

CHAPTER 2021-186

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1126

An act relating to the Department of Transportation; repealing s. 163.3168(4), F.S., relating to applications for funding for technical assistance relating to areas in and around a proposed multiuse corridor interchange; amending s. 201.15, F.S.; clarifying that the Department of Revenue is responsible for a certain transfer from the State Treasury to the General Revenue Fund of a portion of documentary stamp tax distributions credited to the State Transportation Trust Fund; amending s. 206.46, F.S.; revising a limitation on an annual transfer from the State Transportation Trust Fund to the Right-of-Way Acquisition and Bridge Construction Trust Fund; amending ss. 206.606, 206.608, and 212.0501, F.S.; removing a requirement for the deduction of certain service charges before the distribution of certain moneys; amending s. 316.126, F.S.; requiring drivers to change lanes when approaching a road and bridge maintenance or construction vehicle displaying warning lights on the roadside without advance signs and channelizing devices; amending s. 316.545, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the department provide space and video conference capability at each of the department's district offices as an alternative to physical appearance by a person requesting a hearing before the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board within the department; requiring the department to allow a person requesting a hearing to appear remotely via communications media technology authorized by a specified rule; amending s. 319.32, F.S.; removing a requirement for the deduction of certain service charges before depositing fees for a certificate of title into the State Transportation Trust Fund; creating s. 333.15, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt rules to implement ch. 333, relating to airport zoning; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Department of Transportation relating to the workforce development program; amending s. 335.199, F.S.; requiring the department, when proposing any project on the State Highway System which will close or modify an existing access to an abutting property owner, to provide notice to affected property owners, municipalities, and counties at least 180 days before the design phase of the project is completed; requiring the department to hold at least one public meeting before completing the design phase of the project; making a technical change; repealing s. 338.2278, F.S., relating to the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program; amending s. 338.236, F.S.; deleting a requirement for the department to give priority consideration to placement of staging areas in certain counties; amending s. 339.0801, F.S.; requiring that \$35 million transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise be used for a specified purpose beginning in a specified fiscal year and annually for up to 30 years thereafter; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 339.0801, F.S.; deleting a requirement for a specified amount of funds to be transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise for a specified purpose; creating s. 339.0803, F.S.; requiring that certain increased revenues be

used to fund specified projects beginning in a specified fiscal year and annually thereafter; authorizing such revenues to be used for certain projects; requiring the department to prioritize the use of certain facilities when upgrading arterial highways; providing construction; providing that such funding is in addition to other statutory funding allocations; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; revising the date by which a metropolitan planning organization must annually submit project priorities to the appropriate department district for purposes of developing department district work programs; removing the expiration of provisions relating to approval of department work program amendments when a meeting of the Legislative Budget Commission cannot be held within a specified time-frame; repealing s. 339.1373, F.S., relating to funding of the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; revising the date by which a metropolitan planning organization must annually submit a list of project priorities to the appropriate department district for purposes of developing department district work programs and developing metropolitan planning organization transportation improvement programs; creating s. 339.66, F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the department, in coordination with the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, to evaluate certain roadways for development of specific controlled access facilities and to include such projects in the work program; authorizing the department to upgrade roadways with targeted improvements; prohibiting the department from reducing nontolled general use lanes of an existing facility; requiring the department to maintain existing access points; providing for access points for certain property owners; specifying the location of tolling points and requiring a nontolled alternative for local traffic; providing that any tolled facilities are approved turnpike projects and part of the turnpike system; designating a controlled-access portion of a specified roadway a Strategic Intermodal System facility; providing for applicability of certain requirements; requiring the department and Turnpike Enterprise to take into consideration guidance and recommendations of certain studies and reports; requiring certain decisions to be determined in accordance with applicable department rules, policies, and procedures; requiring, to the greatest extent practicable, that roadway alignments, project alignment, and interchange locations be designed as specified; providing for funding sources; providing that project construction is not eligible for funding until completion of 30 percent of the project design phase, with exceptions; authorizing the Division of Bond Finance to issue specified bonds on behalf of the department to finance certain projects; creating s. 339.67, F.S.; requiring the department to develop and include construction of controlled access facilities in the work program of a certain facility; requiring the facility to be developed using existing roadway or portions thereof; requiring the facilities to be developed no later than a specified date to the maximum extent feasible; creating s. 339.68, F.S.; requiring the department to identify and include in the work program projects to increase capacity by widening existing two-lane arterial rural roads to four lanes; providing requirements for roads to be included in work program projects; requiring the department to annually fund at least a

