

Transportation Improvements - *Florida at Work*



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KEY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Highways: SR 7, SR 91, SR 802, SR 804, SR 807, SR 809, SR 882, SR 7 / US 441, SR 80 / US 441

Rail: South Florida Rail Corridor

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Florida at Work

Transportation moves people and freight to improve our economy

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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 improvements result in tangible benefits.

- **JOBS** – \$1 billion spent on transportation projects supports about 28,000 jobs.
- **ECONOMY** – The performance of Florida's transportation system is the foundation for a strong competitive Florida economy. All segments of the economy depend on efficient transportation to move people and transport freight. Over the next five years, FDOT planned improvements will increase Florida's Gross State Product (GSP) by an estimated \$11 billion in increased productivity.
- **RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI)** – 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. This high ROI demonstrates why transportation investment is so vitally important, particularly in challenging economic times.

PERFORMANCE – Highlights of transportation investment accomplishments¹.

- **SAFETY** – Florida's highway fatality rate has declined for four consecutive years. Even with safer highway design, safer motor vehicles, increased safety belt usage, enhanced public education, vigorous law enforcement, and improved emergency response and trauma treatment, there is more to be done to further reduce fatalities.
- **MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION** – FDOT has met or exceeded its established maintenance performance standards since 1994. Nearly 90 percent of State Highway System pavement is in excellent condition. All bridges maintained by FDOT are safe and over 95 percent show no structural deterioration.
- **MOBILITY** – From 1995 to 2007, the average annual increase in travel delay was about 5 percent. Even with the current economic downturn, growing travel demand and resulting delay continue to outpace highway capacity. This will be even more challenging when the economy recovers as workers, shoppers and tourists are back on the road in greater numbers. Our strategic investments in intermodal transportation will help to ensure improved system performance.

FUNDING – Transportation projects require multi-year funding.

- **STATE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND** – The Trust Fund was created to dedicate and manage all transportation related revenue sources including state fuel taxes, motor vehicle fees, and federal funds.
- **CASH FLOW vs. COMMITMENTS** – FDOT currently has approximately \$6 billion of secured funding commitments to transportation contractors and partners while working with a projected cash balance between \$250 and \$300 million.
- **REVENUE REDUCTIONS** – FDOT has had to defer projects of almost \$11 billion since 2006. Further reductions would mean some planned improvements in this document cannot be accomplished.
- **REVENUE SHORTFALLS** – FDOT expects to lose \$5 billion by the end of the decade in gas tax revenue due to more efficient vehicles using less fuel.

DID YOU KNOW...on average, Floridians spend less than \$28 a month for fuel taxes and vehicle related taxes and fees to support transportation improvements in Florida.

¹FDOT provides extensive performance reporting as part of our philosophy of accountability and proactive communication with stakeholders and the public. For detailed information on Transportation Performance in Florida see www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/performance.

