of jobs added within the yearly period.  
Source - [Florida Department of Economic Opportunity - April 2015](#)

## Florida Freight Advocate



Florida's logistics landscape is one of diversity and constant development, with entrepreneurs and experienced professionals alike moving the state forward by providing efficient and reliable options for freight transportation and related services.

Taking initiative and examining the far reaching effects of freight on our economy, HNM Global Logistics, has recently joined the transportation and logistics industry as a full service freight forwarder, located in Orlando, Florida. With capabilities in all modes of transportation, HNM Global Logistics is creating jobs, implementing holistic supply chain management techniques, and initiating real-time technologies in its operations as an up and coming multimodal innovator.

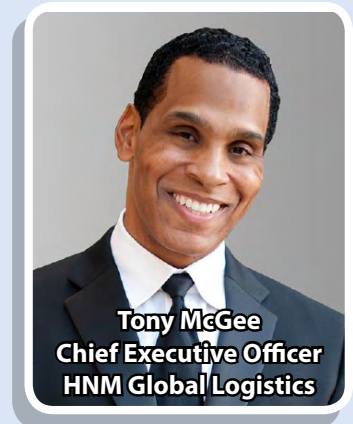
Leading the logistic team's innovation is freight advocates is Tony McGee, the Chief Executive Officer for HNM Global Logistics. Opening the doors to HNM Enterprises, dba HNM Global Logistics in 2004, Mr. McGee oversees the strategic direction and business development of HNM's international and domestic logistics offerings. In 2014, McGee was appointed last year by Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce, to serve on the Advisory Committee for Supply Chain Competitiveness.

Serving an 11 year career with the Cincinnati Bengals, Dallas Cowboys, and New York Giants, Tony's focus has transitioned from slicing sprinting times on the field, to spotlighting customer service and speeding up the transit times of customer goods.

Making the move from Ohio to the Sunshine State was an easy decision for McGee.

"When I was playing, Florida was a popular off season destination – if you spend a couple of winters in Cincinnati where I played, it doesn't make it hard to transition here," notes McGee.

Working with a group of logistics professionals interested in starting up a company, McGee worked to develop a team of experienced individuals to develop the core values, effective processes and plans of HNM Global Logistics. In doing so, McGee combined his passion and entrepreneurial spirit with the skills and talents of his team, creating the perfect combination of talent and motivation in developing an organization which is now thriving as one of Central Florida's leading minority-owned small business.



**Tony McGee**  
Chief Executive Officer  
HNM Global Logistics

Addressing the needs of Florida industry, McGee and his team provide a dynamic array of services including: air freight, ocean freight, domestic and international services, custom brokerage, and warehousing and distribution. For McGee, offering multimodal logistics services serves as the framework for a successful freight forwarding operation, with communication and outreach to industry playing a central role in the effective implementation of their services.

"Having conversation with industry, exposes them to us, and once they get exposure to the level of services they have, I think they become more comfortable with using a small forwarder and in turn gives us a chance to grow and develop. Every single customer we want them to feel like they're our only customer – we try to go above and beyond and provide unmatched service." For HNM Logistics, complete and efficient supply chain management is key to building relationships with their customers. From the first phone call to the last pallet of goods delivered McGee and his team are on call and committed.

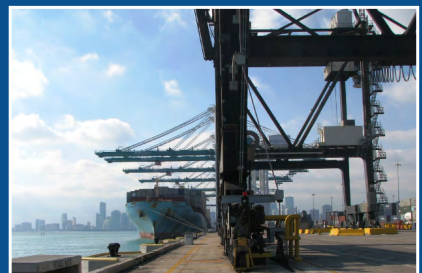
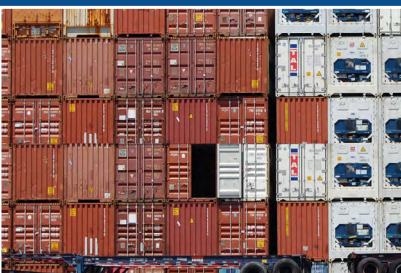
When asked what the most important aspects of addressing the challenges that come with building a logistics business, McGee notes the importance of the big picture supply chain, and the ability to talk through and solve issues with a bottom up approach.

"If you take a step back and look at our business, we are shipping something from point A to point B. So, you have to narrow the situation down, and look for a practical solution, - let's look for the simplest way to get our product from point A to point B, and focus on that, you can usually find an answer."