specified amount for such projects; reenacting s. 318.18(2)(d), F.S., relating to the amount of certain penalties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 316.126, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing legislative findings; requiring the department to commence the project development and environmental phase of an extension of the Florida Turnpike; requiring the department to prepare a specified report and to submit the report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 163.3168, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 201.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

201.15 Distribution of taxes collected.—All taxes collected under this chapter are hereby pledged and shall be first made available to make payments when due on bonds issued pursuant to s. 215.618 or s. 215.619, or any other bonds authorized to be issued on a parity basis with such bonds. Such pledge and availability for the payment of these bonds shall have priority over any requirement for the payment of service charges or costs of collection and enforcement under this section. All taxes collected under this chapter, except taxes distributed to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to subsections (1) and (2), are subject to the service charge imposed in s. 215.20(1). Before distribution pursuant to this section, the Department of Revenue shall deduct amounts necessary to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the tax levied by this chapter. The costs and service charge may not be levied against any portion of taxes pledged to debt service on bonds to the extent that the costs and service charge are required to pay any amounts relating to the bonds. All of the costs of the collection and enforcement of the tax levied by this chapter and the service charge shall be available and transferred to the extent necessary to pay debt service and any other amounts payable with respect to bonds authorized before January 1, 2017, secured by revenues distributed pursuant to this section. All taxes remaining after deduction of costs shall be distributed as follows:

(4) After the required distributions to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) and deduction of the service charge imposed pursuant to s. 215.20(1), the remainder shall be distributed as follows:

(a) The lesser of 24.18442 percent of the remainder or \$541.75 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Trust Fund. Of such funds, \$75 million for each fiscal year shall be transferred by the Department of Revenue to the General Revenue Fund. Notwithstanding any other law, the remaining amount credited to the State Transportation Trust Fund shall be used for:

1. Capital funding for the New Starts Transit Program, authorized by Title 49, U.S.C. s. 5309 and specified in s. 341.051, in the amount of 10 percent of the funds;

2. The Small County Outreach Program specified in s. 339.2818, in the amount of 10 percent of the funds;

3. The Strategic Intermodal System specified in ss. 339.61, 339.62, 339.63, and 339.64, in the amount of 75 percent of the funds after deduction of the payments required pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2.; and

4. The Transportation Regional Incentive Program specified in s. 339.2819, in the amount of 25 percent of the funds after deduction of the payments required pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2. The first \$60 million of the funds allocated pursuant to this subparagraph shall be allocated annually to the Florida Rail Enterprise for the purposes established in s. 341.303(5).

Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 206.46, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.46 State Transportation Trust Fund.—

(2) Notwithstanding any other ~~provisions~~ of law, from the revenues deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund a maximum of 7 percent in each fiscal year shall be transferred into the Right-of-Way Acquisition and Bridge Construction Trust Fund created in s. 215.605, as needed to meet the requirements of the documents authorizing the bonds issued or proposed to be issued under ss. 215.605 and 337.276 or at a minimum amount sufficient to pay for the debt service coverage requirements of outstanding bonds. Notwithstanding the 7 percent annual transfer authorized in this subsection, the annual amount transferred under this subsection may ~~shall~~ not exceed an amount necessary to provide the required debt service coverage levels for a maximum debt service not to exceed \$350 ~~\$275~~ million. Such transfer shall be payable primarily from the motor and diesel fuel taxes transferred to the State Transportation Trust Fund from the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund.

Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 206.606, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.606 Distribution of certain proceeds.—

(1) Moneys collected pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(g) and 206.87(1)(e) shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund. Such moneys, after deducting ~~the service charges imposed by s. 215.20~~, the refunds granted pursuant to s. 206.41, and the administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections, shall be distributed monthly to the State Transportation Trust Fund, except that:

(a) \$6.30 million shall be transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in each fiscal year and deposited in the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund to be used for aquatic plant management, including nonchemical control of aquatic weeds, research into nonchemical controls, and enforcement activities. The commission shall allocate at least \$1 million of such funds to the eradication of melaleuca.

(b) Annually, \$2.5 million shall be transferred to the State Game Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and used for recreational boating activities and freshwater fisheries management and research. The transfers must be made in equal monthly amounts beginning on July 1 of each fiscal year. The commission shall annually determine where unmet needs exist for boating-related activities, and may fund such activities in counties where, due to the number of vessel registrations, sufficient financial resources are unavailable.

1. A minimum of \$1.25 million shall be used to fund local projects to provide recreational channel marking and other uniform waterway markers, public boat ramps, lifts, and hoists, marine railways, and other public launching facilities, derelict vessel removal, and other local boating-related activities. In funding the projects, the commission shall give priority consideration to:

- a. Unmet needs in counties having populations of 100,000 or less fewer.
- b. Unmet needs in coastal counties having a high level of boating-related activities from individuals residing in other counties.

2. The remaining \$1.25 million may be used for recreational boating activities and freshwater fisheries management and research.

3. The commission may adopt rules to administer a Florida Boating Improvement Program.

The commission shall prepare and make available on its Internet website an annual report outlining the status of its Florida Boating Improvement Program, including the projects funded, and a list of counties whose needs are unmet due to insufficient financial resources from vessel registration fees.

(c) 0.65 percent of moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(g) shall be transferred to the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund.

(d) \$13.4 million in fiscal year 2007-2008 and each fiscal year thereafter of the moneys attributable to the sale of motor and diesel fuel at marinas shall be transferred from the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Section 5. Section 206.608, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.608 State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System Tax; deposit of proceeds; distribution.—Moneys received pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(f) and 206.87(1)(d) shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund, and, after deducting the ~~service charge imposed in chapter 215~~ and administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections, shall be distributed as follows:

(1) 0.65 percent of the proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(f) shall be transferred to the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund.

(2) The remaining proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(f) and all of the proceeds from the tax imposed by s. 206.87(1)(d) shall be transferred into the State Transportation Trust Fund, and may be used only for projects in the adopted work program in the district in which the tax proceeds are collected and, to the maximum extent feasible, such moneys shall be programmed for use in the county where collected. However, no revenue from the taxes imposed pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(f) and 206.87(1)(d) in a county shall be expended unless the projects funded with such revenues have been included in the work program adopted pursuant to s. 339.135.

Section 6. Subsection (6) of section 212.0501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.0501 Tax on diesel fuel for business purposes; purchase, storage, and use.—

(6) All taxes required to be paid on fuel used in self-propelled off-road equipment shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund, to be distributed, ~~after deduction of the general revenue service charge pursuant to s. 215.20,~~ to the State Transportation Trust Fund. The department shall, each month, make a transfer, from general revenue collections, equal to such use tax reported on dealers' sales and use tax returns.

Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 316.126, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) of that section is reenacted, to read:

316.126 Operation of vehicles and actions of pedestrians on approach of an authorized emergency, sanitation, or utility service vehicle.—

(1)

(b) If an authorized emergency vehicle displaying any visual signals is parked on the roadside, a sanitation vehicle is performing a task related to the provision of sanitation services on the roadside, a utility service vehicle is performing a task related to the provision of utility services on the roadside, ~~or a wrecker displaying amber rotating or flashing lights is performing a recovery or loading on the roadside, or a road and bridge maintenance or construction vehicle displaying warning lights is on the~~

roadside without advance signs and channelizing devices, the driver of every other vehicle, as soon as it is safe:

1. Shall vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, sanitation vehicle, utility service vehicle, ~~or wrecker~~, or road and bridge maintenance or construction vehicle when driving on an interstate highway or other highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle, sanitation vehicle, utility service vehicle, ~~or wrecker~~, or road and bridge maintenance or construction vehicle except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer. If such movement cannot be safely accomplished, the driver shall reduce speed as provided in subparagraph 2.

