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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Brandes) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 316.0898, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.0898 Florida Smart City Challenge grant program.-

(1) The Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, shall develop the Florida Smart City Challenge grant program and shall



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11 establish grant award requirements for municipalities or regions  
12 for the purpose of receiving grant awards. Grant applicants must  
13 demonstrate and document the adoption of emerging technologies  
14 and their impact on the transportation system and must address  
15 at least the following focus areas:

16 (a) Autonomous vehicles.

17 (b) Connected vehicles.

18 (c) Sensor-based infrastructure.

19 (d) Collecting and using data.

20 (e) Electric vehicles, including charging stations.

21 (f) Developing strategic models and partnerships.

22 (2) The goals of the grant program include, but are not  
23 limited to:

24 (a) Identifying transportation challenges and identifying  
25 how emerging technologies can address those challenges.

26 (b) Determining the emerging technologies and strategies  
27 that have the potential to provide the most significant impacts.

28 (c) Encouraging municipalities to take significant steps to  
29 integrate emerging technologies into their day-to-day  
30 operations.

31 (d) Identifying the barriers to implementing the grant  
32 program and communicating those barriers to the Legislature and  
33 appropriate agencies and organizations.

34 (e) Leveraging the initial grant to attract additional  
35 public and private investments.

36 (f) Increasing the state's competitiveness in the pursuit  
37 of grants from the United States Department of Transportation,  
38 the United States Department of Energy, and other federal  
39 agencies.



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40 (g) Committing to the continued operation of programs  
41 implemented in connection with the grant.

42 (h) Serving as a model for municipalities nationwide.

43 (i) Documenting the costs and impacts of the grant program  
44 and lessons learned during implementation.

45 (j) Identifying solutions that will demonstrate local or  
46 regional economic impact.

47 (3) The Department of Transportation shall develop  
48 eligibility, application, and selection criteria for the program  
49 grants and a plan for the promotion of the grant program to  
50 municipalities or regions of this state as an opportunity to  
51 compete for grant funding, including the award of grants to a  
52 single recipient and secondary grants to specific projects of  
53 merit within other applications. The Department of  
54 Transportation may contract with a third party that demonstrates  
55 knowledge and expertise in the focuses and goals of this section  
56 to provide guidance in the development of the requirements of  
57 this section.

58 (4) On or before January 1, 2018, the Department of  
59 Transportation shall submit the grant program guidelines and  
60 plans for promotion of the grant program to the Governor, the  
61 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
62 Representatives.

63 (5) This section expires July 1, 2018.

64 Section 2. Present paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (3)  
65 of section 316.545, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
66 paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, and a new paragraph (c) is  
67 added to that subsection, to read:

68 316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor



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69 fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.-

70 (3)

71 (c)1. For a vehicle fueled by natural gas, the fine is  
72 calculated by reducing the actual gross vehicle weight by the  
73 certified weight difference between the natural gas tank and  
74 fueling system and a comparable diesel tank and fueling system.  
75 Upon the request of a weight inspector or a law enforcement  
76 officer, the vehicle operator shall present a written  
77 certification that identifies the weight of the natural gas tank  
78 and fueling system and the difference in weight of a comparable  
79 diesel tank and fueling system. The written certification must  
80 originate from the vehicle manufacturer or the installer of the  
81 natural gas tank and fueling system.

82 2. The actual gross vehicle weight for vehicles fueled by  
83 natural gas may not exceed 82,000 pounds, excluding the weight  
84 allowed for idle-reduction technology under paragraph (b).

85 3. This paragraph does not apply to vehicles described in  
86 s. 316.535(6).

87 Section 3. Effective upon the same date that SB 340 or  
88 similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted  
89 in the 2017 Regular Session or any extension thereof and becomes  
90 a law, section 316.851, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

91 316.851 Autonomous vehicles; providing prearranged rides.-

92 (1) An autonomous vehicle used by a transportation network  
93 company to provide a prearranged ride must be covered by  
94 automobile insurance as required by s. 627.748, regardless of  
95 whether a human operator is physically present within the  
96 vehicle when the ride occurs. When an autonomous vehicle is  
97 logged on to a digital network but is not engaged in a



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98 prearranged ride, the autonomous vehicle must maintain insurance  
99 coverage as defined in s. 627.748(7) (b).

