

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION
Senator DiCeglie, Chair
Senator Davis, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2023
TIME: 9:30—11:30 a.m.
PLACE: *Toni Jennings Committee Room*, 110 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator DiCeglie, Chair; Senator Davis, Vice Chair; Senators Boyd, Broxson, Burton, Gruters, Hooper, Pizzo, Torres, and Trumbull

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Presentation by Staff on Electric Vehicle Registration Fees		Presented
2	Update by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on the Specialty License Plate Program		Presented
3	Presentation of Agency Legislative Priorities:		
	Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles		Discussed
	Florida Department of Transportation		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			

Electric Vehicle Registration Fees

Senate Transportation Committee

January 24, 2023

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Today's Roadmap

- Transportation Revenue Impact
- National Policy Trends
- The Importance of Definitions
- Other Methods
- Florida's Registration Structure
- Recent Legislative Proposals

Transportation Revenue Impact

- Motor fuel taxes are based on the number of gallons consumed
- Current level of EV registration in Florida
- Growth projections

National Policy Trends

- Perceived inequity
- 31 states impose additional EV registration fees
- 18 of the 31 assess against certain combination (hybrid) vehicles
- Distribution and use of revenue

The Importance of Definitions

- All-Electric/Battery Electric
- Plug-in Hybrids
- Hybrids
- Selected Definitions

Other State Methods

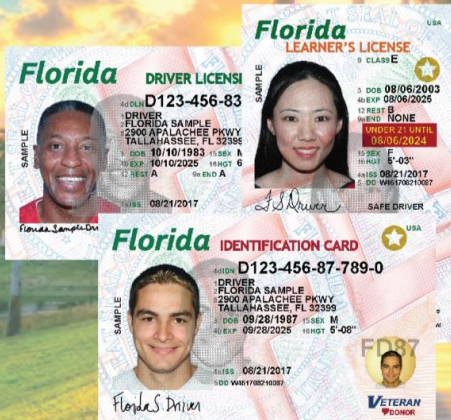
- Road User Charges, Vehicle Miles Traveled, Mileage-based User Fees
- Excise Taxes

Florida's Registration Structure

- Registration fees in general
- Definition of “electric vehicle”
- EV registration fees

Recent legislative proposals

- SB 660 (2019)
- SBs 1230 and 1346 (2020)
- SBs 138 and 140 (2021)
- SBs 908 and 918 (2022)



Specialty License Plates

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Overview of Specialty License Plates

- The first specialty license plate was enacted in 1986.
- There are currently 144 specialty license plates authorized by the legislature. Of these, 109 are active and 35 are in the “pre-sale” process.
- There is a statutory cap of 135.
- Revenue generated from the plates (\$15 – 25) goes to the sponsoring organizations.

	Rank	Plate Count
ENDLESS SUMMER	1	124,633
HELPING SEA TURTLES SURVIVE	2	104,059
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	3	92,240
MIAMI HEAT	4	69,692
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	5	69,378
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	6	60,052
PROTECT WILD DOLPHINS	7	54,423
SAVE THE MANATEE	8	52,282
MARINE CORPS	9	50,055
SAVE OUR SEAS	10	45,121

Top 10 Specialty License Plates

Establishing a Specialty License Plate

- Enacted by legislature.
- Organization designs the plate.
- Sell 3,000 vouchers within two years.
- If the pre-sale requirement is not met, the specialty license plate is discontinued.

BEST BUDDIES	2,896
30A.COM/SCENIC WALTON	2,153
BONEFISH AND TARPON TRUST	1,892
K9S UNITED	1,508
THANK A LINEMAN	1,420
DAN MARINO CAMPUS	689
ROTARY	653
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REV.	600
FLORIDA NATIVE	514
GUARDIAN AD LITEM	420
DONATE LIFE FLORIDA	420
BISCAYNE BAY	400
AUBURN UNIVERSITY	2,705
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	1,675

SB 364 (2022 Session)

- Lowered the cap from 150 to 135.
- Extended pre-sale period for specialty license plates that had not sold 3,000 vouchers.
- Established nine new specialty license plates.
- Allowed Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) using standard plate to count as one specialty license plate for the 3,000 registration threshold.


