



Transportation "Saves" Money – FUND IT!

Dear Florida Legislator:

We all intuitively know that good transportation saves money in Florida, but how can you quantify this fact? Fortunately, both the U.S. and Florida DOT's have already answered this important question for us.

According to U.S. DOT Secretary Norman Mineta, **Florida's transportation industry employs 202,000 workers** and accounts for an **annual payroll of \$6 billion**. (ASSOCIATED PRESS –1/22/04)

A February 2003 study released by the Florida DOT stated that:

- "Investments made by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) through the adopted work program will have a significant impact on Florida's economy.
- Business benefits over the next 25 years will result in an increase of \$44 billion in personal income for Florida residents and generate 88,000 new permanent jobs.
- Direct benefits for personal travel, including reduced travel time, vehicle operating costs, and accidents, are estimated to be \$74 billion.
- Together, these benefits yield **\$5.50 for each dollar invested.**"

Simply put, time really does equal money and when we make necessary improvements to our state's transportation system, we "literally" save time and money! That's why 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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