

Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.

Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. is an award-winning transportation expert and leading advocate for how autonomous vehicles (AV) and other advances can be used to improve the quality of life for travelers throughout the nation. His proven track record as a change-agent and visionary who embraces state-of-the-art technology and innovations has made him a highly sought after advisor, consultant, and executive coach. Ford began his career at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in New York, where he learned every facet of the industry before he went on to become CEO of two of the 10 largest transportation authorities in the US - the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) in California, and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) in Georgia. Since joining the JTA in 2012, Ford has been lauded for leading the total transformation of the mid-sized Authority from a local company focused on buses, roads, and bridges, into a best-in-class, regional organization that is held in high-regard locally, nationally, and even globally. Ford is currently the Immediate Past Chair of the prestigious Transportation Research Board (TRB), a division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine that promotes innovations, technology, and research in transportation. He is a former chair of the influential American Public Transportation Association (APTA). In recognition of his wisdom and outstanding leadership, Ford received the Honorable Ray LaHood Award from the Women's Transportation Seminar of Northeast Florida in 2022. He was named the "2020 Outstanding Public Transportation Manager" by APTA. In 2019, he was inducted as a "Thought Leader" by the Eno Center for Transportation, and in 2016, Ford was named a "White House Champion of Change in Transportation" by the US Department of Transportation for embracing innovations and improving the quality of all modes of transit. Ford has an MBA from Jacksonville University's Davis School of Business. He also has a Bachelor's degree in Applied Science in organizational leadership from Mercer University, and is a certified Master Executive Coach. He is a graduate of the Executive Development Consortium Program at Emory University and has completed executive training at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Ford is married to Jannet Walker-Ford, Senior Vice

President for Rail and Transit at WSP, and chair of WTS International. They are recognized as two of the most influential people in modern transportation.