

Sample Letters to the editor

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SAMPLE Letter to editor No. 1

I recently read that nearly 900 people a day move to Florida. In a year's time, that's the equivalent of adding a city the size of Tampa to our state! So why aren't our roads keeping up with the increase in people – and cars?

I easily spend XX more minutes a day in traffic than I did even a year ago. Roads that are supposed to be widened, improved or built seem to take decades to come to fruition. All the while, more people travel the existing roads, many of which were never intended to handle the heavy traffic loads.

Traffic congestion robs us of our time – and probably contributes to the unraveling of civil society (there's a reason why the term "road rage" is new to our vernacular).

It would take an additional \$2.7 billion just to keep the problem from getting worse, and an additional \$4.9 billion each year to make it better. But the politicians don't think improving our roads is a high priority. If we want to break the traffic gridlock in Florida's cities, we must first break the political gridlock in Tallahassee. It's well past time for lawmakers to adequately fund transportation.