
**SUMMARY OF
TRANSPORTATION-RELATED
LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE
2014 LEGISLATURE**

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SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION

Readers are encouraged to consult information provided by the Department's Budget Office with regard to HB 5001, the General Appropriations Act, and HB 5003, Implementing the 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act, for transportation-related funding impacts. Further, a review for necessary details of any bill contained herein is recommended, and links to each bill are provided. Lastly, this document is intended to provide information on transportation-related bills and other bills of interest that were passed by the 2014 Legislature.

The table at the end of this document reflects final bill action for each bill contained in this summary.

Transportation (*Department Package*)

[HB 7175](#) – by Representative Goodson

Sections 1: Florida Transportation Corporation Act

- Repeals the Florida Transportation Corporation Act in ss. 339.401 through 339.421, F.S.

Section 2: Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) & Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission

amends s. 20.23(2)(b)8., F.S.,

- Gives the FTC oversight authority over the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority
- repeals s. 20.23(3), F.S.

- Eliminates the Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission.

Section 3: Wreckers

repeals obsolete s. 316.530(3), F.S.,

- Allows permits for wreckers to tow disabled vehicles where the combination of wrecker and towed vehicle are over the legal weight limit, thereby eliminating the direct conflict in state law.

Section 4: CMV/Auxiliary Power Units (APU)

amends s. 316.545(3), F.S.,

- Increases the maximum weight limit for APUs from 400 to 550 pounds to conform to federal law.
- The bill also makes grammatical and editorial changes to this section.

Section 5: Strategic Airport Investment Initiative

creates s. 332.007(10), F.S.,

- Authorizing the Department to fund strategic airport investment projects at up to 100 percent of the project's cost if:
 - Important access and on-airport capacity improvements are provided.
 - Capital improvements that strategically position the state to maximize opportunities in international trade logistics, and the aviation industry are provided.
 - Goals of an integrated intermodal transportation system for the state are achieved.
 - Feasibility and availability of matching funds through federal, local, or private partners are demonstrated.

Section 6: Lease Purchase Agreements & Landscaping

amends s. 334.044(16), F.S.,

- Providing that notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department may not enter into any lease-purchase agreement with any expressway authority, regional transportation authority, or other entity. This does not invalidate any lease-purchase agreement authorized under ch. 348, F.S.,¹⁸ and ch. 2000-411, L.O.F.,¹⁹ and existing as of July 1, 2013, and does not limit the Department's authority under the public private partnership statute.

amends s. 334.044(26), F.S.,

- Requiring the Department to purchase all plant materials from Florida commercial nursery stock in this state on a uniform competitive bid basis, except as prohibited by applicable federal law or regulation. The bill also makes editorial changes to this subsection.

Section 7: Access to State Parks

amends s. 335.06, F.S.

- Authorizes the Department to improve and maintain roads that are part of the county road system or city street system if they provide access to a state park. If the Department does not maintain the road, the appropriate county or municipality shall maintain the road.

Section 8: State Trails

amends s. 335.065(3), F.S.

(The language in this section is superseded by Section 25 of [CS/CS/HB 1161](#) under the tenet of last pasted.)

Section 9: Contractor Vehicle Registration

amends s. 337.11(13), F.S.,

- This section requires all road or bridge construction contracts or maintenance contracts let by the Department to require all motor vehicles operated by the contractor in this state

to be registered in compliance with ch. 320, F.S, thereby eliminating the requirement of proof to the Department in the form a notarized affidavit from the contractor.

Section 10: Application for Qualification

amends s. 337.14(7), F.S.

- Provides that limitations on contractors or “affiliates” who qualify under s. 337.165(1)(a) not qualifying to provide services under s. 287.055 or s. 337.105 does not apply when the Department otherwise determines by written order entered at least 30 days before advertisement that the limitation is not in the best interests of the public with respect to a particular contract for testing services, or for construction, engineering and inspection services. However, this may not be construed to authorize a contractor to provide testing services, or to provide construction, engineering and inspection services, to the Department in connection with a construction contract under which the contractor is performing any work.

Section 11: Identification of Potential Bidders

amends s. 337.168(2), F.S.

- Clarifies an existing public records exemption by providing that a document that reveals the identity of a person who has requested or obtained from the Department, a bid package, plan, or specifications pertaining to any project to be let by the Department before the two working days before the deadline for obtaining such materials remains a public record.

Section 12: Surplus Property

amends s. 337.25, F.S.

- Revises the terms and conditions under which the Department may sell or lease properties acquired for transportation rights-of-way and authorizing the Department to contract for auction services used in the conveyance of real or personal property or leasehold interests and authorizes such contracts to allow the contractor to retain a portion of the proceeds as compensation.
- Authorizes the Department to “convey” rather than “sell” land, buildings, or other real or personal property after determining the property isn’t needed for a transportation facility and to dispose of property through negotiations, sealed competitive bids, auctions, or any other means deemed to be in the Department’s best interest. Due advertisement is required for property valued at more than \$10,000, and no property may be sold at less than fair market value except as specified. The Department is authorized, rather than required, to afford the right of first refusal to a political subdivision, or local government in which the parcel is located, except in conveyances when:
 - The property has been donated to the state for transportation purposes and a facility has not been constructed for at least five years;
 - The property was originally required for replacement housing for persons displaced by transportation projects; or
 - It has been determined by the Department that a sale of the property to anyone other than the abutting land owner would be inequitable.

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- The Department is prohibited from conveying a leasehold interest at a price less than the Department's current estimate of value and specifies that a lease may be created through negotiations, sealed competitive bids, auctions, or any other means deemed to be in the best interest by the Department. A lease shall not be for a period of more than five years; however, the Department may extend the lease for an additional five years without rebidding.
 - The Department's estimate of value must be prepared in accordance with the Department procedures, guidelines, and rules of valuation of real property. If the value of the property exceeds \$50,000; the sale will be negotiated at a price not less than fair market value as determined by an independent appraisal. If the estimate of value is \$50,000 or less, the Department may use a staff appraiser or obtain an independent appraisal.
 - Specifies that s. 337.25, F.S., does not modify the requirements of s. 73.013, F.S.

Section 13: Unsolicited Lease Proposals

amends s. 337.251(2), F.S., providing statutory guidance regarding unsolicited lease proposals.

- Changes the time period in which the Department will accept other proposals for the lease of a particular property from 60 days to 120 days. The bill requires the Department to establish an application fee for the submission of proposals by rule. The fee must be limited to the amount needed to pay for the anticipated costs of evaluating the proposals. The Department may engage the services of private consultants to assist in the evaluation. Before approval, the Department must determine that the proposed lease:
 - Is in the public's best interest.
 - Would not require state funds to be used.
 - Would have adequate safeguards in place to ensure that no additional costs or service disruptions would be realized by the traveling public and residents of the state in the event of default by the private lessee or upon termination or expiration of the lease.

Section 14: Toll Interoperability

amends s. 338.161(5), F.S.,

- Clarifies that the Department may collect and enforce tolls, fares, administrative fees, and other applicable charges due in connection with use of the public or private transportation facility.