2. Shall slow to a speed that is 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or greater; or travel at 5 miles per hour when the posted speed limit is 20 miles per hour or less, when driving on a two-lane road, except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer.

(6) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as either a moving violation for infractions of subsection (1) or subsection (3), or as a pedestrian violation for infractions of subsection (2).

Section 8. Paragraph (f) of subsection (7) of section 316.545, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

(7) There is created within the Department of Transportation the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board, consisting of three permanent members who shall be the Secretary of Transportation, the executive director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Commissioner of Agriculture, or their authorized representatives, and four additional members appointed pursuant to paragraph (b), which may review any penalty imposed upon any vehicle or person under the provisions of this chapter relating to weights imposed on the highways by the axles and wheels of motor vehicles, to special fuel and motor fuel tax compliance, or to violations of safety regulations.

(f) The review board may hold sessions and conduct proceedings at any place within the state. As an alternative to physical appearance, ~~and in addition to any other method of appearance authorized by rule~~, the Department of Transportation shall allow ~~provide space and video conference capability at each district office to enable~~ a person requesting a hearing to appear remotely before the board via communications media technology as authorized by chapter 28-109, Florida Administrative Code, regardless of the physical location of the board proceeding.

Section 9. Subsection (5) of section 319.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.32 Fees; service charges; disposition.—

(5)(a) Forty-seven dollars of each fee collected, except for fees charged on a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for each applicable original certificate of title and each applicable duplicate copy of a certificate of title, ~~after deducting the service charges imposed by s. 215.20,~~ shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund. Deposits to the State Transportation Trust Fund pursuant to this paragraph may not exceed \$200 million in any fiscal year, and any collections in excess of that amount during the fiscal year shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

(b) All fees collected pursuant to subsection (3) shall be paid into the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund. Twenty-one dollars of each fee, except for fees charged on a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for each applicable original certificate of title and each applicable duplicate copy of a certificate of title, ~~after deducting the service charges imposed by s. 215.20,~~ shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund. All other fees collected by the department under this chapter shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

Section 10. Section 333.15, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

333.15 Rulemaking authority.—The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this chapter.

Section 11. Subsection (35) of section 334.044, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

334.044 Powers and duties of the department.—The department shall have the following general powers and duties:

(35) To provide a road and bridge construction workforce development program, in consultation with affected stakeholders, for construction of projects designated in the department's work program.

~~(a) The workforce development program is intended to provide direct economic benefits to communities in which the department is constructing infrastructure projects and to promote employment opportunities, including within areas of low income and high unemployment.~~

~~(b) The department shall merge any of its own existing workforce services into the program to create a robust workforce development program. The workforce development program must serve as a tool to address the construction labor shortage by recruiting and developing a group of skilled workers for infrastructure projects to increase the likelihood of department projects remaining on time and within budget.~~

~~(e) To accomplish these activities, the department may administer workforce development contracts with consultants and nonprofit entities, such as local community partners, Florida College System institutions, and technical institutions or centers. These entities, as specified in a contract with the department, shall have the primary purposes of providing all of the following:~~

~~1. Workforce recruitment.~~

~~2. A training curriculum for the department's road and bridge construction projects which includes both traditional and emerging construction methods and skills needed to construct multiuse infrastructure and facilities accommodating emerging technologies.~~

~~3. Support services to remove barriers to work.~~

~~(d) The department shall develop performance and outcome metrics to ensure accountability and to measure the benefits and cost-effectiveness of the program. By June 30, 2020, and annually thereafter, the department shall prepare and provide a report to the Governor, President of Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives detailing the results of its findings and containing any recommendations relating to future program refinements.~~

Section 12. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 335.199, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

335.199 Transportation projects modifying access to adjacent property.

(1) Whenever the Department of Transportation proposes any project on the State Highway System which will divide a state highway, erect median barriers modifying currently available vehicle turning movements, or have the effect of closing or modifying an existing access to an abutting property owner, the department shall notify all affected property owners, municipalities, and counties at least 180 days before the design phase of the project is completed ~~finalized~~. The department's notice shall provide a written explanation regarding the need for the project and indicate that all affected parties will be given an opportunity to provide comments to the department regarding potential impacts of the change.

