



Transportation "Saves" Lives – FUND IT!

Dear Florida Legislator:

Let's be clear, we know that improving transportation conditions in Florida would help save lives. That's why we must **increase transportation funding** to make these improvements possible!

A July 2003 report from TRIP (The Road Information Program) based in Washington, D.C., showed that Florida leads the nation in deaths for older drivers. In 2001, 268 Florida drivers over the age of 70 were killed in traffic accidents in the Sunshine State.

The Florida DOT is a national leader in "Positive Guidance," the concept of doing a variety of things to improve driver safety for senior citizens. But there isn't nearly enough money to fund the kinds of highway improvements -- *like wider pavements, more turn lanes, and better signage & markings* -- that are needed to make driving safer for our seniors. Ironically, when we fund these kinds of common sense transportation improvements it **also makes driving safer for** the next most vulnerable driver demographic -- our **teenagers**.

When 18% of our population is over the age of 65, increasing safety for older drivers, younger drivers - and for every Florida driver - must be a top priority. **It's time THIS generation "invests" more in transportation to make the driving experience safer for every member of "The Greatest Generation."**

We at FBT encourage you to **consider appropriate ways to enhance the level of transportation revenues** for Florida in the 2005 Legislative Session!

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