Section 15: Alligator Alley

amends s 338.26(3), F.S.,

- Removes the obligation of Alligator Alley excess toll revenues to indefinitely be used to operate and maintain the fire station at mile marker 63 and authorizing the use of such revenues to reimburse a county or another local governmental entity for the direct actual cost of operating the fire station by interlocal agreement ending on June 30, 2018.

Section 16: Leases for Wireless Communications Facilities

creates ss. 339.041, F.S.,

- The Department is authorized to create a mechanism for factoring future revenues received by the department from leases for wireless communication facilities on department property.
- The Department may solicit investors willing to enter into agreements to purchase the revenue stream from one or more existing department leases for wireless communication facilities on property owned or controlled by the department through the issuance of an invitation to negotiate

Section 17: Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)

amends s. 339.175, F.S.

- Revises state law superseded by federal law and rule by requiring that MPO designation occur by agreement between the Governor and units of general-purpose local government that together represent at least 75 percent of the population, including the largest incorporated city, based on population, as named by the Bureau of the Census.
- Increases the maximum voting membership from 19 to 25 members.
- Provides that, with the exception of instances in which all of the county commissioners in a single-county MPO are members of the MPO governing board, county commissioners must compose at least one-third of the MPO governing board membership.
- Provides that a multicounty MPO may satisfy the one-third requirement by any combination of county commissioners from each of the counties constituting the MPO.
- Authorizes general purpose local governments serving on an MPO to include one member who represents a group of general purpose local governments through an entity created by an MPO for that purpose. This would allow an entity created by an MPO that is composed of local government officials, such as an MPO-created committee consisting of local governments not on the MPO, to serve on an MPO.
 - Authorizes, rather than requires, provision of governing board voting membership to authorities or other agencies that perform transportation functions but which are not under the jurisdiction of a general purpose local government. This provides MPO discretion to determine which authorities or other agencies should serve on an MPO governing board.
 - Provides that each MPO is to review the composition of its membership after each decennial census and, as necessary, reapportion its membership with the Governor, to clarify that the MPO initiates the review and reapportionment of its governing board membership.
 - Authorizes MPOs to establish bylaws by action of its governing board providing procedural rules to guide its proceedings and consideration of matters before the council or, alternatively, adopt rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

Section 18: Economic Development Transportation Projects

amends s. 339.2821, F.S.

- Adds Enterprise Florida, Inc., as an entity the Department will consult with in making and approving economic development transportation project contracts. Removes

reference to quarterly reports and the quarterly transfer of funds which provides FDOT with the flexibility to negotiate invoice and payment terms with grant recipients.

- The bill also provides authority for the Department to terminate a grant award if vertical construction of the transportation project does not begin within four years after the date of the initial grant award; and expands the type of authorized transportation facility projects eligible for the program to include spaceports.

Section 19: Auditor General

repeals s. 11.45(3)(m), F.S.

- Authorizes the Auditor General to audit these corporations.

Sections 20 and 21: Toll Facilities Revolving Trust Fund

amends ss. 343.82(3)(d) and 343.922(4), F.S.,

- Deletes references to the Toll Facilities Revolving Trust Fund repealed in a prior legislative session.

Section 22: Environmental Mitigation

amends s. 373.4137, F.S.,

- Provides that mitigation take place in a manner that promotes efficiency, timeliness in project delivery, and cost-effectiveness.
- Requires the following for the development of environmental impact inventories for transportation projects proposed by the Department or a transportation authority:
 - The Department must submit an environmental impact inventory of habitat impacts and the anticipated amount of mitigation needed to offset the impacts to the Water Management Districts (WMD) by July 1, and may include in the inventory the habitat impacts and the anticipated amount of mitigation needed for future projects.
 - The environmental impact inventory must include the proposed amount of mitigation needed based on the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) and identification of the proposed mitigation option.
- Requires funding for the identified mitigation option in the inventory to be included in The Department's work program, and requires the amount programmed each year to correspond to an estimated cost to mitigate for the functional loss identified in the environmental impact inventory.
- Specifies that mitigation implemented by the WMDs or the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the amount paid each year must be based on mitigation services provided by the WMD or DEP pursuant to an approved WMD mitigation plan. The WMDs or DEP may request payment no sooner than 30 days before the date the funds are needed.
- Requires the projected amount of mitigation must be reconciled each quarter with the actual amount of mitigation needed for projects as permitted. The programming of funds must be adjusted to reflect the mitigation as permitted.
- The Department may use the associated funds for the purchase of mitigation bank credits or any other mitigation option that satisfies the requirements, if the:
 - WMD excludes a project from an approved WMD mitigation plan.

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- WMD cannot timely permit a mitigation site to offset the impacts of the Department project identified in the inventory.
 - Proposed mitigation does not meet state and federal requirements.
 - Specifies that the WMD or DEP, as appropriate, has continuing responsibility for the mitigation project upon final payment for mitigation and the Department's or the participating transportation authority's obligation is satisfied.
 - Requires each WMD or DEP to invoice the Department for mitigation services to offset only the impacts of The Department project identified in the inventory, beginning with the March 2015 WMD plans. If the WMD identifies the use of mitigation bank credits to offset the Department impact, the WMD must exclude that purchase from the mitigation plan and the Department must purchase the bank credits.
 - Requires that for mitigation activities occurring on existing WMD or DEP mitigation sites initiated with the Department's mitigation funds prior to July 1, 2013, the WMD or DEP is required to invoice the Department at \$75,000 per acre multiplied by the projected acres of impact. The cost per acre must be adjusted by a CPI calculation.
 - The WMD must maintain records of the costs incurred including:
 - Planning.
 - Land acquisition.
 - Design and construction.
 - Staff support, long-term maintenance and monitoring of the mitigation site.
 - Other costs necessary to meet federal requirements.
 - Requires the funds identified in the Department's work program or participating transportation authorities' escrow accounts, for preparing and implementing the mitigation plans, adopted by the WMDs on or before March 1, 2014, to correspond to \$75,000 per acre multiplied by the projected acres of impact, adjusted by the CPI. The WMD must maintain records of the costs incurred in implementing the mitigation. If monies paid to a WMD exceed the amount spent by the WMD to implement the mitigation, the funds must be refunded to the Department or the participating transportation authority. This provision expires June 30, 2015.
 - The bill requires each WMD to develop a plan to offset only the impacts of transportation projects in the inventory for which a WMD is implementing mitigation. The WMD plan must identify the site where the WMD will mitigate, the scope of the mitigation activities at each mitigation site, and the functional gain at each mitigation site as determined using UMAM. The mitigation plan must be submitted to the WMD's governing board for review and approval. The bill requires that the WMD provide a copy of the draft mitigation plan to the DEP at least 14 days before governing board approval. The plan may not be implemented until it is subsequently approved by the DEP. The bill also requires the plan to describe how the mitigation offsets the impacts of each transportation project and provide a schedule for the mitigation services

Section 23: Public Service Warning Signs
amends s. 373.618, F.S.

