

# FLORIDA

## Current Condition of Transportation:

- 11% of FL's major roads are in poor condition<sup>1</sup>
  - ASCE road grade of C<sup>2</sup>
  - Costs each Florida motorist \$325 a year in extra maintenance<sup>3</sup>
  - A total of 12,232 lives were lost on FL's highways from 2009 to 2013<sup>4</sup>
- Vehicle travel on FL's highways increased 75% from 1990-2013<sup>5</sup> while the state population grew by 49% in that time<sup>6</sup>
- 47% of FL's major highways are congested.<sup>7</sup>
  - Congestion in America costs motorists \$121b annually in wasted fuel

## Commerce:

- 77% of the \$400b worth of commodities delivered annually from sites in Florida is transported by trucks on the state's highways<sup>8</sup>

## Need for Federal Investment:

- Nearly 39% federal share of Florida Highway Capital Program<sup>9</sup>
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate<sup>10</sup>
  - National Highway System (NHS) backlog of \$424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS

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**FAST Act**    **————>**    *What this does for Florida*

## Prioritize bridge reconstruction and safety:

- Expands funding eligibilities to bridges off the NHS in order to reach the growing number of deteriorating bridges:
  - FL's 243 structurally deficient bridges -17% of Florida's bridges are rated as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete<sup>11</sup>
  - Current ASCE bridge grade of B<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> TRIP

<sup>2</sup> ASCE

<sup>3</sup> TRIP

<sup>4</sup> FHWA

<sup>5</sup> TRIP

<sup>6</sup> US Census

<sup>7</sup> TRIP

<sup>8</sup> TRIP

<sup>9</sup> ARTBA

<sup>10</sup> AASHTO and FHWA

<sup>11</sup> FHWA

<sup>12</sup> ASCE

### **Improving Commerce:**

- Over the life of the bill (FY2016-FY2020), FL will receive \$301,452,866 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- This new formula-based Freight Program will ensure federal dollars for the state by prioritizing spending on interstate for projects in the national economic interest.
- In addition to the National Freight Program, FL, through the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP), a \$4.5 billion discretionary grant program, will be able to compete for funding to address major projects of high importance to a community, a region, or the country. This will provide much needed funding for projects that are too big to get off the ground due to constraints on traditional funding. Furthermore, NSFHP has a rural set-aside and equitable geographic distribution of funds. This will ensure a balance of where federal dollars are directed, making sure rural projects see the light of day as well as the major projects that will greatly benefit the national economy.

### **Long-Term 5-Year Certainty:**

- Total share over 5 years of the FAST Act: \$11,965,610,453 that the state would not get otherwise.
- 1,250 projects are at risk with lack of federal investment
- Major State Projects that can benefit from the FAST Act:
  - a. Expansion of the I-95 express lanes into Broward County<sup>13</sup>: creating express lanes either way in Miami-Dade and Broward
  - b. Express lanes underway on Interstate 75: a \$700 million project being constructed in phases<sup>14</sup>
- FAST delivers 5 years of certainty. 36 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on FL's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, FAST is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase FL's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- FAST gives FL the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, FL can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

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<sup>13</sup> <http://wlrn.org/post/fdot-florida-relatively-good-shape-if-highway-trust-fund-goes-broke>

<sup>14</sup> [http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-07-19/news/fl-broward-federal-highway-money-20140719\\_1\\_transportation-projects-federal-money-transit-projects](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-07-19/news/fl-broward-federal-highway-money-20140719_1_transportation-projects-federal-money-transit-projects)