100 (2) An autonomous vehicle used to provide a transportation  
101 service shall carry in the vehicle proof of coverage satisfying  
102 the requirements of this section at all times while operating in  
103 autonomous mode.

104 Section 4. Section 316.853, Florida Statutes, is created to  
105 read:

106 316.853 Automated mobility districts.-

107 (1) For the purpose of this section, an "automated mobility  
108 district" means a master planned development or combination of  
109 contiguous developments in which the deployment of autonomous  
110 vehicles as defined in s. 316.003 as the basis for a shared  
111 mobility system is a stated goal or objective of the development  
112 or developments.

113 (2) The Department of Transportation shall designate  
114 automated mobility districts.

115 (3) In determining the eligibility of a community for  
116 designation as an automated mobility district, the Department of  
117 Transportation shall consider applicable criteria from federal  
118 agencies for automated mobility districts and apply those  
119 criteria to eligible developments in this state.

120 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
121 319.145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

122 319.145 Autonomous vehicles.-

123 (1) An autonomous vehicle registered in this state must  
124 continue to meet applicable federal standards and regulations  
125 for such motor vehicle. The vehicle must:

126 (a) Have a system to safely alert the operator if an



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127 autonomous technology failure is detected while the autonomous  
128 technology is engaged. When an alert is given, the system must:

129 1. Require the operator to take control of the autonomous  
130 vehicle; or

131 2. If the human operator does not, or is not able to, take  
132 control of the autonomous vehicle, or if a human operator is not  
133 physically present in the vehicle, be capable of bringing the  
134 vehicle to a complete stop.

135 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 335.074, Florida  
136 Statutes, is amended to read:

137 335.074 Safety inspection of bridges.-

138 (2) At regular intervals as required by the Federal Highway  
139 Administration not to exceed 2 years, each bridge on a public  
140 transportation facility shall be inspected for structural  
141 soundness and safety for the passage of traffic on such bridge.  
142 The thoroughness with which bridges are to be inspected shall  
143 depend on such factors as age, traffic characteristics, state of  
144 maintenance, and known deficiencies. The governmental entity  
145 having maintenance responsibility for any such bridge shall be  
146 responsible for having inspections performed and reports  
147 prepared in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

148 Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section  
149 337.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

150 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency  
151 repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined  
152 design and construction contracts; progress payments; records;  
153 requirements of vehicle registration.-

154 (6)

155 (c) When the department determines that it is in the best



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156 interest of the public for reasons of public concern, economy,  
157 improved operations, or safety, and only for contracts for  
158 construction and maintenance which do not exceed \$250,000 when  
159 circumstances dictate rapid completion of the work, the  
160 department may, ~~up to the amount of \$120,000,~~ enter into  
161 contracts ~~for construction and maintenance~~ without advertising  
162 and receiving competitive bids. The department may enter into  
163 such contracts only upon a determination that the work is  
164 necessary for one of the following reasons:

165 1. To ensure timely completion of projects or avoidance of  
166 undue delay for other projects;

167 2. To accomplish minor repairs or construction and  
168 maintenance activities for which time is of the essence and for  
169 which significant cost savings would occur; or

170 3. To accomplish nonemergency work necessary to ensure  
171 avoidance of adverse conditions that affect the safe and  
172 efficient flow of traffic.

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174 The department shall make a good faith effort to obtain two or  
175 more quotes, if available, from qualified contractors before  
176 entering into any contract. The department shall give  
177 consideration to disadvantaged business enterprise  
178 participation. However, when the work exists within the limits  
179 of an existing contract, the department shall make a good faith  
180 effort to negotiate and enter into a contract with the prime  
181 contractor on the existing contract.

182 Section 8. Subsection (5) is added to section 338.227,  
183 Florida Statutes, to read:

184 338.227 Turnpike revenue bonds.—



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185           (5) Notwithstanding s. 215.82, bonds issued pursuant to  
186 this section are not required to be validated pursuant to  
187 chapter 75 but may be validated at the option of the Division of  
188 Bond Finance. Any complaint about such validation must be filed  
189 in the circuit court of the county in which the seat of state  
190 government is situated, and the clerk shall publish the notice  
191 as required by s. 75.06 only in the county in which the  
192 complaint is filed. The complaint and order of the circuit court  
193 must be served on the state attorney of the circuit in which the  
194 action is pending.

