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Honorable Allan Bense
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“Morning comes whether you set the alarm or not.”
- Ursula K. LeGuin

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Dear Speaker Bense:

As we approach the mid-point of the 2006 Legislative Session, I'm writing to ask you to use a portion of the surplus state revenue to RESTORE transportation projects that have been delayed due to cost increases.

To help make the case for just how crucial this transportation funding is, I've enclosed Florida DOT's Pocket Guide to "Transportation Trends & Conditions." According to this guide (on page 28):

- Florida's lane miles are only increasing at **1.3%** annually, while
- Our population is increasing at **2.3%** each year, and
- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is increasing at **5.4%** annually!

Combined, these statistics send a clear and very sobering message:

*Without additional transportation dollars,
all Florida residents and visitors can expect is:*

1. *Longer, ever worsening and more frustrating traffic jams,*
2. *An alarming increase in traffic accidents and fatalities, and*
3. *Decreasing economic competitiveness and vitality.*

Clearly, the public understands this and that's why 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%!

I hope we can count on YOUR HELP to "**Keep Florida Moving!**"

Sincerely,

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