



# Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.

## Chief Executive Officer Jacksonville Transportation Authority

**Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.** is the consummate transportation professional. His distinguished career spans more than three decades, including a combined 14 years as CEO of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA).

Mr. Ford has built a legacy on organizational leadership, fiscal acumen, and innovation. He is a champion of multimodal transportation, walkable neighborhoods, public-private partnerships, and transit-oriented development.

He is an expert on industry best practices and has gained insight on international transportation issues by participating in trade/study missions to Australia, China, France, New Zealand, Russia, Cuba and Portugal.

Ford is the Vice Chair of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board and serves as Chair of the Transportation and Expressway Authority Membership of Florida (TEAMFL). In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Goodwill Industries and United Way of Northeast Florida and a 2015 graduate of Leadership Florida.

He has received numerous awards for his ambitious programs and initiatives over the span of his career, with the latest being the “White House Champions of Change” from the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary, Anthony Foxx. He was also named “Ultimate CEO” from the Jacksonville Business Journal and received the Clanzel T. Brown Award for diversity programs. Under Ford’s leadership, the JTA received two prestigious awards, the 2016 APTA Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award and the 2016 Florida Public Transportation Association System of the Year Award.

His educational training includes a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Organizational Leadership from Mercer University. He is a graduate of the Executive Development Consortium Program at Emory University and the John F. Kennedy school of Government at Harvard University.