- Clarifies that public service warning signs on water management district property are subject to the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 and all applicable federal laws and agreements.

Sections 24 through 44: Outdoor Advertising

- Re-write of Section 479, Related to Outdoor Advertising

(The language in this section is superseded by Section 22 [CS/CS/HB 1161](#) under the tenet of last past. Identical language is also located in [CS/CS/CS/SB 218](#))

Section 45: Tourist-Oriented Commerce Sign/Permit Exemption
repeals s. 76 of ch. 2012-174, Laws of Florida

(The language in this section is superseded by Section 24 [CS/CS/HB 1161](#) under the tenet of last past. Identical language is also located in [CS/CS/CS/SB 218](#))

Section 46: Palm Beach County Pilot Program

(The language in this section is superseded by Section 25 [CS/CS/HB 1161](#) under the tenet of last past.)

Section 47: Parking Meters

- Directs the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) to conduct a study of the potential for the state to obtain revenue from any parking meters or other parking time-limit devices that regulate designated parking spaces located within or along the right-of-way limits of a state road. The FTC is allowed to retain any additional staff that may be reasonably necessary to complete the study, and the Department is directed to pay the expenses associated with those staff.

Section 48: Pinellas Bayway

amends section 2 of ch. 85-364, L.O.F., as amended by ch. 95-382, L.O.F.

- Provides that payment of maintenance costs will become an eligible use of Pinellas Bayway toll revenue before it is deposited into the toll construction account. Additionally, the bill removes references to Blind Pass Road and State Road 699 improvements which have been completed.

Section 49: Conforming Changes

amends s. 110.205(2), F.S.,

- Conforms cross-references and making other editorial changes.

Section 50: Effective Date

- Unless otherwise expressly provided, the bill has an effective date of July 1, 2014.

Toll-By-Plate

[CS/HB 7007](#) – by Representative Artiles
amends 338.155

- Expands the current public records exemption to include personal identifying information held by the Department, a county, or an expressway authority for the purpose of paying, prepaying, or collecting tolls and other amounts due. This would include personal identifying information of customers who use the post-payment method of toll payment otherwise known as “Toll-By Plate.”
- Provides for repeal of the exemption on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature. It also provides a statement of public necessity as required by the State Constitution.

Transportation (*479/Outdoor Advertising<ODA>*)

[CS/CS/HB1161](#) – by Representative Goodson

Section 1: Leases for Wireless Communication Facilities
creates s. 339.041, F.S.,

- The Department is authorized to create a mechanism for factoring future revenues received by the department from leases for wireless communication facilities on department property.
- The Department may solicit investors willing to enter into agreements to purchase the revenue stream from one or more existing department leases for wireless communication facilities on property owned or controlled by the department through the issuance of an invitation to negotiate

Section 2: Water management district public information signs
amends s. 373.618, F.S.

- Clarifies that public service warning signs on water management district property are subject to the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 and all applicable federal laws and agreements.

Section 3: Allowable Uses
creates s. 479.024, F.S.

- Clarifies the definition of “Allowable uses” that is used in conjunction with new section 479.024; Removes subparagraphs 4 and 26 due to the addition of 479.024, FS.; Subparagraph 17 - clarifies term “remove.” ; Subparagraph 20 - add automatic changeable face to definition of “sign face”

Section 4: Duties of the Department

- Clarifies Department authority over nonconforming signs also clarifies use of terms commercial or industrial areas. Expands for use of information panel program from only interstates to limited access highways over, expanding commerce opportunities.

Section 5: Commercial and industrial parcels

creates s. 479.024, F.S.,

- Establishes local government responsibility for determining commercial or industrial zones in conformance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.
 - Sets factors to be used to ensure signs are only permitted on commercial or industrial parcels.
 - The Department retains oversight authority.
- Requires the Department to reduce state apportioned transportation funding within the jurisdiction of a local government entity by the same amount the Federal Highways. Administration reduces the Department funding if the reduction is due to a local government's failure to be compliant with this section.

Section 6: Jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation

amends s. 479.03, F.S.,

- Revises the Department's authority to enter intervening privately owned lands for the purpose of effectuating removal of illegal signs upon written notice to the appropriate party in control of the property.

Section 7: ODA license requirement/renewal/fees

amends s. 479.04, F.S.,

- Clarifies that a license is not required by someone who is in the business to solely construct or erect a sign structure.

Section 8: Denial, suspension or revocation of license

amends s. 479.05, F.S.,

- Clarifies disciplinary actions for delinquent accounts. Provides for the suspension of an outdoor advertising license when the licensee has provided misleading information of material consequence, failed to pay fees or costs owed to the Department or has violated any of the provisions of this chapter until the licensee has resolved the matter that resulted in the suspension. A suspended license will not be granted transfers of existing permits or granted additional permits.

Section 9: Sign Permits

amends s. 479.07, F.S., clarifying existing language and clarifying permit requirements to ensure compliance with federal regulations on all highways subject to the Department's jurisdiction.

Specifically the bill:

- Removes the requirement for notarized permit application which will allow for future on-line permit processing.
- Changes the tag posting placement requirement to the upper 50% of the sign structure from upper 50% of the pole nearest the highway to accommodate the various sign structure designs.
- Ensures consistency in tags posted by eliminating option for permittee to provide its own replacement tag.
- Changes permit reinstatement fee from a variable cost to a flat fee of \$300.

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- Provides that a sign visible to more than one highway subject to the jurisdiction of the Department to meet the permitting requirements of all highways within the controlled area of these highways.
 - Clarifies the height restriction of a sign is based on the main-traveled way to which the sign is permitted.
 - Doesn't restrict the pilot program to any specific local government, but allows any local government to take advantage of if they desire and follow the requirements.
 - Removes pilot program placement requirements as redundant to Section 479.024, Florida Statutes.
 - Removes requirement for maintaining pilot program statistics.

Section 10: Denial or revocation of permit

amends s. 479.08, F.S.,

- Clarifying that the Department may deny or revoke any permit requested or granted if it determines that the application for the permit contains false or misleading information of material consequence.

Section 11: Sign Removal

amends s. 479.10, F.S., regarding sign removal. Specifically the bill:

- Clarifies authority for department removal of cancelled signs in addition to revoked signs.
- Ensures Department control over roadway and eliminates un-removed cancelled signs for future permits.
- Allows for the elimination of unpermitted signs that may create spacing conflicts for new permits.
- Clarifies that the permittee is responsible for cost of removal.

Section 12: Signs erected or maintained without required permit.

amends s. 479.105, F.S.; Specifically the bill:

- Amended to clarify the notification and permitting processes for signs in violation of permit requirements.
- Allows for notices announcing an illegal sign violation to be posted as close to the sign as possible in locations where the sign is not easily accessible.
- Provides that the a written notice of the violation is to be sent to either the sign owner, the advertiser or the owner of the property informing the part of the illegal sign and that the party may request an administrative hearing.
- Establishes a permitting pathway for unpermitted signs that have been up for a period of 7 years or more.

