



STOP HIGHWAY ROBBERY!

TALKING POINTS

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THE PROBLEM

- With a Special Session on the Budget scheduled for mid-September, Governor Charlie Crist has identified about \$80 MILLION in Transportation Funding that may be diverted **away** from **TRANSPORTATION** projects!
- Additionally, the Florida House of Representatives is reportedly contemplating diverting possibly hundreds of millions MORE **away** from **TRANSPORTATION**!
- These proposals would break a fundamental **PROMISE** made only two **years ago** when the Florida Legislature passed SB 360 regarding Growth Management and **promised** to provide an additional \$542 million each year for transportation.

***PROMISES Made should be PROMISES Kept ...
and revenues dedicated to transportation MUST
be used exclusively for transportation purposes!***



THE SENATE'S PERSPECTIVE

Based upon our Tallahassee "intelligence" and the comments made below by Senator Mike Fasano – Chairman of the Senate Transportation Economic Development Committee (TED) – the Senate is of a very different opinion.

“The last thing we want to do is take money away from transportation.” “I have every intention of holding transportation harmless from any cuts,” Fasano said. “If you start raiding trust funds, that’s going to hurt road projects, bridge-building, widening, resurfacing and it also hurts our economy.”

TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

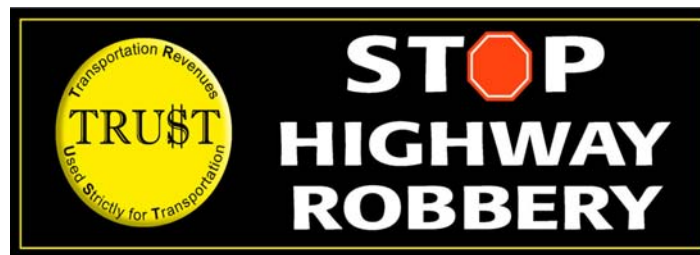
- Florida is already facing:
 - A **\$23 BILLION** transportation funding shortfall -- or "**pothole**" -- over the next 10 years,

- Over **1,000 new Florida residents** arriving **every day**, and
- Transportation cost increases that caused Florida DOT to **cut 62 projects** last year ... with more deferrals expected soon!

THE FACTS

- Building Florida's transportation infrastructure has a huge economic benefit to the state.
- For every \$1 spent for infrastructure, the state receives \$7 in benefit.
- Every \$1 Billion in highway and bridge spending generates 47,500 jobs.

Cutting million\$ from transportation will hurt our economy (at exactly the WRONG time), AND diminish our quality of life... while making travel in Florida less safe!



WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

- Click [here](#) to contact Governor Charlie Crist *and* your State Legislators TODAY and tell them to:

STOP Highway Robbery!

- Tell'em that:
 - YOU want Transportation dollars used for TRANSPORTATION – like they were PROMISED in 2005!
 - After the Minneapolis tragedy, NOW is NOT the time to reduce transportation funding, and
 - Florida can't move forward if they put our transportation system in REVERSE!



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