

Tired of Traffic?



Traffic Congestion is Number One Worry in New Poll

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According to a recent poll reported in *The Miami Herald* and other media, **TRAFFIC** congestion is by far the number one concern of South Florida voters. Traffic troubles were rated number one by 26 percent of those polled and that was nearly triple the next greatest worry. A distant second was the quality of public schools, ranked number one by nine percent of the voters. In the poll, jointly sponsored by Bendixen & Associates and TV Station WFOR-CBS 4, some 500 registered voters were asked about their greatest concerns.

Legislators in Tallahassee will soon be facing the voters as they campaign for the November elections and as the poll shows, voters will want answers on transportation-related concerns. These poll results underscore what Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT) has been saying in its ***Keep Florida Moving!*** campaign (www.KeepFloridaMoving.org).

“Clearly, people are tired of sitting in traffic and they want some relief NOW!,” said Doug Callaway, President of FBT. “That’s why encouraging the Florida Legislature to provide **“\$1 Billion for Better Transportation”** this Session is so important.” FBT is working with the Legislature and the Governor to find \$1 billion of the estimated \$3.2-\$4.1 billion surplus to restore transportation projects delayed or cancelled due to rising construction costs.

Road building materials such as fill dirt, crushed stone, asphalt, cement, concrete and steel prices have all increased faster than expected, in part, because of the rebuilding of hurricane-damaged areas and oil prices. “Projects approved in the FDOT’s five-year plan are being delayed and moved out into the future, actions that will make today’s traffic congestion even worse tomorrow,” Callaway said.