



“Road Map” to a Better Florida

Transportation Ideas for Florida’s Future

Rather than “raiding” Florida’s Transportation Trust Fund, state leaders should be about spurring our economic recovery by “investing” MORE in transportation and focusing limited resources on what’s truly important to the public. We should:

- 1. STOP Raiding the Trust Fund** – Since 1998, \$3.3 Billion has been diverted from the Transportation Trust Fund. The “TRUST” should be restored to this Trust Fund.
- 2. Suspend the Normal Rules** – TIME equals MONEY. After a natural disaster, governments often declare a State of Emergency and temporarily suspend the normal rules so bridges and highways can be rebuilt faster. With 12% unemployment, a State of “Economic Emergency” should be declared and transportation work done faster so folks won’t lose jobs.
- 3. Focus on Congestion Relief** – We should add a third priority of “Congestion Relief” to FDOT’s priorities of Safety and Maintenance of the Existing System. Any project, highway or transit alike, should be prioritized based upon what it will do to address traffic congestion.
- 4. Maximize Existing Funding** – Every available transportation funding tool we currently have should be utilized, and we should “re-capture” the dollars generated by the Tag & Title Fee increase of last year and re-direct them to the Transportation Trust Fund where they belong.
- 5. Get More of OUR MONEY Back from D.C.** – Florida only receives 86 cents back for every federal gas tax dollar sent to Washington, so we need a comprehensive strategy to improve our “rate of return.” What happens to the other 14 cents? That’s OUR MONEY being used by other states to pay for their transportation systems and stimulate their economies!

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