

Keep Florida Moving!

FLORIDIANS FOR BETTER



TRANSPORTATION

FBT – Your “Voice” for Transportation



We "Get No Respect!"

Transportation is the Rodney Dangerfield of government services. A daily part of everything we do, it usually "gets no respect."



**Transportation really "drives"
Florida's economy.**

(\$5.50 for every \$1 "invested!")



Congestion Hurts Florida



Congestion means:

- missed business opportunities,
- increased operating costs, and
- lost time that could have been spent with families, friends, and loved ones.



Florida's Explosive Growth

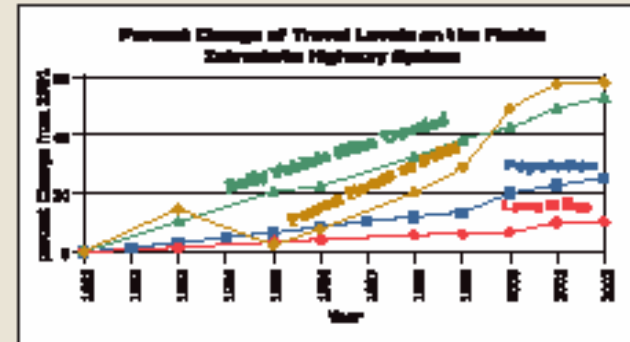
- Lane miles are increasing at 0.9% annually
- Population is increasing at 2.1% annually, &
- VMT is increasing at 3.9% annually.

Transportation Impacts

System Performance

System Accessibility

	SHS Lane Miles per 100 Square Miles	Rural Miles per 100 Square Miles	Commercial Airports per Million Residents
FL	75.3	5.5	1.1
U.S.	51.5	4.1	1.9
CA	32.3	4.5	0.8



Capacity expansion of the FIHS is not keeping up with the increases in travel demand.

- Lane miles are increasing at 0.9% annually.
- Population is increasing at 2.1% annually.
- VMT is increasing at 3.9% annually.
- Delay on FIHS is increasing at 4.2% annually.

Source: FDOT 2003 Short-Range Component and Transportation Statistics Office



What Growth Means

Each day, over 1,000 new residents move to Florida.



Over one year, that's like adding a new city the size of Tampa to Florida!



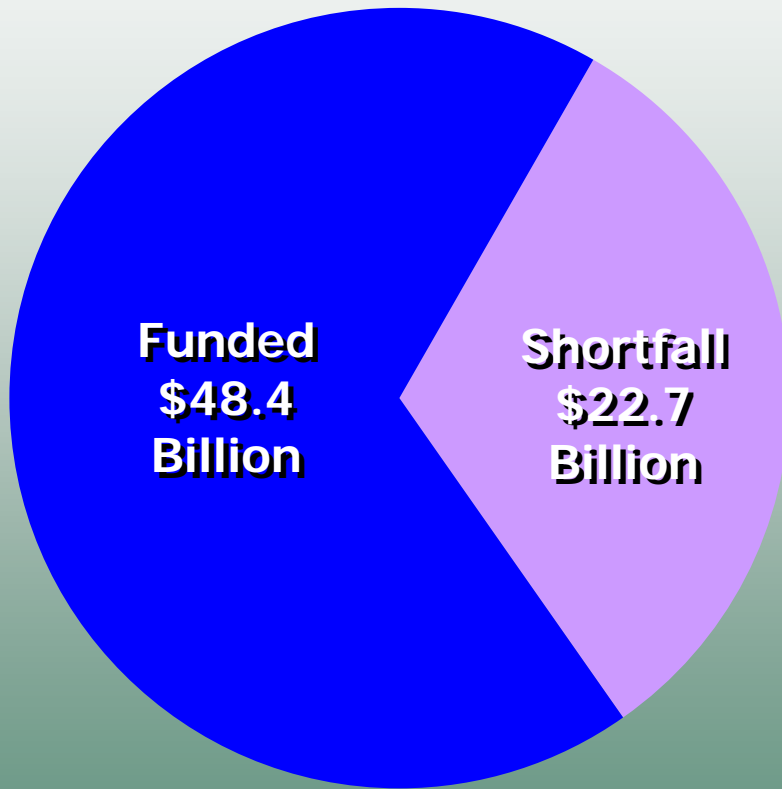
What Growth *Also* Means

According to the Texas
Transportation Institute, traffic
congestion in Orlando is now
worse than in New York City!





\$23 Billion "Pothole"



But there's a HUGE problem looming ahead for our state. Over the next ten years we'll need an additional \$23 BILLION ... just to keep things the way they are *TODAY!*

Consequences of Inaction

Unless we do something to meet this HUGE funding shortfall YOU and I will see nothing but more traffic congestion ...





