

KEY FACTS ABOUT FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS AND FEDERAL FUNDING

Federal Funding will Generate Jobs, and Make Needed Transportation Improvements

- A USDOT study concludes that for each \$1 billion of federal spending on highway construction nationwide, 47,500 jobs are generated annually.
- The USDOT study also states that every dollar invested in the nation's highway system yields \$5.70 in economic benefits because of reduced delays, improved safety and reduced vehicle operating costs.
- 89 percent of the \$214 billion worth of commodities delivered annually from sites in Florida are transported on the state's highways.
- Driving on roads in need of repair costs Florida motorists \$898 million a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs --- \$70 per motorist.
- Motor vehicle crashes cost Florida's citizens \$14 billion per year, or \$90 for each resident, for medical costs, lost productivity, travel delay, workplace costs, insurance costs and legal costs.

Current Road and Bridge Conditions, Travel Trends and Traffic Congestion

- 19 percent of Florida's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.
- 35 percent of Florida's major urban roads are congested.
- Vehicle travel on Florida's highways increased by 37 percent from 1991 to 2001. Florida's population grew by 27 percent between 1990 and 2001.

Roadway Improvements Can Save Lives, Reduce Accidents and Relieve Congestion

- Roadway conditions are a factor in an estimated 30 percent of traffic fatalities. There were 3,011 traffic fatalities in 2001 in Florida.
- Highway improvements such as removing obstacles, adding or improving medians, wider lanes and shoulders, and upgrading roads from two lanes to four lanes and better road markings and traffic signals can reduce traffic fatalities and accidents and improve traffic flow to help relieve congestion.
- \$100 million spent on highway safety improvements will save 145 lives over a 10-year period, according to a study conducted by the Federal Highway Administration.
- A total of 17,287 people died on Florida's highways from 1996 through 2001. Nationwide, 76 percent of all fatal crashes occur on two-lane roads while only 14 percent of fatal crashes occur on roads with four or more lanes. In Florida, 33 percent of major roads, excluding the Interstate, are two lanes.

Data from the Federal Highway Administration, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Texas Transportation Institute, was compiled and analyzed by The Road Information Program (TRIP), a nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, D.C. Information is the latest available.

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