

TO: TEAMFL MEMBERSHIP

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RE: 2011 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The major bill impacting transportation this year, other than the sweep of \$150 M from the State Transportation Trust Fund in the budget, was in form of a bill put forth the last week of session as a conforming bill, SB 2152.

The highlights of SB 2152 are as follows:

The statutorily authorized lease-purchase agreements found in law for each of the expressway authorities have been repealed.

The language which created six in-active expressway authorities was repealed. The expressway authorities that are now defunct are: Brevard, Broward, Pasco, St. Lucie, Seminole and South West Florida.

Excess tolls coming of the Alligator Alley segment of the Turnpike are to be used to construct a fire, rescue and emergency management facility @ mile marker 63, to serve that stretch of road.

SB 7205 Creates the Economic & Development Trust Fund, within the new Department of Economic Opportunity, which combines DCA & OTTED, among other agencies to look at how to make Florida job friendly. Transportation projects which will meet strategic and essential state interest with respect to economic development of the state will be eligible. This trust fund will be funded from documentary stamp tax proceeds previously flowing to the State Transportation Trust Fund, as well as from other sources.

SB 2156 creates the Department of Economic Opportunity, where the trust fund created by SB 7205 will be housed. Over the next three fiscal years the bill has identified \$190 M to be redirected to this trust fund. FY 12-13 @ \$50M; FY 13-14 @ \$65M; FY 14-15 @ \$75M.

SB 7207 is the major overhaul of growth management. The key provision for transportation is that transportation concurrency is optional for local government. If local governments implement transportation concurrency, they must consult w/ FDOT when proposed plan amendments will affect the SIS.

ON another note, the Senate is conducting three interim work projects, as follows:

The Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Subcommittee of the Budget Committee is conducting a study of the cost effectiveness of toll and bridge authorities. Its due date is 9/1/2011.

The Transportation Committee is going to take a look at the process involved in Right of Way access for related storm water needs confronting road projects.

The Transportation Committee is also going to look at the 21 fixed route transit organizations. Not sure what the end game is here, but efficiencies are sure to be examined.