Section 13: Vegetation Management

amends s. 479.106, F.S.,

- Amended to clarify vegetation management permit policies and processes.
- Clarifies that for signs originally permitted after July 1, 1996, the first vegetation permit application or application for a change of view zone requires the removal of two nonconforming signs.

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- Clarifies that vegetation management is only for the removal, cutting, or trimming of vegetation along the highway the sign is permitted to.
 - Clarifies that the administrative penalty for illegal removal, cutting, or trimming of trees or vegetation in violation of this section is up to \$1,000 per sign facing.

Section 14: Signs on highway Right of Way(ROW); removal amends s. 479.107(5), F.S.,

- Removes fine of \$75 for sign removal.

Section 15: Specified signs allowed within controlled portions of the interstate amends s. 479.111(2), F.S., Specifically the bill:

- Adds the 1972 Federal-State agreement for clarification

Section 16: Harmony of regulations amends s. 479.15, F.S.

- Amended to allow for all permitted signs to be relocated as a result of a transportation project to save acquisition costs. Safeguards the status of conforming signs in the event state spacing requirements are threatened by a sign location.

Section 17 : Wall Murals amends s. 479.156, F.S.

- Amended to clarify regulation sources related to wall murals.

Section 18: Control of Outdoor Advertising: Signs for which permits are not required amends s. 479.16, F.S.

- Amended to allow for clarification and expansion of commerce and local control exemptions unless after being enacted the Department is notified by the federal government that such exemptions will adversely affect the allocation of federal funds to the Department.
- Modular news racks, street light poles, public pay telephones and waste receptacles, within the right of way.
- Clarifies the already existing exemption of signs for rural business directional signs is for signs located outside an incorporated area.
- Removes the rural business exemption restriction to signs located in Charter Counties.
- Exempts certain local tourist oriented business signs located within a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern.
- Exempts signs not in excess of 32 square feet placed temporarily during harvest season of a farm operation.
- Exempts acknowledgement signs on public school property relating to a specific public school club, team or event no closer than 1,000 feet from another such sign.
- Exempts displays on a sports facility that directly relate to the facility's activities by presence.

Section 19: Compensation for signs/eminent domain amends s. 479.24, F.S.

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- Amended to clarify compensation for signs acquired by the department includes both conforming and nonconforming signs.

Section 20: Erection of noise-attenuation barrier blocking view of sign
amends s. 479.25, F.S.,

- Amended to clarify the duties of state and local government to notice property owners of a proposed sound barrier wall.

Section 21: Logo Sign Program
amends s. 479.261, F.S.,

- Amended to allow logo sign program on limited access roads to provide advertising opportunities for local commerce. Allows for potential revenue increases from Logo Program.

Section 22: Tourist Oriented Directional Signs (TODs)
amends s. 479.262(1), F.S.,

- The bill expands the Tourist Oriented Directional program by repealing the restriction limiting the program to roads in a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concerns and providing that the program applies to intersections on rural and conventional state, county or municipal roads. The bill also expressly states, consistent with Rule 14-51.063, F.A.C., and the MUTCD, that a TOD sign may not be used on roads in urban areas or at interchanges on freeways or expressways.

Section 23: Permit Revocation and Cancellation
amends s. 479.313, F.S.,

- Amended to ensure the Department's authority in removal of cancelled signs.

Section 24: Repeal
repeals Section 76 of Chapter 2012-174

- Repeals Section 76 of chapter 2012-174, Laws of Florida, as this language is not necessary after the additions to Section 16.

Section 25: Palm Beach School District Pilot Program

- Reauthorizes a pilot program for the School District of Palm Beach County to recognize its business partners by publicly displaying their names on school district property in unincorporated areas of the county. Recognitions of Project Graduations and athletic sponsorships are examples of appropriate recognitions. The school district is required to make every effort to display the names of its business partners in a manner that is consistent with the county standards for uniformity in size, color, and placement of the signs. If the provisions of this section are inconsistent with county ordinances or regulations relating to signs in the unincorporated areas of the county or inconsistent with ch. 125, F.S., or ch. 166, F.S., the provisions of this section prevail.

Section 26: Commercial Sponsorship on Multiuse Trails and Related Facilities

- Allows the Department to enter into a concession agreement with a not-for-profit entity or private sector business or entity for commercial sponsorship displays on multiuse trails and related facilities and use any concession agreement revenues for the maintenance of the multiuse trails and related facilities. Commercial sponsorship displays are subject to the requirements of the Highway Beautification Act, and all federal laws and agreements, when applicable.
- The Department will administer concession agreements for the displays and the agreements must include:
 - Signage or displays must comply with s. 337.407 and chapter 479 and:
 - One large sign or display, not to exceed 16 square feet in area, may be located at each trailhead or parking area.
 - One small sign or display, not to exceed 4 square feet in area, may be located at each designated trail public access point.
 - Each name or sponsorship display must be approved by the Department.
 - The Department shall ensure that signs are consistent with the management plan for the property and the standards of the department; the signs may include a logo and this wording: “(Name of the sponsor) proudly sponsors the costs of maintaining the (Name of the greenway or trail)”
 - All costs of a display are to be paid by the concessionaire.
- A concession agreement term is for a minimum of one year, but may be for a longer period under a multiyear agreement, and may be terminated for just cause by the Department upon 60 days' advance notice. Just cause for termination includes, but is not limited to, violation of the terms of the agreement or s. 335.065, F.S.

Section 27: Effective Date

- Provides for an effective date of July 1, 2014.

Transportation

[CS/CS/CS/SB 218](#) – by Senator Grimsley

Section 2: Amber Light Display on Vehicles
amends 316.2397, F.S.

- Authorizes the display of an amber light affixed to the rearmost point of a commercial motor vehicle or trailer designed to transport unprocessed logs or pulpwood.

Section 3: Access to State Park Roads
amends s. 335.06, F.S.

- Identical language contained in Section 7 of [HB 7175](#)

Section 5: Utility Relocation Expenses
amends 337.403, F.S.

- Adds an exception to the general rule that a utility owner must bear the cost of removing or relocating a utility. This exception applies if a municipally- or county-owned utility is

located in a RACEC and the Department determines that the utility is unable, and will not be able within the next 10 years, to pay for the cost of utility work necessitated by a Department project on the State Highway System. Under these circumstances, the Department may pay the cost of the work performed by the Department or its contractors.

- This exception “[f]ormalizes current the Department procedure of promissory note forgiveness for a local utility that meets certain criteria and demonstrates an inability to pay for utility work necessitated by the Department project.”

Section 6: The Department Wireless Communication Leases
creates s. 339.041, F.S.

- Similar language, with technical differences, contained in Section 1 of [CS/CS/HB 1161](#)

Section 7: Small County Outreach Program
amends s. 339.2818, F.S.

