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**West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce announces event with  
US DOT Deputy Assistant Secretary**

Orange City, FL – The West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce announced today it is launching a new program of work, the Economic Forums, in 2019, with the first forum to feature US Department of Transportation Deputy Assistant Secretary Anthony Bedell. The event will be held in conjunction with the release of its 2019 Legislative Agenda.

As the voice of business in West Volusia, the Chamber looks to provide opportunities to advance conversations on improving the climate for business growth and sustainability, economic development, and stimulate innovation in our community. The legislative agenda was developed in light of the strong growth forecast for Florida, and Volusia County in particular. The Chamber strongly recommends that local legislative bodies begin to prepare now for the impact of additional workers, homes, businesses, and workforce. A well-developed transportation infrastructure is critical to enable the success and sustainability of the commercial sector.

The newly established Economic Forums will provide a vehicle for regional cooperation and facilitate discussions on multi-jurisdictional issues. The first event, on January 24, will feature a keynote address from Secretary Bedell followed by a panel discussion with local governments discussing their top transportation infrastructure goals.

According to Shari Simmans, the Chamber’s Executive Director: “We look forward to hosting Secretary Bedell in Volusia and provide a forum for our local governments to have a meaningful discussion on regional transportation challenges. Secretary Bedell’s expertise in this field will be instrumental as governments look for ways to partner with the US DOT and access crucial resources for their infrastructure goals.”

For more information on this program, including partnering opportunities. please contact the West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce at 386-490-4606.

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*The West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce was founded in 2011 with the mission of providing a regional platform for the successful collaboration of businesses, policymakers, and community members. The Chamber’s vision of aligning efforts, achieving success continues to guide its work as the voice of business in West Volusia.*