(3) The department shall hold at least one public meeting before completing the design phase of the project ~~hearing~~ in the jurisdiction where the project is located and receive public input to determine how the project will affect access to businesses and the potential economic impact of the project on the local business community.

(4) The department must review all comments from the public meeting hearing and take the comments and any alternatives presented by a local government under subsection (2) into consideration in the final design of the highway project.

Section 13. Section 338.2278, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 338.236, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

338.236 Staging areas for emergencies.—The Department of Transportation may plan, design, and construct staging areas to be activated during a declared state of emergency at key geographic locations on the turnpike system. Such staging areas must be used for the staging of emergency supplies, such as water, fuel, generators, vehicles, equipment, and other related materials, to facilitate the prompt provision of emergency assistance to the public, and to otherwise facilitate emergency response and assistance, including evacuations, deployment of emergency-related supplies and personnel, and restoration of essential services.

(1) In selecting a proposed site for a designated staging area under this section, the department, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, must consider the extent to which such site:

(a) Is located in a geographic area that best facilitates the wide dissemination of emergency-related supplies and equipment;

(b) Provides ease of access to major highways and other transportation facilities;

(c) Is sufficiently large to accommodate the staging of a significant amount of emergency-related supplies and equipment;

(d) Provides space in support of emergency preparedness and evacuation activities, such as fuel reserve capacity;

(e) Could be used during nonemergency periods for commercial motor vehicle parking and for other uses; and

(f) Is consistent with other state and local emergency management considerations.

~~The department must give priority consideration to placement of such staging areas in counties with a population of 200,000 or fewer, as determined by the most recent official estimate pursuant to s. 186.901, in which a multiuse corridor of regional economic significance, as provided in s. 338.2278, is located.~~

Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 339.0801, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.0801 Allocation of increased revenues derived from amendments to s. 319.32(5)(a) by ch. 2012-128.—Funds that result from increased revenues to the State Transportation Trust Fund derived from the amendments to s. 319.32(5)(a) made by this act must be used annually, first as set forth in

subsection (1) and then as set forth in subsections (2)-(5), notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(2)(a) Beginning in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and annually for up to 30 years thereafter For each of the ~~2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022~~ fiscal years, \$35 million shall be transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, to be used in accordance with Florida Turnpike Enterprise Law, to the maximum extent feasible for feeder roads, structures, interchanges, appurtenances, and other rights to create or facilitate access to the existing turnpike system.

~~(b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 fiscal year and annually thereafter, \$35 million shall be transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, to be used in accordance with s. 338.2278, with preference to feeder roads, interchanges, and appurtenances that create or facilitate multiuse corridor access and connectivity. Of those funds, and to the maximum extent feasible, up to \$5 million annually may be used for projects that assist in the development of broadband infrastructure within or adjacent to a multiuse corridor. The department shall give priority consideration to broadband infrastructure projects located in any area designated as a rural area of opportunity under s. 288.0656 and adjacent to a multiuse corridor.~~

Section 16. Effective July 1, 2023, section 339.0801, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is amended to read:

339.0801 Allocation of increased revenues derived from amendments to s. 319.32(5)(a) by ch. 2012-128.—Funds that result from increased revenues to the State Transportation Trust Fund derived from the amendments to s. 319.32(5)(a) made by this act must be used annually, first as set forth in subsection (1) and then as set forth in subsections ~~(2)-(4)~~ (2)-(5), notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(1)(a) Beginning in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and annually for 30 years thereafter, \$10 million shall be for the purpose of funding any seaport project identified in the adopted work program of the Department of Transportation, to be known as the Seaport Investment Program.

(b) The revenues may be assigned, pledged, or set aside as a trust for the payment of principal or interest on revenue bonds, or other forms of indebtedness issued by an individual port or appropriate local government having jurisdiction thereof, or collectively by interlocal agreement among any of the ports, or used to purchase credit support to permit such borrowings. Alternatively, revenue bonds shall be issued by the Division of Bond Finance at the request of the Department of Transportation under the State Bond Act and shall be secured by such revenues as are provided in this subsection.