- Allows a municipality within a RACEC or a RACEC community designated under s. 288.0656(7)(a), F.S., to compete for project funding using the existing criteria of the Small County Outreach Program as specified in s. 339.2818(4), F.S., at up to 100 percent of the project costs, excluding capacity projects. The funding for municipalities would be subject to an additional appropriation in excess of those appropriated for the Small County Outreach Program.

Section 11: Control of Outdoor Advertising
amends s. 479.16, F.S.

- Identical language contained in Section 18 of [CS/CS/HB 1161](#)

Section 12: Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs
amends s. 479.262(1), F.S.

- Identical language contained in Section 22 of [CS/CS/HB 1161](#)

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION RELATED BILLS

Motor Vehicle and Mobile Home Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges

[SB 156](#) – by Senator Negrón

- Reduces the amount of additional registration fees used to fund the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System.
- Reduces the service charge imposed on an application for an original or duplicate license plate, or specified registration stickers or certificates.
- Reduces surcharges imposed on a license tax; reenacting and amending provisions relating to special vehicle license plates for the Governor and federal and state legislators.
- Effective Date: 9/1/2014

Relating to Bicycle and Pedestrian Ways

[SB 2514](#) – by Senate Appropriations

- Authorizes the Department to use state appropriated funds for the establishment of a statewide system of interconnected multiuse trails; prioritizing projects for funding; requiring funded projects to be included in the department's work program.
- Provides that the department is not responsible for or obligated to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of any such project, etc.
- Effective Date: 7/1/2014

Relating to General Appropriations Act

[HB 5001](#) – by House Appropriations Committee

- Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2014, & ending June 30, 2015, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2014.
- This is the GAA and appropriates over \$10.1B to the FDOT. \$9.1B in Work Program, \$745.9M in Operating; \$16.5M in FCO; and \$158.9M in debt service.
- Effective Date: July 1, 2014, or upon becoming law, whichever occurs later

Relating to Documentary Stamp Tax Distributions

[HB 5501](#) – by House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

- Revises provisions for the payment of debt service and other amounts payable with respect to specified bonds.
- Requires specified funds to be transferred annually from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund to the General Revenue Fund, etc.
- Effective Date: July 1, 2014

Relating to Military and Veteran Support

[HB 7015](#) – by House Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

- Revises & creates provisions to benefit veterans & service members with regard to Educational Dollars for Duty program; Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor & Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden; governmental & private employment preference; employment & training services.
- Waives fees by DPBR & DOH; residency in Florida State Veterans' Domiciliary Home & admittance to state veterans' nursing home; drivers license & learner's permit exemptions & extensions; physician certificate for practice in areas of critical need; establishing certain charter schools.
- Waives certain State University, Florida College System institution, & career center fees.

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- Establishes Florida Is For Veterans, Inc. & Veterans Employment & Training Services Program in DVA; assigns various duties to Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., and VISIT Florida for marketing.
 - Provides specific appropriation.
 - Effective Date: July 1, 2014

Relating to Economic Development

[HB 7023](#) – by House Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

- Requires each county and municipality to adopt and enforce land development regulations in accordance with the submitted comprehensive plan.
- Provides a sales tax refund for purchases of electricity by certain eligible businesses and provides requirements for loan programs relating to accountability and proper stewardship of funds.
- Extends and renews building permits and certain permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district, including any local government-issued development order or building permit issued.
- Effective Date: July 1, 2014

Relating to Information Technology Governance

[HB 7073](#) – by House Appropriations Committee

- Creates Agency for State Technology (AST).
- Provides for appointment of executive director of AST, who shall serve as chief information officer and transfers certain assets and the authority of Agency for Enterprise Information Technology, Northwood Shared Resource Center, & Southwood Shared Resource Center to AST.
- Establishes single state data center; revises schedules for consolidation of state agency data centers & computing facilities into state data center.
- Provides additional duties of FDLE Cybercrime Office; repeals provisions for statewide e-mail service; provides appropriations.
- Effective Date: July 1, 2014

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY SAFETY LEGISLATION

Transportation

[CS/CS/CS/HB7005](#) – by Representative Artiles

Section 2: Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program-amends s. 311.101(7), F.S.

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- Provides that beginning in FY 2014-2015, at least \$5 million per year from the State Transportation Trust Fund shall be made available for the Intermodal Logistic Center Infrastructure Support Program.

Section 6: Buses
creates 316.0817

- Prohibits a bus from stopping to load or unload passengers in a manner that impedes, blocks, or otherwise restricts the progression of traffic on the main-traveled portion of a roadway if there is another “reasonable means” for the bus to stop parallel to the travel lane and safely load and unload passengers. The bill defines reasonable means as “sufficient unobstructed pavement or a designated turn lane that is sufficient in length to allow the safe loading and unloading of passengers parallel to the travel lane.” The bill also specifies that this provision does not apply to school buses.

Section 13: Display of License Plates
amends 316.2952

- Removes the requirement that the word “Florida” be plainly visible and legible on the license plate. This is intended to allow the use of license plate frames that might otherwise partially obscure the word “Florida” when it appears at the top or bottom of the license plate. *This section effective July 1st, 2016.*

Section 15: Autonomous Vehicles
amends 316.86

- Expands the entities that are authorized to conduct autonomous vehicle testing to also include research organizations associated with accredited educational institutions. The bill also removes obsolete language requiring a DHSMV report, as the report has already been submitted.

Section 25: Port Vehicles and Equipment
creates s. 320.525(2)(c), F.S.

- The bill provides that if such roads are designated as port district roads for the purpose of transporting cargo, containers, and other equipment, then port vehicles and equipment will be exempt from the requirements related to motor vehicle registration, the payment of license taxes, and the display of license plates.
- Port District Roads are to be designated by the Department with appropriate signage.

Section 49: Traffic Signal and Control Device Services

- Requires a county or municipality to respond within 60 days after receiving a request from another county or municipality regarding the evaluation, installation, operation, or maintenance of traffic signals or other traffic control devices. This requirement only applies if there is an agreement between the governmental entities for the provision of traffic signal or traffic control device services.

Section 50: Yellow Dot Department Critical Motorist Medical Information Program

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- Authorizes the governing body of a county to create a yellow the Department critical motorist medical information program to facilitate the provision of emergency medical care to program participants by emergency medical responders by making critical medical information readily available to responders in the event of a motor vehicle accident or a medical emergency involving a participant's vehicle.
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 - The bill also authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department to provide education and training to encourage emergency medical responders to participate in the program. DHSMV and the Department may also take reasonable measures to publicize the program.

Section 51: Road Designation Revision

- Revises this designation to instead be located on S.R. 293 between the Mid-Bay Bridge Toll Plaza and S.R. 85.
- This extends the designation to the not yet built portion of the S.R. 293 Mid-Bay Bridge Extension that is not yet located on the state highway system.

Note: While HB 7005 is entitled a 'bill related to transportation', a significant portion of the bill deals with issues under the oversight of the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles. This section discusses only those parts of HB 7005 which directly impact the Department.

