

a report on

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION TRENDS AND CONDITIONS



INTRODUCTION



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Introduction

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. The purpose of the FDOT Trends and Conditions process is to assist Florida's transportation policymakers and planning organizations by identifying, analyzing, and disseminating information about the key factors and emerging issues that impact Florida's ability to accomplish its transportation mission.

The Florida Statutes (216.0158 (1)) mandate that state agencies conduct trends and conditions analysis in their annual Long Range Program Plan (LRPP). "By analyzing the trends and conditions, goals and objectives, and current facilities inventory, each agency and the judicial branch shall determine its unmet and forecasted future needs." As a support to the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Strategic Plan and the LRPP, the FDOT Trends and Conditions process is a continuing process that assesses local, state and national issues and trends that impact current and future mobility. Knowledge of key trends and conditions assists policy makers by identifying trends that could pose threats to or provide opportunities for the state and numerous public and private entities that are charged with providing transportation. Based on the trends and conditions, implications can be drawn and projections can be made. With this information, policy makers and transportation professionals are better equipped to make wise and informed decisions.

The Trends and Conditions reports are organized into four areas preceded by the Executive Summary and this Introduction. The first area addresses **travel demand** by examining population growth and characteristics, travel behavior trends, tourist travel, and freight movement. The second provides information on Florida's **transportation system** including the roadway system, aviation, seaport, rail, transit, and bicyclist/pedestrian facilities. The third examines the **transportation impacts** in terms of system performance, safety, environmental impacts, land use, and the economy. The final section explores **transportation funding** including resources, investments, and costs.

The Trends and Conditions web site is maintained to provide the latest trends and conditions information. Each of the eighteen reports is updated every two to three years. Please check the site at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/trends/tc-report/> for the latest versions of these reports.