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HELP FLORIDA GET 95% BACK!

Dear Florida Legislator,

On September 30th, Governor Bush 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. The existing federal transportation law, known as 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 encourage Governor Bush not to include a transportation diversion in his proposed 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
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Florida Concrete & Products Association
Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association