SUMMARY OF ROAD AND BRIDGE DESIGNATIONS

Transportation Facility Designations

CS/CS SB 820 by Senator Bullard, effective July 1, 2014, contains the following road and bridge designations and directs the Department to erect suitable markers for each:

District 1

- **KMI Kentucky Military Institute:**
Bascule bridges, numbers 170169 and 170170, on U.S. Business 41/S.R. 45/Tamiami Trail in Sarasota County are designated as “KMI Kentucky Military Institute Bridge.”
- **Henry Ford Bridge**
Bridge number 120002 over the Caloosahatchee River on U.S. 41/S.R. 45/Cleveland Avenue in Lee County is designated as “Henry Ford Bridge.”

District 2

- **Francis Gibbs Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. A1A/S.R. 105/S. Fletcher Avenue between S.R. A1A/S.R. 200/Atlantic Avenue and C.R. 105B/Simmons Road in Nassau County is designated as “Francis Gibbs Memorial Highway.”
- **Ponce de Leon Bridge**
Bridge number 780075 on U.S. 1/S.R. 5/Ponce de Leon Boulevard over the San Sebastian River in St. Johns County is designated as “Ponce de Leon Bridge.”
- **David W. Moss Memorial Highway**
That portion of U.S. 27A/U.S. 41/S.R. 45/S.R. 121/S.R. 500/W. Noble Avenue between U.S. 27/U.S. 41/S.R. 45/S.R. 121/N. Main Street and U.S. 41/S.R. 45/S.R. 121/S.W. 7th Street in Levy County is designated as “David W. Moss Memorial Highway.”
- **Nassau County Deputy Sheriffs Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. A1A/S.R. 200 between I-95/S.R. 9 and Stratton Road in Nassau County is designated as “Nassau County Deputy Sheriffs Memorial Highway.”

District 3

- Governor Mixson Highway:
That portion of S.R. 73 between the Calhoun County line and U.S. 231 in Jackson County is designated as “Governor Mixson Highway.”
- Warren E. “Charlie” Brown Memorial Highway
That portion of U.S. 98/S.R. 30 between Rosewood Drive and Sunrise Drive in Santa Rosa County is designated as “Warren E. ‘Charlie’ Brown Memorial Highway.”
- Colonel Bud Day Overpass
The Hurlburt Field Air Force Base overpass on U.S. 98 in Okaloosa County is designated as “Colonel Bud Day Overpass.”
- C. Wayne Ansley Highway
That portion of S.R. 85/N. Ferdon Boulevard between S.R. 10/U.S. 90 and C.R. 188/Airport Road/Old Bethel Road in Okaloosa County is designated as “C. Wayne Ansley Highway.”
- Lieutenant Colonel Carl John Luksic, USAF, Memorial Highway
That portion of U.S. 98/S.R. 30A/Tyndall Parkway between C.R. 2327/Transmitter Road and S.R. 22 in Bay County is designated as “Lieutenant Colonel Carl John Luksic, USAF, Memorial Highway.”
- James Harold Thompson Highway
That portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between Gretna and Chattahoochee in Gadsden County is designated as “James Harold Thompson Highway.”
- Trooper James Herbert Fulford, Jr., Memorial Highway
That portion of I-10/S.R. 8 between mile post 232 and mile post 233 in Jefferson County is designated as “Trooper James Herbert Fulford, Jr., Memorial Highway.”
- SP4 Billy Jacob Hartsfield Bridge
Bridge number 380047 on U.S. 98/S.R. 30 over the Aucilla River in Taylor County is designated as “SP4 Billy Jacob Hartsfield Bridge.”
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue
That portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between N. 5th Street and N. Norwood Road in Walton County is designated as “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue.”
- Julia Munroe Woodward Highway
Upon completion of construction, that portion of S.R. 269 between U.S. 90/S.R. 10 and S.R. 12 in Gadsden County is designated as “Julia Munroe Woodward Highway.”

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- Walter Francis Spence Parkway*
That portion of S.R. 293/Mid-Bay Bridge Extension between the Mid-Bay Bridge Toll Plaza and S.R. 20 in Okaloosa County is designated as “Walter Francis Spence Parkway.”
 - ✓ *Please note that a revision in Section 51 of HB 7005 (pg 78) revised this designation to instead be located on S.R. 293 between the Mid-Bay Bridge Toll Plaza and S.R. 85. This extends the designation to the unbuilt portion of the S.R. 293 Mid-Bay Bridge Extension that is not yet located on the state highway system. HB 7005 passed after SB 820 thus as “last-past” takes precedence over the original language for the Walter Francis Spence Parkway.*
 - Gulf County Veterans Memorial Highway
That portion of S.R. 71 between Knowles Avenue and the Calhoun County line in Gulf County is designated as “Gulf County Veterans Memorial Highway.”
 - CPT Tecarie “CZ” Czarnecki and TSgt David A. Stone Memorial Highway
That portion of I-10/S.R. 8 between mile marker 234 and the Madison County line in Jefferson County is designated as “CPT Tecarie ‘CZ’ Czarnecki and TSgt David A. Stone Memorial Highway.”
 - Allan Bense Highway
That portion of U.S. 231/S.R. 75 between the Jackson County line and U.S. 98B/S.R. 30 in Bay County is designated as “Allan Bense Highway.”

District 4

- Robert L. Clark Memorial Highway
That portion of U.S. 1/S.R. 5/N.E. 6th Avenue between Ponce de Leon Drive and S.R. 84/S.E. 24th Street in Broward County is designated as “Robert L. Clark Memorial Highway.”
- The Honorable Dale G. Bennett Boat Ramp
Boat ramp number 8 located at mile marker 40.7 on I-75/S.R. 93/Alligator Alley in Broward County is designated as “The Honorable Dale G. Bennett Boat Ramp.”
- Dr. Von Mizell Drive
That portion of S.R. A1A/Ocean Drive between S.R. 822/Sheridan Street and Cambridge Street in Broward County is designated as “Dr. Von Mizell Drive.”
- Trooper Kimberly Ann Hurd Memorial Highway
That portion of I-95/S.R. 9 between S.R. 834/Sample Road and the Palm Beach County Line in Broward County is designated as “Trooper Kimberly Ann Hurd Memorial Highway.”

