

FBT Transportation Idea-Raiser

- *Emphasize benefits of transportation investment on other public services, such as emergency response.
- *Do a better job of integrating public transportation into road-building, by making use of HOV and other dedicated lanes for transit.
- *Reconfigure transportation funding formulas. Provide more flexibility on transportation funds to enable more transit funding.
- *Allow local municipalities to enact local option funding methods for themselves when their county is unwilling to do so.
- *Give local governments the opportunity to raise revenue to provide facilities by a simple majority vote of the county commission instead of referendum or super-majority.
- *Index the local option taxes.
- *Increase the state gas tax.
- *Use excess non-recurring funds for transportation investment.
- *Do a better job of incorporating aesthetics into roadway design
- *In the long run, look for an alternative to the gas tax.
- *Provide state incentives for local government to tax themselves.
- *Allow purchase of right-of-way at current values, not enhanced values, resulting from improvement to facilities..
- *DOT should not have to wait to hold titles to all right-of-way parcels before they can advertise for construction or commence construction.
- *Eminent domain cases could be heard before an arbitration panel, not by a jury.
- *Allow FDOT to accept ROW donations.
- *Create incentives in the eminent domain process for early landowner dedication (financial and land use incentives).
- *Incorporate dedicated lanes for commercial vehicles.
- *Transfer development rights of land taken for ROW to other parcels.
- *Institute primary seat-belt enforcement laws.
- *Promote pipelining concept in which local government can allow developer to construct a facility in its entirety, rather than pay for minor portions of multiple projects
- *Promote jobs/housing balance.

*By statute, require developers to construct noise walls when they develop in proximity to existing or planned highway facilities.

*Increase earmark dollars that are specific to safety. Provide incentives for safety enhancements.

*Ensure balance in allocation of resources between state and local governments. Provide a greater share of transportation funding sources for local governments.

*Implement and enforce HOV lanes.

*Toll facility trust fund should allow for administrative expenses.

*Dedicate funds for driver education and public information programs.

*Get off the gas tax. Do not tie future funding of transportation to gas tax. Don't hinder alternative fuels by tying taxes to them.

*Allow camera enforcement in work zones.

*Get stamp based on weight of vehicle to generate more transportation funding.

*Treat highways like public utility. Charge for use of highways.

*Mandatory driver's education for all students.

*Target educational advertising towards shows with high teenage viewership.