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## FBT CALLS ON HOUSE APPROPRIATORS TO RECONSIDER SWEEPING THE STTF

**TALLAHASSEE** – At a meeting of the House Appropriations Committee today, Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT) called on members to reconsider sweeping the State Transportation Trust Fund by their proposed \$120 million.

“The bottom line is that dedicated revenues collected for much-needed transportation improvements are being diverted from their intended purpose,” stated Matthew D. Ubben, president of Floridians for Better Transportation. “This proposed diversion is on top of a more than \$1 billion reduction in the work program that already occurred late last year through a reduced forecast of receipts from the Revenue Estimating Conference. This exacerbates the problem and will cause further delays in projects getting delivered, and more importantly, private sector jobs getting created or retained. “

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