195           Section 9. Paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section  
196 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

197           339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;  
198 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

199           (7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

200           (e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (d), ~~and~~ (g), and (h) and  
201 ss. 216.177(2) and 216.351, the secretary may request the  
202 Executive Office of the Governor to amend the adopted work  
203 program when an emergency exists, as defined in s. 252.34, and  
204 the emergency relates to the repair or rehabilitation of any  
205 state transportation facility. The Executive Office of the  
206 Governor may approve the amendment to the adopted work program  
207 and amend that portion of the department's approved budget if a  
208 delay incident to the notification requirements in paragraph (d)  
209 would be detrimental to the interests of the state. However, the  
210 department shall immediately notify the parties specified in  
211 paragraph (d) and provide such parties written justification for  
212 the emergency action within 7 days after approval by the  
213 Executive Office of the Governor of the amendment to the adopted





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214 work program and the department's budget. The adopted work  
215 program may not be amended under this subsection without  
216 certification by the comptroller of the department that there  
217 are sufficient funds available pursuant to the 36-month cash  
218 forecast and applicable statutes.

219 Section 10. Section 339.2405, Florida Statutes, is amended  
220 to read:

221 339.2405 Florida Highway Beautification Grant Program  
222 Council.—

223 (1) There is created within the Department of  
224 Transportation the Florida Highway Beautification Grant Program  
225 for the purpose of awarding grants to local governmental  
226 entities for beautification of roads on the State Highway System  
227 as provided in subsections (3) and (4). The department shall  
228 Council. It shall consist of seven members appointed by the  
229 Governor. All appointed members must be residents of this state.  
230 One member must be a licensed landscape architect, one member  
231 must be a representative of the Florida Federation of Garden  
232 Clubs, Inc., one member must be a representative of the Florida  
233 Nurserymen and Growers Association, one member must be a  
234 representative of the department as designated by the head of  
235 the department, one member must be a representative of the  
236 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and two members  
237 must be private citizens. The members of the council shall serve  
238 at the pleasure of the Governor.

239 ~~(2) Each chair shall be selected by the council members and~~  
240 ~~shall serve a 2-year term.~~

241 ~~(3) The council shall meet no less than semiannually at the~~  
242 ~~call of the chair or, in the chair's absence or incapacity, at~~



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243 ~~the call of the head of the department. Four members shall~~  
244 ~~constitute a quorum for the purpose of exercising all of the~~  
245 ~~powers of the council. A vote of the majority of the members~~  
246 ~~present shall be sufficient for all actions of the council.~~

247 ~~(4) The council members shall serve without pay but shall~~  
248 ~~be entitled to per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.~~  
249 ~~112.061.~~

250 ~~(5) A member of the council may not participate in any~~  
251 ~~discussion or decision to recommend grants to any qualified~~  
252 ~~local government with which the member is associated as a member~~  
253 ~~of the governing body or as an employee or with which the member~~  
254 ~~has entered into a contractual arrangement.~~

255 ~~(6) The council may prescribe, amend, and repeal bylaws~~  
256 ~~governing the manner in which the business of the council is~~  
257 ~~conducted.~~

258 ~~(7) (a) The duties of the council shall be to:~~

259 ~~(a)1.~~ Provide information to local governments and local  
260 highway beautification councils regarding the state highway  
261 beautification grants program.

262 ~~(b)2.~~ Accept grant requests from local governments.

263 ~~(c)3.~~ Review grant requests for compliance with department  
264 council rules.

265 ~~(d)4.~~ Establish rules for evaluating and prioritizing the  
266 grant requests. The rules must include, but are not limited to,  
267 an examination of each grant's aesthetic value, cost-  
268 effectiveness, level of local support, feasibility of  
269 installation and maintenance, and compliance with state and  
270 federal regulations. Rules adopted by the department council  
271 which it uses to evaluate grant applications must take into



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272 consideration the contributions made by the highway  
273 beautification project in preventing litter.

274 (e)~~5.~~ Maintain a prioritized list of approved grant  
275 requests. The list must include recommended funding levels for  
276 each request and, if staged implementation is appropriate,  
277 funding requirements for each stage shall be provided.