Consequences of Inaction

And more traffic jams ...





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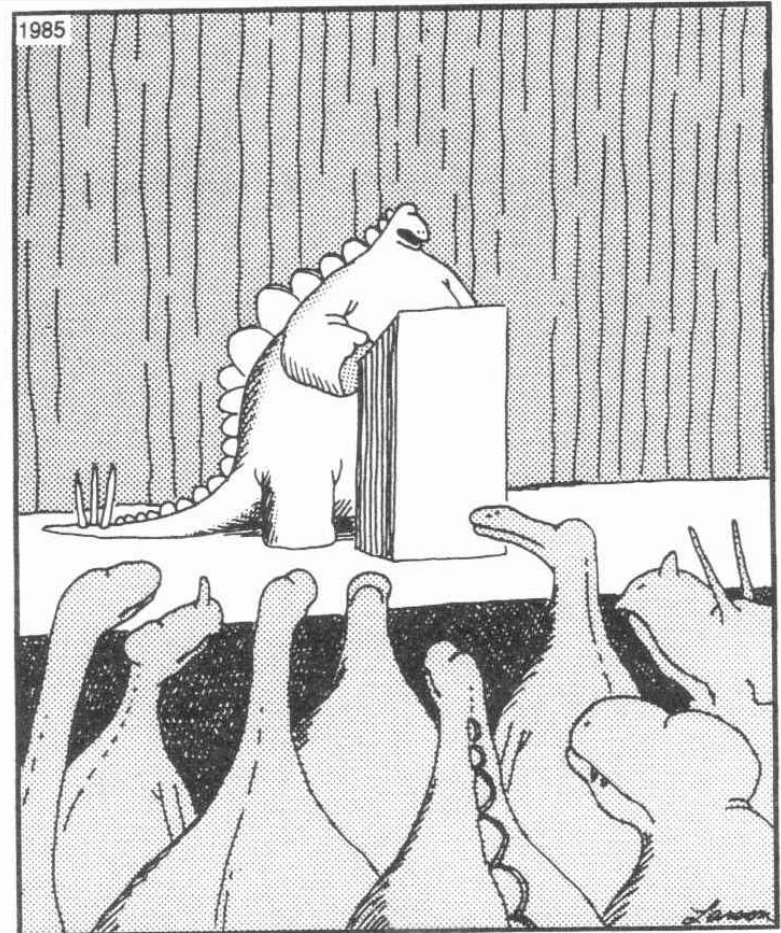
And more traffic accidents and deaths on Florida's roadways!





Walnut-sized Brains?

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Growth Management Bill

GREAT NEWS **for Florida ...**



The new Growth Management bill passed by the 2005 Florida Legislature provides:

- An additional \$1.1 billion in '05-6, and
- An additional \$542 million each year thereafter.



The Rest of the Story

Even with the additional dollars from the new Growth Management bill ... the “pothole” is still in the road ahead!

More must be done to keep “filling” Florida’s HUGE transportation funding “pothole.”





Let's *Keep* Florida Moving

In 2005 the Governor and Legislature began to **"Get Florida Moving"** again.

In 2006, the transportation challenge will be to **"Keep Florida Moving!"** Here's how:



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Recommendation # 1

Protect Florida's Transportation Dollars

In 2003, \$200 million was diverted out of the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF).

The 2006 Legislature should:

- protect current transportation funds flowing into the STTF and
- ensure that the new dollars provided in SB 360 are fully utilized for transportation.





Recommendation # 2

Maximize the Purchasing Power of Florida's Transportation Dollars

Even when combined with FDOT's current funding, the new dollars provided in the Growth Management bill will not be enough to "fill" Florida's \$23 billion transportation "pothole."

We must prudently maximize the purchasing power of each Florida transportation dollar.





Recommendation # 3

Empower Local Governments to Do More

State leaders should “empower” their local partners to do more for transportation themselves.

If local governments are to meet the matching requirements for funds provided in the Growth Management bill, then common sense ways of *easing* access to existing local transportation revenue sources should be considered.





Recommendation # 4

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 help meet Florida's growing transportation needs.





Keep Florida Moving

Florida is a dynamic place to live, work and play. This dynamism is based on our ability to move people and goods throughout Florida in a safe, efficient, and economical manner.

Our state's future is threatened by traffic gridlock – so we've got to take steps in 2006 to ...

Keep Florida Moving!





Let's *Keep* Florida Moving

There's two ways to get to the top of an oak tree:

- 1.) sit on an acorn, or
- 2.) start climbing.



Florida needs to *keep* "climbing!"



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