(c) Revenue bonds or other indebtedness issued hereunder are not a general obligation of the state and are secured solely by a first lien on the revenues distributed under this subsection.

(d) The state covenants with holders of the revenue bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued pursuant to this subsection that it will not repeal this subsection; nor take any other action, including but not limited to amending this subsection, that will materially and adversely affect the rights of such holders so long as revenue bonds or other indebtedness authorized by this subsection are outstanding.

(e) The proceeds of any revenue bonds or other indebtedness, after payment of costs of issuance and establishment of any required reserves, shall be invested in projects approved by the Department of Transportation and included in the department's adopted work program, by amendment if necessary. As required under s. 11(f), Art. VII of the State Constitution, the Legislature approves projects included in the department's adopted work program, including any projects added to the work program by amendment under s. 339.135(7).

(f) Any revenues that are not used for the payment of bonds as authorized by this subsection may be used for purposes authorized under the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program. This revenue source is in addition to any amounts provided for and appropriated in accordance with ss. 311.07 and 320.20(3) and (4).

~~(2) Beginning in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and annually for up to 30 years thereafter, \$35 million shall be transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, to be used in accordance with Florida Turnpike Enterprise Law, to the maximum extent feasible for feeder roads, structures, interchanges, appurtenances, and other rights to create or facilitate access to the existing turnpike system.~~

~~(2)(3)~~ Beginning in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and annually thereafter, \$10 million shall be transferred to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund, to be used as specified in s. 427.0159.

~~(3)(4)~~ Beginning in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and annually thereafter, \$10 million shall be allocated to the Small County Outreach Program to be used as specified in s. 339.2818. These funds are in addition to the funds provided for the program pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(a)2.

~~(4)(5)~~ After the distributions required pursuant to subsections ~~(1)-(3)~~ ~~(1)-(4)~~, the remaining funds shall be used annually for transportation projects within this state for existing or planned strategic transportation projects which connect major markets within this state or between this state and other states, which focus on job creation, and which increase this state's viability in the national and global markets.

~~(5)(6)~~ Pursuant to s. 339.135(7), the department shall amend the work program to add the projects provided for in this section.

Section 17. Section 339.0803, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

339.0803 Allocation of increased revenues derived from amendments to s. 320.08 by chapter 2019-43, Laws of Florida.—Beginning in the 2021-2022 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, funds that result from increased revenues to the State Transportation Trust Fund derived from the amendments to s. 320.08 made by chapter 2019-43, Laws of Florida, and deposited into the fund pursuant to s. 320.20(5)(a) must be used to fund arterial highway projects identified by the department in accordance with s. 339.65 and may be used for projects as specified in ss. 339.66 and 339.67. For purposes of the funding provided in this section, the department shall prioritize use of existing facilities or portions thereof when upgrading arterial highways to limited or controlled access facilities. However, this section does not preclude use of the funding for projects that enhance the capacity of an arterial highway. The funds allocated as provided in this section shall be in addition to any other statutory funding allocations provided by law.

Section 18. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) and paragraph (g) of subsection (7) of section 339.135, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.135 Work program; legislative budget request; definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

(4) **FUNDING AND DEVELOPING A TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM.**

(c)1. For purposes of this section, the board of county commissioners shall serve as the metropolitan planning organization in those counties which are not located in a metropolitan planning organization and shall be involved in the development of the district work program to the same extent as a metropolitan planning organization.

2. The district work program shall be developed cooperatively from the outset with the various metropolitan planning organizations of the state and include, to the maximum extent feasible, the project priorities of metropolitan planning organizations which have been submitted to the district by August 1 ~~October 1~~ of each year pursuant to s. 339.175(8)(b); however, the department and a metropolitan planning organization may, in writing, cooperatively agree to vary this submittal date. To assist the metropolitan planning organizations in developing their lists of project priorities, the district shall disclose to each metropolitan planning organization any anticipated changes in the allocation or programming of state and federal funds which may affect the inclusion of metropolitan planning organization project priorities in the district work program.

