



DATE: December 2, 2003
TO: Florida Legislator
FROM: The TRU\$T Coalition
SUBJECT: TRU\$T Pledge

As you know, the TRU\$T Coalition* (Transportation Revenues Used Strictly for Transportation) has been encouraging Governor Bush and members of the Florida Legislature such as yourself to "STOP Highway Robbery!" and prevent another multi-million dollar "diversion" from the State Transportation Trust Fund in 2004.

Now we are asking *YOU* to sign the attached "Transportation Trust Fund Protection Pledge." Clearly, **YOUR help is needed to "protect" Florida's Transportation Trust Fund!**

According to Florida DOT, every dollar invested in the adopted work program yields \$5.50. Based upon this figure, another \$200 million "raid" would cost Florida's economy \$1.1 BILLION! Can Florida really afford that now ... especially with our economy just beginning to turn around? **No!**

And according to the Texas Transportation Institute, congestion in some Florida cities – like Orlando – is now worse than in New York City! Should your constituents sit in traffic jams back home while their transportation money is diverted away from transportation in Tallahassee? **No!**

Can we "*trust*" YOU to sign the TRU\$T Pledge? **YES!**

Please join Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Jim Sebesta and fellow Transportation Committee member Larcenia Bullard in signing this important promise. A list of other members also signing this expression of transportation trustworthiness will be posted on Floridians for Better Transportation's (FBT) website (www.bettertransportation.org) and updated regularly.

* The TRU\$T Coalition is comprised of a variety of Statewide organizations including, but not limited to: Floridians for Better Transportation, Florida Chamber of Commerce, Florida Transportation Builders Association, Florida Ports Council, Florida Airports Council, Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers, Florida Public Transportation Association, Florida Trucking Association, Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council, Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida, AAA Auto Club South, 1000 Friends of Florida, Trade and Transport Council, Florida Concrete & Products Association, Florida Limerock & Aggregate Institute, Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, and the Association of Florida Community Developers.