278 ~~6. Assess the feasibility of planting and maintaining~~  
279 ~~indigenous wildflowers and plants, instead of sod groundcovers,~~  
280 ~~along the rights-of-way of state roads and highways. In making~~  
281 ~~such assessment, the council shall utilize data from other~~  
282 ~~states which include indigenous wildflower and plant species in~~  
283 ~~their highway vegetative management systems.~~

284 ~~(b) The council may, at the request of the head of the~~  
285 ~~department, review and make recommendations on any other highway~~  
286 ~~beautification matters relating to the State Highway System.~~

287 ~~(8) The head of the department shall provide from existing~~  
288 ~~personnel such staff support services to the council as are~~  
289 ~~necessary to enable the council to fulfill its duties and~~  
290 ~~responsibilities.~~

291 (2)~~(9)~~ Local highway beautification councils may be created  
292 by local governmental entities or by the Legislature. Prior to  
293 being submitted to the department council, a grant request must  
294 be approved by the local government or governments of the area  
295 in which the project is located.

296 (3)~~(10)~~ The head of the department, ~~after receiving~~  
297 ~~recommendations from the council,~~ shall award grants to local  
298 governmental entities that have submitted grant requests for  
299 beautification of roads on the State Highway System and which  
300 requests are on the ~~council's~~ approved list. The grants shall be



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301 awarded in the order they appear on the ~~council's~~ prioritized  
302 list and in accordance with available funding.

303 (4)~~(11)~~ State highway beautification grants may be  
304 requested only for projects to beautify through landscaping  
305 roads on the State Highway System. The grant request shall  
306 identify all costs associated with the project, including  
307 sprinkler systems, plant materials, equipment, and labor. A  
308 grant shall provide for the costs of purchase and installation  
309 of a sprinkler system, the cost of plant materials and  
310 fertilizer, and may provide for the costs for labor associated  
311 with the installation of the plantings. Each local government  
312 that receives a grant is ~~shall be~~ responsible for any costs for  
313 water, for the maintenance of the sprinkler system, for the  
314 maintenance of the landscaped areas in accordance with a  
315 maintenance agreement with the department, and, except as  
316 otherwise provided in the grant, for any costs for labor  
317 associated with the installation of the plantings. The  
318 department may provide, by contract, services to maintain such  
319 landscaping at a level not to exceed the cost of routine  
320 maintenance of an equivalent unlandscaped area.

321 ~~(12) The council shall annually submit to the head of the~~  
322 ~~Department of Transportation a proposal recommending the level~~  
323 ~~of grant funding.~~

324 Section 11. Section 343.52, Florida Statutes, is reordered  
325 and amended to read:

326 343.52 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

327 (2)~~(1)~~ "Authority" means the South Florida Regional  
328 Transportation Authority.

329 (3)~~(2)~~ "Board" means the governing body of the authority.



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330 (4) "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

331 (1)~~(3)~~ "Area served" means Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm  
332 Beach Counties. However, this area may be expanded by mutual  
333 consent of the authority and the board of county commissioners  
334 of Monroe County. The authority may not expand into any  
335 additional counties without the department's prior written  
336 approval.

337 (8)~~(4)~~ "Transit system" means a system used for the  
338 transportation of people and goods by means of, without  
339 limitation, a street railway, an elevated railway having a fixed  
340 guideway, a commuter railroad, a subway, motor vehicles, or  
341 motor buses, and includes a complete system of tracks, stations,  
342 and rolling stock necessary to effectuate passenger service to  
343 or from the surrounding regional municipalities.

344 (7)~~(5)~~ "Transit facilities" means property, avenues of  
345 access, equipment, or buildings built and installed in Miami-  
346 Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties which are required to  
347 support a transit system.

348 (6) "Member" means the individuals constituting the board.

349 (5)~~(7)~~ "Feeder transit services" means a transit system  
350 that transports passengers to or from stations within or across  
351 counties.

352 Section 12. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section  
353 343.54, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)  
354 and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that  
355 section, to read:

356 343.54 Powers and duties.—

357 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, the  
358 authority may not enter into, extend, or renew any contract or



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359 other agreement under this part without the department's prior  
360 review and written approval of the authority's proposed  
361 expenditures if such contract or agreement may be funded, in  
362 whole or in part, with funds provided by the department.

363 Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
364 343.58, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

365 343.58 County funding for the South Florida Regional  
366 Transportation Authority.—

367 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
368 contrary and effective July 1, 2010, until as provided in  
369 paragraph (d), the department shall transfer annually from the  
370 State Transportation Trust Fund to the South Florida Regional  
371 Transportation Authority the amounts specified in subparagraph  
372 (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2.

