



October 24, 2003

## ***HELP FLORIDA GET 95% BACK!***

Dear Governor Bush,

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, you joined the governors of 14 other "donor states" in writing transportation leaders in Washington, D.C. urging them to **increase the minimum guaranteed funding level to 95 percent** during TEA-21 Reauthorization. As you know, TEA-21 was due to expire on that date, but has been extended for five additional months. It is absolutely **essential that Florida receive a 95% return.**

However, taking millions away from the State Transportation Trust Fund **at the same time** we're trying to get a 95% return on our federal gas tax dollars ***undercuts our Congressmen's efforts in Washington!*** And worse still, **another "diversion" this year would actually HELP the Northeastern states that are getting our money** right now. Northeastern Senators would just love to shoot down our efforts for a fairer share (95%) by citing how the State of Florida itself was "diverting" our own transportation dollars **away** from our Transportation Trust Fund.

Help the efforts in Washington to get back 95% of the federal gas tax dollars collected from Floridians! Please prevent another multi-million dollar "diversion" from the Transportation Trust Fund in 2004, and do not to include a transportation diversion in your proposed 2004-05 budget.

## **STOP Highway "Robbery!"**

Floridians for Better Transportation  
Florida Transportation Builders Association  
Florida Airports Council  
Florida Public Transportation Association  
Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council  
AAA Auto Club South  
Trade and Transport Council  
Florida Limerock & Aggregate Institute  
Association of Florida Community Developers

Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Ports Council  
Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers  
Florida Trucking Association  
Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida  
1000 Friends of Florida  
Florida Concrete & Products Association  
Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association