3. Before ~~Prior to~~ submittal of the district work program to the central office, the district shall provide the affected metropolitan planning organization with written justification for any project proposed to be rescheduled or deleted from the district work program which project is part of the metropolitan planning organization's transportation improvement program and is contained in the last 4 years of the previous adopted work program. By no later than 14 days after submittal of the district work program to the

central office, the affected metropolitan planning organization may file an objection to such rescheduling or deletion. When an objection is filed with the secretary, the rescheduling or deletion may not be included in the district work program unless the inclusion of such rescheduling or deletion is specifically approved by the secretary. The Florida Transportation Commission shall include such objections in its evaluation of the tentative work program only when the secretary has approved the rescheduling or deletion.

(7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

(g)1. Any work program amendment which also requires the transfer of fixed capital outlay appropriations between categories within the department or the increase of an appropriation category is subject to the approval of the Legislative Budget Commission.

2. ~~If the department submits an amendment to a meeting of the Legislative Budget Commission and the commission does not meet or consider the amendment cannot be held within 30 days after its submittal the department submits an amendment to the Legislative Budget Commission, the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission may authorize such amendment to be approved pursuant to s. 216.177. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2021.~~

Section 19. Section 339.1373, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 20. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

(8) TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Each M.P.O. shall, in cooperation with the state and affected public transportation operators, develop a transportation improvement program for the area within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. In the development of the transportation improvement program, each M.P.O. must provide the public, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transit, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed transportation improvement program.

(b) Each M.P.O. annually shall prepare a list of project priorities and shall submit the list to the appropriate district of the department by August 1 ~~October 1~~ of each year; however, the department and a metropolitan planning organization may, in writing, agree to vary this submittal date. Where more than one M.P.O. exists in an urbanized area, the M.P.O.'s shall coordinate in the development of regionally significant project priorities. The list of project priorities must be formally reviewed by the technical and citizens' advisory committees, and approved by the M.P.O., before it is transmitted to the district. The approved list of project priorities must be

used by the district in developing the district work program and must be used by the M.P.O. in developing its transportation improvement program. The annual list of project priorities must be based upon project selection criteria that, at a minimum, consider the following:

1. The approved M.P.O. long-range transportation plan;
2. The Strategic Intermodal System Plan developed under s. 339.64.
3. The priorities developed pursuant to s. 339.2819(4).
4. The results of the transportation management systems; and
5. The M.P.O.'s public-involvement procedures.

Section 21. Section 339.66, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

339.66 Upgrade of arterial highways with controlled access facilities.—

(1) The Legislature finds that the provision and maintenance of safe, reliable, and predictably free-flowing facilities to support the movement of people and freight and to enhance hurricane evacuation efficiency is important. It is in the best interest of the state to plan now for population growth and technology changes while prudently making timely improvements to address demand.

(2) The department, in coordination with the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, shall evaluate existing roadways or portions thereof for development of specific controlled access facilities and include such projects as identified in the work program.

(3) The department may upgrade roadways with targeted improvements, such as adding new tolled or nontolled limited access alignments to manage congestion points and retrofitting existing roadway with a series of electronically tolled or nontolled grade separations that provide an alternative to a signalized intersection for through traffic. Such improvements must be made with the goal of enhancing the economic prosperity and preserving the character of the communities impacted by such improvements.

(a) The department may not reduce any nontolled general use lanes of an existing facility.

(b) The department shall maintain existing access points to the roadway provided by designated streets, graded roads, or driveways.

(c) Upon application or as otherwise agreed to by the department, after construction is completed, property owners with parcels of land having no existing access shall have the right to one access point, and property owners having more than 1 mile of roadway frontage shall be allowed one access point for each mile owned.

(d) Any tolling points must be located such that a nontolled alternative exists for local traffic.

(4) Any tolled facilities are approved turnpike projects that are part of the turnpike system. A controlled-access portion of a roadway constructed pursuant to this section is considered a Strategic Intermodal System facility.