373 (c)1. Funds provided to the authority by the department  
374 under this subsection constitute state financial assistance  
375 provided to a nonstate entity to carry out a state project  
376 subject to the provisions of ss. 215.97 and 215.971. The  
377 department shall provide the funds in accordance with the terms  
378 of a written agreement to be entered into between the authority  
379 and the department which shall provide for department review,  
380 approval and audit of authority expenditure of such funds, and  
381 shall include such other provisions as are required by  
382 applicable law. The department is specifically authorized to  
383 agree to advance the authority one-fourth of the total funding  
384 provided under this subsection for a state fiscal year at the  
385 beginning of each state fiscal year, with monthly payments over  
386 the fiscal year on a reimbursement basis as supported by  
387 invoices and such additional documentation and information as



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388 ~~the department may reasonably require, and a reconciliation of~~  
389 ~~the advance against remaining invoices in the last quarter of~~  
390 ~~the fiscal year may not be committed by the authority without~~  
391 ~~the approval of the department, which may not be unreasonably~~  
392 ~~withheld. At least 90 days before advertising any procurement or~~  
393 ~~renewing any existing contract that will rely on state funds for~~  
394 ~~payment, the authority shall notify the department of the~~  
395 ~~proposed procurement or renewal and the proposed terms thereof.~~  
396 ~~If the department, within 60 days after receipt of notice,~~  
397 ~~objects in writing to the proposed procurement or renewal,~~  
398 ~~specifying its reasons for objection, the authority may not~~  
399 ~~proceed with the proposed procurement or renewal. Failure of the~~  
400 ~~department to object in writing within 60 days after notice~~  
401 ~~shall be deemed consent. This requirement does not impair or~~  
402 ~~cause the authority to cancel contracts that exist as of June~~  
403 ~~30, 2012.~~

404       2. To enable the department to evaluate the authority's  
405 proposed uses of state funds, the authority shall annually  
406 provide the department with its proposed budget for the  
407 following authority fiscal year and shall promptly provide the  
408 department with any additional documentation or information  
409 required by the department for its evaluation of the proposed  
410 uses of the state funds.

411       Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 215.82, Florida  
412 Statutes, is amended to read:

413       215.82 Validation; when required.—

414       (2) Any bonds issued pursuant to this act which are  
415 validated shall be validated in the manner provided by chapter  
416 75. In actions to validate bonds to be issued in the name of the



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417 State Board of Education under s. 9(a) and (d), Art. XII of the  
418 State Constitution and bonds to be issued pursuant to chapter  
419 259, the Land Conservation Program, the complaint shall be filed  
420 in the circuit court of the county where the seat of state  
421 government is situated, the notice required to be published by  
422 s. 75.06 shall be published only in the county where the  
423 complaint is filed, and the complaint and order of the circuit  
424 court shall be served only on the state attorney of the circuit  
425 in which the action is pending. In any action to validate bonds  
426 issued pursuant to s. 1010.62 or issued pursuant to s. 9(a)(1),  
427 Art. XII of the State Constitution or issued pursuant to s.  
428 215.605 ~~or s. 338.227~~, the complaint shall be filed in the  
429 circuit court of the county where the seat of state government  
430 is situated, the notice required to be published by s. 75.06  
431 shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
432 county where the complaint is filed and in two other newspapers  
433 of general circulation in the state, and the complaint and order  
434 of the circuit court shall be served only on the state attorney  
435 of the circuit in which the action is pending; provided,  
436 however, that if publication of notice pursuant to this section  
437 would require publication in more newspapers than would  
438 publication pursuant to s. 75.06, such publication shall be made  
439 pursuant to s. 75.06.

440 Section 15. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
441 343.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

442 343.53 South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.—

443 (2) The governing board of the authority shall consist of  
444 10 voting members, as follows:

445 (d) If the authority's service area is expanded pursuant to





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446 s. 343.54(6) ~~s. 343.54(5)~~, the county containing the new service  
447 area shall have two members appointed to the board as follows:

448 1. The county commission of the county shall elect a  
449 commissioner as that commission's representative on the board.  
450 The commissioner must be a member of the county commission when  
451 elected and for the full extent of his or her term.

452 2. The Governor shall appoint a citizen member to the board  
453 who is not a member of the county commission but who is a  
454 resident and a qualified elector of that county.

