



October 20, 2003

## **KEEP THE “TRUST” IN THE TRUST FUND!**

Dear Florida Legislator,

As the name of our TRU\$T Coalition implies, we firmly believe that the word “TRUST” in the State Transportation Trust Fund stands for **T**ransportation **R**evenues **U**sed **S**trictly for **T**ransportation. That’s why we’re encouraging you to keep the “trust” in the Transportation Trust Fund, and to ask Governor Bush to fully fund transportation in his 2004-05 budget that is currently being developed.

Earlier this year \$200 million was “redirected, raided, diverted or swept” from the State Transportation Trust Fund. These funds did not come from general revenue, but were collected from transportation “user fees” -- gasoline taxes and tag fees -- and did not contribute one dime to the state’s budgetary problems. These are taxes paid by the traveling public in Florida for a very specific purpose -- **transportation** maintenance and improvements. To use them for any other purpose is simply wrong and only serves to further verify the public’s distrust of politicians.

From the historic California recall of Governor Gray Davis to the recent failure of the Mobility 20/20 campaign effort in Orlando, a generic mistrust of government played a prominent role in the outcome of each election. You now have not only an opportunity, but also an obligation to begin rebuilding the public’s trust. Therefore, please do not support another Transportation Trust Fund “raid,” but instead ask Governor Bush to fully fund transportation in his 2004 budget proposal.

## **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  
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Florida Concrete & Products Association  
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