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## House Panel to Cut \$600 Million In Transportation Funding

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

On Thursday, April 3, 2008, the House Policy & Budget Council will meet at 9 AM in room 212 of the Knott Building. During this meeting, legislation will be considered containing a proposal to **"redirect" -- or CUT -- \$639.2 MILLION** in transportation funding in the coming year!

Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT), and a wide variety of other statewide organizations including the:

- Florida Chamber of Commerce,
- Associated Industries of Florida,
- Florida Transportation Builders Association,
- Florida Engineering Society,
- Florida League of Cities,
- Florida Ports Council,
- Florida Public Transit Association,
- Florida MPO Advisory Council, and many others

... will be speaking in OPPOSITION to this unprecedented and ill-advised proposal.

For the first time in Florida's history, we're facing a transportation budget cut of over a half a BILLION dollars -- in one year alone! FBT President Doug Callaway said,

*"Knowing that we get **\$7 in economic benefit for every \$1 dollar** invested in transportation, and **every \$1 Billion spent on transportation creates 42,000 jobs ...** then **cutting** nearly **\$640 million** would cost Florida's economy more than **\$4.4 BILLION** and over **184,000 jobs!**"*

*With Florida's economy continuing to struggle, this action would have to be considered **an Economic Anti-Stimulus**. It would be **like throwing a wet blanket on the flickering flames of Florida's economic recovery.**"*



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