

## Sample Letters to the editor

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Letter to the editor should be 250 words or fewer. Use personal experiences whenever possible and always include your full name, phone number and e-mail address so the newspaper can confirm the letter.

### SAMPLE Letter to editor No. 2

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It's no secret that Florida's transportation system is obscenely underfunded – what better illustration than the gridlock (where in your community). Clearly, our state is failing to keep up with its infrastructure needs, despite the fact hundreds of people move here daily.

If ever-longer travel times, higher vehicle repair costs and increased safety risks aren't enough reasons to spend more on Florida's roads, then consider this: Building new roads, and properly maintaining our existing ones, will create thousands of new jobs and provide a lasting boost to Florida's economy.

Studies show that investments in Florida's traffic infrastructure provide a strong stimulus to our state's economy – to the tune of an estimated \$5.50 for every dollar spent! Imagine you were guaranteed a return of \$5.50 for every dollar you invested in a venture. It would be too good an opportunity to pass up, wouldn't it?

Our roads, highways and bridges are being used far in excess of their designed capacity. It's time to tell our lawmakers to place a higher priority on meeting Florida's transportation needs.