(5) Any existing applicable requirements relating to department projects shall apply to projects undertaken by the department pursuant to this section. The department shall take into consideration the guidance and recommendations of any previous studies or reports relevant to the projects authorized by this section and ss. 339.67 and 339.68, including, but not limited to, the task force reports prepared pursuant to chapter 2019-43, Laws of Florida.

(6) Any existing applicable requirements relating to turnpike projects apply to projects undertaken by the Turnpike Enterprise pursuant to this section. The Turnpike Enterprise shall take into consideration the guidance and recommendations of any previous studies or reports relevant to the projects authorized by this section and ss. 339.67 and 339.68, including, but not limited to, the task force reports prepared pursuant to chapter 2019-43, Laws of Florida, and with respect to any extension of the Florida Turnpike from its northerly terminus in Wildwood.

(7) The department shall consider innovative concepts to combine right-of-way acquisition with the acquisition of lands or easements to facilitate environmental mitigation or ecosystem, wildlife habitat, or water quality protection or restoration.

(8)(a) Decisions on matters such as configuration, project alignment, and interchange locations must be determined in accordance with applicable department rules, policies, and procedures.

(b) To the greatest extent practicable, roadway alignments, project alignment, and interchange locations shall be designed so that project rights-of-way are not located within conservation lands acquired under the Florida Preservation 2000 Act established in s. 259.101 and the Florida Forever Act established in s. 259.105.

(9) Subject to applicability of existing requirements as provided in subsections (5) and (6), projects may be funded through turnpike revenue bonds or right-of-way acquisition and bridge construction bonds or financing by the Florida Department of Transportation Financing Corporation; by advances from the State Transportation Trust Fund; with funds obtained through the creation of public-private partnerships; or any combination thereof. The department also may accept donations of land for use as transportation rights-of-way or to secure or use transportation rights-of-way for such projects in accordance with s. 337.2505. To the extent legally available, any toll revenues from the turnpike system not required for payment of principal, interest, reserves, or other required deposits for bonds;

costs of operations and maintenance; other contractual obligations; or system improvement project costs must be used to repay advances received from the State Transportation Trust Fund.

(10) Project construction is not eligible for funding until completion of 30 percent of the design phase, except for projects that are under construction or for which project alignment has been determined.

(11) In accordance with ss. 337.276, 338.227, and 339.0809, the Division of Bond Finance may issue, on behalf of the department, right-of-way acquisition and bridge construction bonds, turnpike revenue bonds, and Florida Department of Transportation Financing Corporation bonds to finance projects as provided in the State Bond Act.

Section 22. Section 339.67, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

339.67 U.S. 19 controlled access facilities.—The department shall develop and include in the work program the construction of controlled access facilities as necessary to achieve free flow of traffic on U.S. 19, beginning at the terminus of the Suncoast Parkway 2 Phase 3, north predominantly along U.S. 19 to a logical terminus on Interstate 10 in Madison County. This Strategic Intermodal System facility shall be developed using existing roadway, or portions thereof, to ensure the free flow of traffic along the roadway by improvements such as limited access alignments to manage congestion points and retrofitting existing roadway with a series of grade separations that provide an alternative to a signalized intersection for through traffic. To the maximum extent feasible, the facilities shall be developed no later than December 31, 2035.

Section 23. Section 339.68, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

339.68 Arterial rural highway projects.—The department shall identify and include in the work program projects to increase capacity by widening existing two-lane arterial rural roads to four lanes. To be included in a work program project, the road must be classified as an arterial rural road, and truck traffic using the road must amount to at least 15 percent of all such traffic, as determined by the department. The department shall fund at least \$20 million annually for such projects.

Section 24. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 316.126, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 318.18, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

- (2) Thirty dollars for all nonmoving traffic violations and:
- (d) For all violations of s. 316.126(1)(b), unless otherwise specified.

Section 25. The Legislature finds that the extension of the Florida Turnpike from its northerly terminus in Wildwood to a logical and appropriate terminus as determined by the Department of Transportation is in the strategic interest of the state. The department shall commence the project development and environmental phase of the extension and shall consider project configuration, alignment, cost, and schedule. The department shall prepare a report summarizing the status of the project development and environmental phase and, by December 31, 2022, submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 26. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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