District 5

- **Elias “Rico” Piccard Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 436 between S.R. 528 and S.R. 408 in Orange County is designated as “Elias ‘Rico’ Piccard Memorial Highway.”
- **Fred Karl Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 40 between the City of Ormond Beach and the Lake County line in Volusia County is designated as “Fred Karl Memorial Highway.”
- **Specialist Alexander Miller Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 50 between U.S. 27/S.R. 25 and Hancock Road in Lake County is designated as “Specialist Alexander Miller Memorial Highway.”
- **Sergeant Jess Thomas Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 50 between the Sumter County line and Lee Road in Lake County is designated as “Sergeant Jess Thomas Memorial Highway.”
- **Staff Sergeant Michael A. Bock Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 44/South Street between C.R. 44/Main Street and U.S. 27/S.R. 25/14th Street in Lake County is designated as “Staff Sergeant Michael A. Bock Memorial Highway.”
- **Specialist Ronald Gaffney Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 50 between S.R. 33 and C.R. 565A in Lake County is designated as “Specialist Ronald Gaffney Memorial Highway.”
- **Bessie Coleman Street**
That portion of S.R. 526/Washington Street/Robinson Street between S.R. 423/John Young Parkway and C.R. 526/Crystal Lake Drive in Orange County is designated as “Bessie Coleman Street.”
- **Robert Pittman, Jr., Road**
That portion of S.R. 436 between Sheeler Avenue and the Seminole County line in Orange County is designated as “Robert Pittman, Jr., Road.”
- **Historic Pine Castle Station**
Upon completion of construction, the SunRail stop near S.R. 428/Sand Lake Road and S.R. 527/Orange Avenue in Orange County is designated as “Historic Pine Castle Station.”
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 519/Fiske Boulevard located within the corporate limits of the City

of Cocoa in Brevard County is designated as “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway.”

District 6

- **Larcenia Bullard Way:**
That portion of S.R. 992/152nd Street between U.S. 1 and 117th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Larcenia Bullard Way.”
- **Minerva Vinuela Way:**
That portion of 25th Street between East 8th Avenue and East 9th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Tomas-Minerva Vinuela Way.”
- **Nelson Mandela Boulevard**
That portion of U.S. 441/S.R. 7/N.W. 2nd Avenue between S.R. 860/N.W. 183rd Street and S.R. 852/N.W. 215th/County Line Road in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Nelson Mandela Boulevard.”
- **Ronald A. Silver Drive**
That portion of S.R. 60/Miami Gardens Drive between S.R. 915/N.E. 6th Avenue and U.S. 1/S.R. 5 in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Ronald A. Silver Drive.”
- **Rene Ledesma Way**
That portion of S.R. 973/S.W. 87th Avenue between S.W. 68th Street and S.W. 70th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Rene Ledesma Way.”
- **Reverend John A. Ferguson Street**
That portion of S.R. 992/S.W. 152nd Street/Coral Reef Drive between S.R. 821/Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike and S.W. 99th Court in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Reverend John A. Ferguson Street.”
- **Sergeant Carl Mertes Street**
That portion of S.R. 922/N.E. 125th Street between N.E. 8th Avenue and N.E. 9th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Sergeant Carl Mertes Street.”
- **Detective Sergeant Steven E. Bauer Street**
That portion of N.E. 126th Street between N.E. 8th Avenue and N.E. 9th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Detective Sergeant Steven E. Bauer Street.”
- **Sergeant Lynette Hodge Street**
That portion of N.E. 127th Street between N.E. 8th Avenue and N.E. 9th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Sergeant Lynette Hodge Street.”
- **Full Gospel Assembly Street**
That portion of N.W. 40th Street between N.W. 2nd Avenue and N.W. 5th Avenue in

Miami-Dade County is designated as “Full Gospel Assembly Street.”

- Ebenezer Christian Academy Street
That portion of N.W. 39th Street between N.W. 2nd Avenue and N.W. 3rd Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Ebenezer Christian Academy Street.”
- Bishop Abe Randall Boulevard
That portion of N.W. 67th Street between N.W. 2nd Avenue and N.W. 4th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Bishop Abe Randall Boulevard.”
- Jacob Fleishman Street
That portion of S.R. 934/N.W. 81st Street between U.S. 441/S.R. 7/N.W. 7th Avenue and N.W. 12th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Jacob Fleishman Street.”
- Bishop Isaiah S. Williams, Jr., Street
That portion of S.R. 860/Miami Gardens Drive/N.W. 183rd Street between S.R. 817/N.W. 27th Avenue and N.W. 42nd Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Bishop Isaiah S. Williams, Jr., Street.”
- Reverend Wilner Maxi Street
That portion of N.E. 73rd Street between N.E. 2nd Avenue and N.E. 3rd Court in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Reverend Wilner Maxi Street.”
- Belen Presidents Way
That portion of U.S. 41/S.R. 90/Tamiami Trail/S.W. 8th Street between S.W. 127th Avenue and S.W. 132nd Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Belen Presidents Way.”
- Kane Arthur & Polly Mays Memorial Highway
That portion of U.S. 1/S.R. 5/S. Dixie Highway between S.W. 220th Street and S.W. 216th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Arthur & Polly Mays Memorial Highway.”
- Lourdes Guzman-DeJesus Street
That portion of U.S. 1/S.R. 5/S. Dixie Highway between S.W. 296th Street and S.W. 288th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Lourdes Guzman-DeJesus Street.”
- Wellness Way
That portion of N.W. 77th Avenue between Miami Lakes Drive/N.W. 154th Street and N.W. 146th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Wellness Way.”
- Purple Heart Trail
That portion of U.S. 1/S.R. 5 between Card Sound Road in Miami-Dade County and C.R. 905 in Monroe County is designated as “Purple Heart Trail.”

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- **Betty Pino Way**
That portion of U.S. 41/S.R. 90/Tamiami Trail/S.W. 8th Street between S.W. 37th Avenue and Ponce de Leon Boulevard in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Betty Pino Way.”
 - **Sabre Way**
That portion of S.R. 973/S.W. 87th Avenue between S.W. 24th Street/Coral Way and S.W. 32nd Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Sabre Way.”
 - **Pastor Jocelyne Bouchette Street**
That portion of N.W. 112th Street between U.S. 441/S.R. 7/N.W. 7th Avenue and N.W. 8th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Pastor Jocelyne Bouchette Street.”
 - **Gerbuns Augustin Avenue**
That portion of N.E. 8th Avenue between S.R. 916/N.E. 135th Street and N.E. 131st Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Gerbuns Augustin Avenue.”
 - **Indian Key Irving R. Eyster Bridge**
Bridge number 900095 over Indian Key Channel on U.S. 1/S.R. 5 in Monroe County is designated as “Indian Key Irving R. Eyster Bridge.”
 - **U.S. Army Sergeant Amaru Aguilar-Borgen Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 973/S.W. 87th Avenue between S.R. 836/Dolphin Expressway and S.W. 24th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “U.S. Army Sergeant Amaru Aguilar-Borgen Memorial Highway.”
 - **Ralph Sanchez Way**
That portion of U.S. 1/U.S. 41/S.R. 5/Biscayne Boulevard between U.S. 1/U.S. 41/S.R. 5/S.E. 2nd Street and N.E. 3rd Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Ralph Sanchez Way.”
 - **Miami Springs Boulevard**
That portion of S.R. 948/N.W. 36th Street between N.W. South River Drive and Curtiss Parkway/N.W. 57th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Miami Springs Boulevard.”
 - **Guillermo Zamora Boulevard**
That portion of S.R. 968/W. Flagler Street/S.W. 1st Street between S.W. 6th Avenue and S.W. 17th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Guillermo Zamora Boulevard.”
 - **Detective Stephen L. Vinson, Sr., Way**
That portion of S.W. 31st Street between S.W. 117th Court and S.W. 122nd Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Detective Stephen L. Vinson, Sr., Way.”

