



## Florida Transportation Needs And Lake Belt Mining

Due to a Miami federal judge's ruling, the supply of rock so important to meeting Florida's growing transportation needs is in serious jeopardy. A shut-down of so-called Lake Belt mining would adversely affect the state's ongoing efforts to keep Florida moving. Moreover, it would run the risk of bringing Florida's booming economy to a screeching halt. Consider the following:

A.) Due to rising transportation construction costs, FDOT has deferred some **62 projects** that were in the Five Year Work Program at a cost of about **\$1 billion**,

B.) Florida has a well-documented transportation funding shortfall -- or "pothole" -- over the next ten years and needs additional funding of at least **\$23 billion** just to maintain today's highway conditions,

C.) Florida's population **grows** by a net daily average of **1,060 people** (*according to the latest issue of Florida Trend magazine*) and

- Daily in-migration is: 1,890
- Daily out-migration is: - 945
- Daily births minus deaths is: + 115
- For an average daily population growth of: 1,060

D.) Our state's population is increasing at the phenomenal rate of **2.3%** annually, however, the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by cars, trucks, and SUVs on our highways is increasing at **5.4%** -- more than double our population!

Given all these factors, it would seem fundamentally imprudent to drive current transportation construction costs even HIGHER throughout most of Florida by imposing a shut-down on the mining of rock in Miami-Dade. Ironically, in a recent survey of 500 registered Miami-Dade voters, **TRAFFIC** was the **number one worry at 26%** -- nearly triple the **# 2 issue, education at 9%**!

FBT believes in "Keeping Florida Moving!" and any action resulting in increased transportation construction costs in Florida would have the exact OPPOSITE effect.



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