Specialty License Plate Dashboard

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

SELECT A SPECIAL INTEREST PLATE
 BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

SELECT A COUNTY
 (All)

Main Page



WHAT IS THE FEE FOR THIS PLATE?

\$25.00 annual fee (plus registration fees)

Click here to learn more about the organization

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS REGISTRATION HISTORY



Florida Statutory Authority: 320.08058



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS REGISTRATIONS BY COUNTY AS OF January 2023

Grand Total	9,855
LEE	901
COLLIER	567
SARASOTA	523
HILLSBOROUGH	471
PINELLAS	467
CHARLOTTE	455
ST JOHNS	381
DUVAL	346
VOLUSIA	333
BREVARD	327
BROWARD	314
SANTA ROSA	308
MANATEE	304
PASCO	302
WALTON	258
MIAMI-DADE	257
BAY	255
ORANGE	250
PALM BEACH	241
ESCAMBIA	219
Null	208
OKALOOSA	192
FLAGLER	180
POLK	171
ST LUCIE	163
CLAY	155
MARION	142

Maintaining Valid Status

- Organizations must maintain a minimum number of active registrations outlined in law.
- Any organization falling below the threshold is placed on probation for one year. Any discontinued specialty license plate may be retained by the customer until the end of the 10-year license plate cycle. However, the specialty license plate fee is not charged to the customer at the time of renewal for the remainder of the cycle.

Audit & Attestation



If annual expenditures are less than \$750,000, the organization must file an attestation with the department within 9 months of the organization's fiscal year end.



Otherwise, a CPA audit, in accordance with F.S. 215.97 (Florida Single Audit), must be filed with FLHSMV and Auditor General within 45 days after delivery of the audit to the entity, but no later than nine months of entity's fiscal year end.



The department is required to audit each organization that files an attestation every three years.



Questions?

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WILL WATTS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS
FDOT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES | 1/24/2023

OUR MISSION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is committed to providing a **safe transportation system** that ensures the **mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity** and **preserves the quality of our environment** and **communities**.