District 7

- **C. Blythe Andrews Road**
That portion of 21st Avenue between 26th Street and S.R. 585/22nd Street in Hillsborough County is designated as “C. Blythe Andrews Road.”
- **Roland Manteiga Road**
That portion of E. Palm Avenue between N. 15th Street and S.R. 45/N. Nebraska Avenue in Hillsborough County is designated as “Roland Manteiga Road.”
- **RADM LeRoy Collins, Jr., Veterans Expressway**
That portion of S.R. 589 and S.R. 568/Veterans Expressway between S.R. 60/Courtney Campbell Causeway and S.R. 597/Dale Mabry Highway in Hillsborough County is designated as “RADM LeRoy Collins, Jr., Veterans Expressway.”
- **Sergeant Paul Smith Memorial Highway**
That portion of U.S. 301/S.R. 43 between S.R. 574/Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard and S.R. 60/E. Adamo Drive in Hillsborough County is designated as “Sergeant Paul Smith Memorial Highway.”
- **Deputy Sheriff David Anthony Abella Memorial Highway**
That portion of U.S. 41/S.R. 599/S. 50th Street between Palm River Road and S.R. 676/Causeway Boulevard in Hillsborough County is designated as “Deputy Sheriff David Anthony Abella Memorial Highway.”
- **C. W. “Bill” Young Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 694/C.R. 694/Park Boulevard between U.S. 19/S.R. 55 and S.R. 699/Gulf Boulevard in Pinellas County is designated as “C. W. ‘Bill’ Young Memorial Highway.”
- **POW/MIA Memorial Highway**
That portion of S.R. 574 between I-75/S.R. 93A and I-4/S.R. 400 in Hillsborough County is designated as “POW/MIA Memorial Highway.”
- **Sheriff Charles Simeon Dean Highway**
That portion of S.R. 44 between the Sumter County line and U.S. 41/S.R. 44/S.R. 45 in Citrus County is designated as “Sheriff Charles Simeon Dean Highway.”
- *The Department of Transportation may permit the erection by a private entity of a suitable marker in the wayside park on the north end of bridge numbers 150215 and 150212/Sunshine Skyway Bridge in memory of those who died on May 9, 1980, when the MV Summit Venture collided with the bridge. The type of marker and its location are subject to the approval of the department. The private entity is responsible for all costs of the marker and its installation and maintenance. The private entity shall also provide an annual renewable bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, or another form of security as*

approved by the department's comptroller for the purpose of securing the cost of removal of the marker and any modifications made to the site as part of the placement of the marker should the department determine it necessary to remove or relocate the marker.

SUMMARY OF OTHER LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

Legislature

[CS/HB 9](#) – by Representative Nunez

- Changes the date for convening the regular session of the Legislature in the year 2016 to January 12th.
- Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Drivers Leaving the Scene of a Crash

[SB 102](#) - by Senator Diaz de la Portilla

- Requires the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash that results in serious bodily injury to a person to immediately stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash Providing that a person commits a felony of the second degree if he or she fails to stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash until specified requirements are fulfilled. Requiring the court to revoke for at least 3 years the driver license of a person convicted of leaving the scene of a crash involving injury, serious bodily injury, or death, etc.
- Effective Date: July 1, 2014

Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles

[HB 225](#) – by Representative Perry

- Revises child restraint requirements for children who are younger than specified age.
- Effective Date: January 1, 2015

Public Records/Automated License Plate Recognition Systems Exemption

[SB 226](#) – by Senator Brandes

- Creates a public records exemption for images obtained through the use of an automated license plate recognition system and personal identifying information of an individual in data generated from such images.
- The bill requires that such information may be disclosed under the following conditions:
 - By a criminal justice agency, as defined in s. 119.011(4), F.S. 17 in performance of the agency's official duties
 - To a license plate registrant requesting his or her own information provided it is not related to any ongoing criminal investigation.
- Effective Date: 7/1/2014

Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority

SB 230 – by Senator Simmons

- Expands and combines the Orlando-Orange County Expressway System and Osceola Expressway Systems.
- Renaming the expanded Authority as the “Central Florida Expressway System”.
- Provides for the transfer of governance and control, legal rights and powers, responsibilities, terms, and obligations to the authority.
- Extends to 99 years from 40 years, the term of a lease-purchase agreement
- Limits the authority’s ability to enter into a lease-purchase agreement.
- Removes the authority and criteria for an authority to waive payment and performance bonds for certain public works projects that are awarded pursuant to an economic development program, etc.
- Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Rental Car Surcharge

HB 343 – by Representative Nunez

- Provides alternative rental car surcharge rate for use of motor vehicle pursuant to agreement with car-sharing service for less than specified number of hours.
- Defines term "car-sharing service" as a membership based organization or business or decision which requires the payment of an application or membership fee to provide members access to motor vehicles.
- Effective Date: January 1, 2015

Engineers

HB 713 – by Representative Ray

- Revises qualifications for appointment of members of Board of Professional Engineers; permits professional or technical engineering society to provide list of qualified nominees for consideration for appointment to board.
- Provides for staggered terms & length of terms.
- Revises requirements for engineer license applicant who fails fundamentals examination.
- Authorizes applicants who are delayed in taking examination due to military service to have additional attempts to take examination.
- Revises requirements for obtaining licensure by endorsement.
- Revises requirements for continuing education hours & license renewal for engineers.
- Effective Date: July 1, 2014

State Contracting

HB 953 – by Representative Peters

- Revises criteria for evaluating proposal to include consideration of prior relevant

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- experience of vendor.
 - Revises criteria for evaluating response to agency's Invitation To Negotiate to include consideration of prior relevant experience of vendor.
 - Effective Date: July 1, 2014

Relating to Canaveral Port District, Brevard County

[HB 1023](#) – by Representative Goodson

- Codifies, amends, reenacts, and repeals the Canaveral Port District's special acts.
- Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Relating to Inspectors General

[HB 1385](#) – by Representative Raulerson

- Instructs inspector general in an agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor to keep the Chief Inspector General(CIG), rather than the agency head, informed concerning fraud, abuses, and deficiencies relating to programs and operations administered or financed by the state agency; recommend corrective action concerning fraud, abuses, and deficiencies; and report on the progress made in implementing corrective action.
- Moves appointment responsibility of the inspector general for state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor from the agency head to the CIG, rather than the agency head. Such inspector general is under the general supervision of the agency head, reports to the CIG, and may hire and remove staff within his or her office in consultation with the CIG, but independently of the agency.
- Requires that an inspector general for a state agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor may only be removed from office by the CIG for cause. Cause includes concerns regarding performance, malfeasance, misfeasance, misconduct, or failure to carry out his or her duties. The CIG must notify the Governor in writing of his or her intention to remove the inspector general at least 21 days before removal, rather than seven days. If the inspector general disagrees with the removal, such inspector general may present objections in writing to the Governor within the 21-day period.
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