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## **MAKE DRIVING SAFER ... FOR EVERYONE!**

Dear Florida Legislator,

In July of this year, TRIP (The Road Information Program) released a report showing that **Florida leads the nation in deaths for older drivers**. In 2001, some **268 Florida drivers over the age of 70 were killed in traffic accidents** in our state. Let us never forget that each one of those 268 older drivers was someone's mom or dad, brother or sister, aunt or uncle, grandmother or grandfather. That's why it is imperative that you prevent another multi-million dollar "diversion" from the Transportation Trust Fund in 2004, and encourage Governor Bush not to include a transportation diversion in his proposed budget.

This TRIP report should be a wake-up call for every Florida driver. The Florida DOT deserves high marks for its efforts to improve driving safety for older drivers – and indeed, for all Florida drivers. **But more can and must be done** ... and that means more funding. That's why state transportation dollars – which are *already* being collected for transportation purposes such as safety improvements -- should be spent only for transportation!

The good news is that **transportation improvements made to assist Florida's older drivers also make the driving experience safer for ALL Florida drivers**. Clearly, it is time for this generation to improve the safety of highways built by their parent's generation.

Support transportation safety by opposing another Transportation Trust Fund "raid." Instead ask Governor Bush to fully fund transportation in his 2004-05 budget request. Please do it today ... for Florida's older drivers, for our teen-aged drivers, and for everyone!

## **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