

The Forum Club of the Palm Beaches will present United States Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg on Tuesday, October 17, at Noon, at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts.

Peter Buttigieg is an American politician and former naval officer who is currently serving as the 19<sup>th</sup> United States Secretary of Transportation. Prior to this, he was the 32<sup>nd</sup> mayor or South Bend, Indiana, from 2012 to 2020, which earned him the nickname "Mayor Pete".

Buttigieg announced his presidential candidacy on April 14, 2019, for the upcoming 2020 election. Despite his initial low expectations, he gained significant momentum in mid-2019 when he participated in several town hall meetings and television debates. He narrowly won the lowa Caucuses and placed a closed second in the New Hampshire primary. By winning lowa, he become the first openly gay candidate to win a presidential primary or caucus. Ultimately, Buttigieg dropped out of the race on March 1, 2020 and was named as the nominee for Secretary of Transportation by Biden.

Nominated at age 38, he is also the youngest Cabinet member in the Biden administration and the youngest person ever to serve as Secretary of Transportation.