

Transportation Improvements - *Florida at Work*



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KEY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Highways: SR 666; SR 686; SR 688; SR 693; SR 694; Alt. US 19

Rail: CSX

Waterways: Intracoastal Waterway

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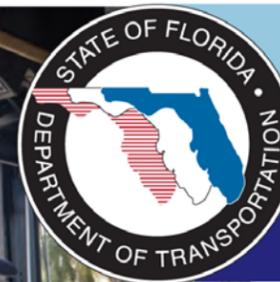
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The mission of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

BENEFITS – Transportation projects provide tangible benefits.

- **JOBS** – Every \$1 billion spent on highways supports 28,000 jobs and one-third of those are in construction-related employment. Also of note, employment in the transportation, trade and utilities sectors comprises 20% of total employment in Florida.
- **ECONOMY** – Sustaining the performance of Florida's transportation system enables a strong competitive Florida economy. All segments of the economy depend on efficient transportation to move people and transport goods. Over the next five years, the FDOT Work Program will increase Florida's Gross State Product by over \$11 billion in increased productivity.
- **RETURN ON INVESTMENT** – Every dollar invested in transportation is estimated to result in a return of nearly \$5 in user and economic benefits to Florida's residents and businesses.

FUNDING – Transportation projects require multi-year funding to complete.

- **STATE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND** – Funding for FDOT comes from the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF). Sources of revenue for the STTF include state fuel taxes, motor vehicle fees, and federal funding. The STTF was created to manage funds dedicated for transportation.
- **CASH FLOW VERSUS COMMITMENTS** – FDOT carries approximately \$6 billion of outstanding commitments to our transportation contractors and partners while working with a projected cash balance between \$250 and \$300 million.
- **REVENUE REDUCTIONS** – Reductions in revenues have had a significant impact on the 5-Year Work Program. FDOT has had to defer \$10 billion worth of projects since 2006. Nearly \$6 billion of capacity improvements have been deferred in the past two years alone. Further reductions will mean some planned improvements included in this document cannot be accomplished.

DID YOU KNOW . . . on average, Floridians spend only \$9 per month in state gas taxes to support transportation improvements in Florida.

