



**JIM ELY**  
***Executive Director & CEO***  
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Jim Ely is the first Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, a major part of the Florida Department of Transportation. He was initially appointed Director of Florida's Turnpike System in 1989 after having served as the Department's Inspector General.

The Enterprise is responsible for the statewide 460-mile Turnpike System, which is the largest user-financed transportation system in the State, and the second largest in the nation. It is also the highest bond rated turnpike or toll agency in the United States by Moody's Investor Services.

In 2002, at the recommendation of Governor Jeb Bush, the Florida Legislature transformed the Turnpike into Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, with a directive to operate the Turnpike System like a business from within the Florida Department of Transportation, by using private sector methods while pursuing public sector motives. The Enterprise is also responsible for the toll collection operations on over 600 miles of toll roads and bridges owned by or under contract to the Florida Department of Transportation.

With over two million customers a day, the Enterprise mission is to help meet the transportation needs of the State, serve its customers and protect the interests of its bondholders. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise was the 2003 recipient of the President's Award for Innovation and Excellence from the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association, the worldwide organization's highest award.

Jim Ely is President of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association and serves on the Board of the Transportation and Expressway Authority Members of Florida and the Executive Board of the Florida Department of Transportation. He holds a B.S. degree in Business, an M.B.A., a Masters in Education and a Doctorate in Public Administration. He is also an alumnus of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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