- Initiating a comprehensive update to the [Florida Aviation System Plan](#) (FASP), including an analysis of the intermodal aspects of the state transportation system and a strategic planning element identifying strategic goals, measurements, and recommendations. The update will focus on the safe and efficient movement of both passengers and freight through Florida's aviation system.
- Participating in [Orlando International Airport's South Terminal Complex and Intermodal Transit Facility](#), which will generate approximately 1,900 jobs and 380 permanent jobs, and an annual direct, indirect, and induced impact of \$42 million per year. In addition, FDOT is participating in [Tampa International Airport's Automated People Mover and Consolidated Rental Car Center](#) that will enhance the long-term viability of the main terminal complex by decongesting the terminal curbsides and roadways.
- In partnership with [Space Florida](#), provided assistance for a vehicle assembly hangar at [Cecil Spaceport in Jacksonville](#) which will accommodate assembly and payload processing by aerospace customers and launch operators.
- In partnership with Space Florida, [Kennedy Space Center](#) has begun transformation into a multi-purpose launch and landing facility uniquely suited for growing a broad spectrum of space and aerospace businesses in Florida. In addition, provided assistance for modifications to Launch Complex 39A which increases the number of launches the facility can handle (capacity) and expands its capability to serve additional markets (satellites, payloads, human access).



- Major projects, including new multimodal facilities, harbor deepening and widening, and enhanced logistics services are currently underway at Port Miami, Port Everglades, Port Canaveral and [JAXPORT](#).
- Projects to enhance intermodal container handling capacity include recently completed on-dock and near dock rail facilities at [Port Miami](#) and [Port Everglades](#).
- [Port Canaveral](#) is scheduled to open a new dedicated container terminal facility in mid-2015, while Port Tampa Bay has new container cranes on order.
- [Port Manatee](#) announced a new customer and joins the [Port of Panama City](#) in providing direct container services to Mexico.
- [Port of Palm Beach](#) started a new cruise service in early 2015, and they have a slip renovation project underway.



- In March 2015, the [Lee County Transit \(LeeTran\)](#) Headquarters facility opened in Fort Myers. The facility is designed to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver standards and was planned to accommodate growth of LeeTran through at least 2030. The facility is comprised of a maintenance building with 21 bays for bus repairs as well as administrative offices, and an operations building that will house approximately 500 employees, 124 buses, 90 paratransit vehicles, and 47 support staff vehicles. In partnership with FDOT, the facility will also offer a regional training program featuring specialized bus and heavy equipment training. The construction of the facility was made possible with funding by the Federal Transit Administration (\$32.1 million), FDOT (\$3.63 million), Lee County (\$3.63), and a State Infrastructure Bank loan (\$3.54 million).
- [Tri-Rail's Miami Airport Station](#) began operations on Sunday, April 5, 2015, expanding [Miami Intermodal Center's \(MIC\)](#) transportation connections. Public transportation currently servicing the intermodal facility's Central Station includes [Miami-Dade Transit Metrorail](#) and Metrobus. The MIC Intercity bus facility has now been turned over to Greyhound, and AMTRAK is anticipated to begin operations in 2016.
- FDOT continues supporting federally-funded major fixed guideway transit projects. [Jacksonville Transportation Authority's Bus Rapid Transit System](#), First Coast Flyer, received \$26.6 million in a Small Starts grant that will fund it through construction. SunRail Phase II South is now progressing towards a Full Funding Grant Agreement, and the WAVE Streetcar in Fort Lauderdale is currently in design; these projects are funded through the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts and Small Starts programs respectively, along with matching state dollars.



- As part of the acquisition of the Central Florida Rail Corridor, the Department contributed \$198 million towards improvements on over 200 miles of the parallel S-Line rail corridor. The improvements constructed includes constructing over 45 miles of new siding track or second mainline track, 76 turnouts and crossovers to increase the capacity of the railroad, and 13 new railroad bridges.
- Construction on the [Interstate 4 rebuild](#) began in February 2015. The project will rebuild 21 miles of I-4 from Kirkman Road in Orange County to just east of State Road 434 in Seminole County, adding two [new tolled Express Lanes](#) in each direction, replacing more than 140 bridges, reconfiguring 15 major interchanges and reconstructing the entire existing roadway. The use of a public-private partnership for the I-4 Ultimate project will help deliver these improvements nearly 20 years sooner than using conventional methods. With roughly 1.5 million daily trips on I-4, the I-4 Ultimate project will greatly reduce congestion for trucks, making for more efficient goods movement and operations.

