Southwest-Central Florida Connector

Introductions and Safety Briefing

October 30, 2019
State Agencies involved within the Study Area

- L.K. Nandam – Chair, Department of Transportation
- Tracy A. Hood – Vice-Chair, Department of Transportation
- Jennifer Carpenter, Department of Environmental Protection
- Pam Johnson, Department of Economic Opportunity
- Robert Richards, Department of Education
- Stephanie Vick, Department of Health
- Tom Graef, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Janet Taylor, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Mark Futrell, Florida Public Service Commission
- Tim Vanderhoof, Enterprise Florida
- Pending, Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- Donna Doubleday, CareerSource Florida
- Rechell Johnson, Volunteer Florida
Local Government Officials

- The Hon. Rick Wilson, Polk County
- The Hon. Mike Thompson, Hardee County
- The Hon. Elton Langford, DeSoto County
- The Hon. Ron Handley, Highlands County
- The Hon. Ken Doherty, Charlotte County
- The Hon. Weston Pryor, Glades County
- The Hon. Cecil Pendergrass, Lee County
- The Hon. Mitchell Wills, Hendry County
- The Hon. Penny Taylor, Collier County
County Agencies involved within the Study Area

Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- The Hon. Colon Lambert, Heartland Regional TPO
- The Hon. Reg Buxton, Collier MPO
- The Hon. Chris Constance, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO
- The Hon. Nat Birdsong, Polk TPO
- Donald Scott, Lee County MPO

Regional Planning Councils
- The Hon. Bill McDaniel, Southwest Florida RPC
- Pat Steed, Central Florida RPC
Environmental Groups & WMD’s involved within the Study Area

Environmental Groups
- Andrew Dickman, 1000 Friends of Florida
- Dr. Paul Gray, Audubon Florida
- Elizabeth Fleming, Defenders of Wildlife
- Wendy Mathews, The Nature Conservancy
- Shannon Estenoz, The Everglades Foundation
- Jason Lauritsen, Florida Wildlife Corridor

Local Water Management Districts
- Brian Starford, Southwest Florida WMD
- Melissa M. Roberts, South Florida WMD
Community & Non-Profits involved within the Study Area

Community Individual or Member of Non-Profit Organization

- Katie Worthington Decker, Florida Chamber of Commerce
- Keith Walpole, Florida Trucking Association
- Gerald Buhr, Florida Rural Water Association
- Bill Ferry, Florida Internet and Television Association
- Sherry Ambrose, Florida Economic Development Council
- Gary Ritter, Florida Farm Bureau Federation
- Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti, Polk State College
- Glenn Little, South Florida State College
- Dr. Jeff Allbritten, Florida SouthWestern State College
- Matt Caldwell, Maxwell, Hendry & Simmons, LLC
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Karen Kiselewski will dial 9-1-1, notify front desk, and meet emergency responders; Chairman Nandam will be the backup person.

Who is CPR Certified?
Review Emergency Evacuation map posted in common area.
Does anyone need assistance evacuating the building?
Staging area will be outside the main entrance; Karen Kiselewski will perform roll-call.
Please place all cell phones on silent or vibrate mode.