



# Keep Florida Moving

“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.” - Will Rogers

Florida has a \$23 billion transportation funding shortfall – or “pothole” – in the road ahead to our future. In 2005, the Florida Legislature took action and in the new Growth Management bill (SB 360) provided an *additional* \$1.1 billion for transportation in 2005-06, and an *additional* \$542 million each year thereafter.

In 2005, Governor Bush and the Legislature began to “Get Florida Moving” again. But in 2006, the transportation challenge will be to “**Keep Florida Moving!**” Here’s how:

**Protect Florida’s Transportation Dollars** – In 2003 \$200 million was diverted out of the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF). The 2006 Legislature should protect transportation funds flowing into the STTF *and* ensure that the new dollars provided in SB 360 are fully utilized for transportation.

**Maximize the Purchasing Power of Florida’s Transportation Dollars** – Even when the new transportation funds provided by SB 360 are combined with FDOT’s current funding, they won’t be enough to “fill” Florida’s \$23 billion transportation “pothole.” That’s why we must prudently maximize the purchasing power of each transportation dollar available in the Sunshine State.

**Empower Local Governments to Do More for Transportation** – State leaders should “empower” their local government partners to do more for transportation themselves. If local governments are to be able to meet the matching requirements for funds provided in SB 360, then clearly common sense ways of easing access to existing local transportation revenue sources should be considered.

**Encourage Continued Utilization of Toll Opportunities** – Toll revenues now account for 23% of Florida’s transportation funding “pie” and represent about two-thirds of all new lane miles built. The Legislature should continue to encourage the responsible use of toll revenues to meet Florida’s growing transportation needs.

Florida’s outstanding quality of life and dynamic economy is threatened by traffic gridlock.

That’s why we’ve got to take steps in 2006 to “**Keep Florida Moving!**”

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# In 2006, let's Keep Florida Moving!

## *Just The Facts:*

Florida's lane miles are increasing at 1.3% annually.

Our population is increasing at 2.3% annually.

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is increasing at 5.4% annually.



- Each day, about 1,000 new residents move to Florida – the same as adding a new city the size of Tampa each year.
- Traffic in Orlando is now worse than in New York City!

*We've got to...*



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