455 Section 16. Section 427.011, Florida Statutes, is reordered  
456 and amended to read:

457 427.011 Definitions.—For the purposes of ss. 427.011-  
458 427.017:

459 (9)~~(1)~~ "Transportation disadvantaged" means those persons  
460 who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or  
461 age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase  
462 transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to  
463 obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping,  
464 social activities, or other life-sustaining activities, or  
465 children who are handicapped or high-risk or at-risk as defined  
466 in s. 411.202.

467 (5)~~(2)~~ "Metropolitan planning organization" means the  
468 organization responsible for carrying out transportation  
469 planning and programming in accordance with the provisions of 23  
470 U.S.C. s. 134, as provided in 23 U.S.C. s. 104(f)(3).

471 (1)~~(3)~~ "Agency" means an official, officer, commission,  
472 authority, council, committee, department, division, bureau,  
473 board, section, or any other unit or entity of the state or of a  
474 city, town, municipality, county, or other local governing body



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475 or a private nonprofit transportation service-providing agency.

476 ~~(11)(4)~~ "Transportation improvement program" means a staged  
477 multiyear program of transportation improvements, including an  
478 annual element, which is developed by a metropolitan planning  
479 organization or designated official planning agency.

480 ~~(2)(5)~~ "Community transportation coordinator" means a  
481 transportation entity recommended by a metropolitan planning  
482 organization, or by the appropriate designated official planning  
483 agency as provided for in ss. 427.011-427.017 in an area outside  
484 the purview of a metropolitan planning organization, to ensure  
485 that coordinated transportation services are provided to the  
486 transportation disadvantaged population in a designated service  
487 area.

488 ~~(12)(6)~~ "Transportation operator" means one or more public,  
489 private for-profit, or private nonprofit entities engaged by the  
490 community transportation coordinator to provide service to  
491 transportation disadvantaged persons pursuant to a coordinated  
492 system service plan.

493 ~~(3)(7)~~ "Coordinating board" means an advisory entity in  
494 each designated service area composed of representatives  
495 appointed by the metropolitan planning organization or  
496 designated official planning agency, to provide assistance to  
497 the community transportation coordinator relative to the  
498 coordination of transportation services.

499 (8) "Purchasing agency" means a department or agency whose  
500 head is an ex officio, nonvoting adviser to the commission, or  
501 an agency that purchases transportation services for the  
502 transportation disadvantaged.

503 ~~(7)(9)~~ "Paratransit" means those elements of public transit



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504 which provide service between specific origins and destinations  
505 selected by the individual user with such service being provided  
506 at a time that is agreed upon by the user and provider of the  
507 service. Paratransit service is provided by taxis, limousines,  
508 "dial-a-ride," buses, transportation network companies, and  
509 other demand-responsive operations that are characterized by  
510 their nonscheduled, nonfixed route nature.

511 (10) "Transportation disadvantaged funds" means any local  
512 government, state, or available federal funds that are for the  
513 transportation of the transportation disadvantaged. Such funds  
514 may include, but are not limited to, funds for planning,  
515 Medicaid transportation, administration, operation, procurement,  
516 and maintenance of vehicles or equipment and capital  
517 investments. Transportation disadvantaged funds do not include  
518 funds for the transportation of children to public schools.

519 (4)~~(11)~~ "Coordination" means the arrangement for the  
520 provision of transportation services to the transportation  
521 disadvantaged in a manner that is cost-effective, efficient, and  
522 reduces fragmentation and duplication of services.

523 (6)~~(12)~~ "Nonsponsored transportation disadvantaged  
524 services" means transportation disadvantaged services that are  
525 not sponsored or subsidized by any funding source other than the  
526 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.

527 Section 17. The Secretary of Transportation may enroll the  
528 State of Florida in any federal pilot program or project for the  
529 collection and study of data for the review of federal or state  
530 roadway safety, infrastructure sustainability, congestion  
531 mitigation, transportation system efficiency, autonomous vehicle  
532 technology, or capacity challenges.



