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## **Gov. Scott Announces Resignation of FDOT Secretary Jim Boxold; Rachel Cone as Interim Secretary**

**TAMPA, Fla.** – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced Secretary Jim Boxold's resignation from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), which will be effective on February 3, 2017. He has served in this role since 2015. Rachel Cone, who currently serves as Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration, will serve as Interim Secretary beginning on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Governor Scott said, "Jim Boxold has done a great job leading FDOT and I want to thank him for his hard work as we have continued to make critical investments in Florida's transportation infrastructure. Under his leadership, Florida has been a leader in transportation and made great improvements in our seaports, bridges and airports. His dedication to our state has helped ensure we have a world-class transportation system that supports continued economic growth and job creation. I am truly proud of all the good work Jim has done and wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Rachel Cone has served in her current position as Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration since 2015. Prior to this role at FDOT, Rachel served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Scott from 2012 to 2014. She also was the Communications Director at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from 2011 to 2012. Rachel received her bachelor's degree from Auburn University.

Governor Scott continued, "Rachel has been part of my team since 2011 and has done an incredible job working hard for Florida families. I am confident she will continue to do great work and build upon the successes of FDOT by ensuring we have the best transportation infrastructure for our residents, businesses and visitors."

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