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533 Section 18. Except as otherwise provided in this act, this  
534 act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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536 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

537 And the title is amended as follows:

538 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
539 and insert:

540 A bill to be entitled  
541 An act relating to transportation; creating s.  
542 316.0898, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
543 Transportation, in consultation with the Department of  
544 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to develop the  
545 Florida Smart City Challenge grant program; specifying  
546 requirements for grant program applicants;  
547 establishing goals for the grant program; requiring  
548 the Department of Transportation to develop specified  
549 criteria for the program grants and a plan for  
550 promotion of the grant program; authorizing the  
551 Department of Transportation to contract with a third  
552 party that demonstrates certain knowledge and  
553 expertise for a specified purpose; requiring the  
554 Department of Transportation to submit certain  
555 information regarding the grant program to the  
556 Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;  
557 providing for repeal; amending s. 316.545, F.S.;  
558 providing for the calculation of fines for unlawful  
559 weight and load for a vehicle fueled by natural gas;  
560 requiring the vehicle operator to present a certain  
561 written certification upon request by a weight



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562 inspector or law enforcement officer; prescribing a  
563 maximum actual gross vehicle weight for vehicles  
564 fueled by natural gas; providing applicability;  
565 creating s. 316.851, F.S.; requiring an autonomous  
566 vehicle used by a transportation network company to be  
567 covered by automobile insurance, subject to certain  
568 requirements; requiring an autonomous vehicle used to  
569 provide a transportation service to carry in the  
570 vehicle proof of coverage satisfying certain  
571 requirements at all times while operating in  
572 autonomous mode; creating s. 316.853, F.S.; defining  
573 the term "automated mobility district"; requiring the  
574 Department of Transportation to designate automated  
575 mobility districts; requiring the department to  
576 consider applicable criteria from federal agencies for  
577 automated mobility districts in determining  
578 eligibility of a community for the designation;  
579 amending s. 319.145, F.S.; requiring an autonomous  
580 vehicle registered in this state to be capable of  
581 bringing the vehicle to a full stop when an alert is  
582 given if the human operator does not, or is not able  
583 to, take control of the autonomous vehicle, or if a  
584 human operator is not physically present in the  
585 vehicle; amending s. 335.074, F.S.; requiring bridges  
586 on public transportation facilities to be inspected  
587 for certain purposes at regular intervals as required  
588 by the Federal Highway Administration; amending s.  
589 337.11, F.S.; increasing the allowable amount for  
590 contracts for construction and maintenance which the



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591 department may enter into, in certain circumstances,  
592 without advertising and receiving competitive bids;  
593 amending s. 338.227, F.S.; providing that certain  
594 bonds are not required to be validated but may be  
595 validated at the option of the Division of Bond  
596 Finance; providing filing, notice, and service  
597 requirements for complaints and circuit court orders  
598 concerning such validation; amending s. 339.135, F.S.;  
599 providing an additional exception related to the  
600 amendment of adopted work programs when an emergency  
601 exists; amending s. 339.2405, F.S.; replacing the  
602 Florida Highway Beautification Council within the  
603 department with the Florida Highway Beautification  
604 Grant Program; providing the purpose of the program;  
605 providing duties of the department; conforming  
606 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
607 343.52, F.S.; defining the term "department"; amending  
608 s. 343.54, F.S.; prohibiting the South Florida  
609 Regional Transportation Authority from entering into,  
610 extending, or renewing certain contracts or other  
611 agreements without the department's prior review and  
612 written approval if such contracts or agreements may  
613 be funded with funds provided by the department;  
614 amending s. 343.58, F.S.; providing that certain funds  
615 provided to the authority by the department constitute  
616 state financial assistance for specified purposes,  
617 subject to certain requirements; requiring the  
618 department to provide certain funds in accordance with  
619 the terms of an agreement between the authority and



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620 the department; authorizing the department to advance  
621 the authority a certain amount of the total funding  
622 for a state fiscal year at the beginning of each state  
623 fiscal year, subject to certain requirements;  
624 requiring the authority to promptly provide the  
625 department any documentation or information, in  
626 addition to the proposed annual budget, which is  
627 required by the department for its evaluation of the  
628 proposed uses of state funds; amending s. 215.82,  
629 F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the  
630 act; amending s. 343.53, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
631 reference; amending s. 427.011, F.S.; revising the  
632 definition of the term "paratransit"; authorizing the  
633 Secretary of Transportation to enroll the State of  
634 Florida in federal pilot programs or projects for the  
635 collection and study of data for the review of federal  
636 or state roadway safety, infrastructure  
637 sustainability, congestion mitigation, transportation  
638 system efficiency, autonomous vehicle technology, or  
639 capacity challenges; providing effective dates, one of  
640 which is contingent.