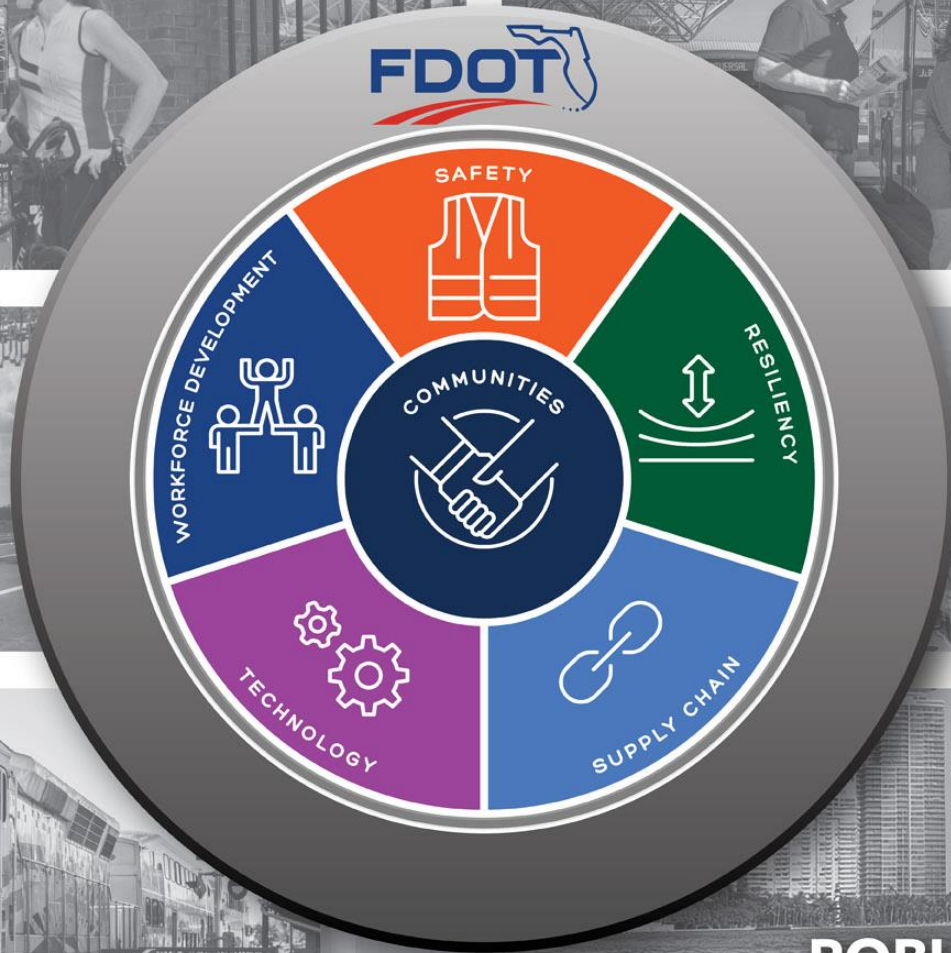
SAFETY



COMMUNITIES



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



RESILIENCY



TECHNOLOGY



ROBUST SUPPLY CHAIN

An aerial photograph of a busy port area. In the foreground, a large cargo ship is docked at a pier, with several large gantry cranes positioned over it. The ship's deck is filled with stacks of shipping containers. To the left of the ship, there is a large yard filled with more stacks of containers and some trucks. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a cloudy sky. The water of the port is on the right side of the image, with a few smaller boats visible.

FDOT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



SUPPORTING TRUCK DRIVERS

- Gives Department authority to provide and pay for training and certification fees for Commercial Driver License (CDL).
- Focuses on recruiting and retaining truck drivers to support a healthy supply chain.
- Amends Section 334.044, F.S.

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

- Supports the Department's emergency Fast Response Contracts for rapid completion of emergency needs, such as bridge damage and sink holes.
- Increases the Fast Response Contract Cap Amount from \$250,000 to \$500,000.
- Amends Section 337.11, F.S.





CUTTING RED TAPE



PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

- Aligns with updated federal law to allow the Department to provide education on emerging technologies such as Electric Vehicles and Automated Vehicles.
- Amends Section 334.044, F.S.

ALIGNING WITH FEDERAL LAW REGARDING PUBLIC TRANSIT

- Aligns state transit reporting to match updated federal reporting and planning requirements.
- Amends Sections 341.052 and 341.071, F.S.

REDUCING DELAYS IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- Allows Work Program modifications to be approved by Chairs of Appropriations Committees if the Legislative Budget Commission is unable to convene as scheduled.
- Keeps the Department project pipeline moving and reduces project delays.
- Amends Section 339.135, F.S.





STATUTORY CLEAN-UPS



FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Expands the Department's financing options by authorizing the Florida Development Finance Corporation to issue public activity bonds.
- Amends Section 288.9606, F.S.

TRANSFERRING BRIDGE FACILITY TO TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

- Transfers the Garcon Point Bridge facility to the FDOT Turnpike Enterprise inventory.
- Reduces tolls and increases route options for the traveling public.
- Amends section 334.044, F.S.

RATING AGENCY ENGAGEMENT

- Enables the Department to directly engage with Rating Agencies for bond analysis.
- Amends Chapter 287, F.S.





QUESTIONS?

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Transportation

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Select Committee on Resiliency

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Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight,
Alternating Chair

SENATOR JOE GRUTERS
22nd District

January 18, 2023

Chair DiCeglie,

Senator Gruters requests an excused absence for the Committee on Transportation meeting on 1/24/2023 beginning at 9:30AM.

Please let me know if there are any conflicts resulting in this request.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Gruters".

REPLY TO:

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CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 110
Caption: Senate Transportation Committee

Case No.:

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Started: 1/24/2023 9:30:35 AM
Ends: 1/24/2023 10:17:26 AM
Length: 00:46:52

9:30:36 AM Chair DiCeglie calls meeting to order
9:30:47 AM CAA calls roll and announces quorum
9:30:59 AM Pledge of Allegiance
9:31:21 AM Senator Gruters excused from meeting
9:31:30 AM Chair DiCeglie opening remarks
9:31:48 AM Tab 1 Presentation by Cindy Price, Senate Transportation Committee
9:32:16 AM Cindy Price presents on Electric Vehicle Registration Fees
9:47:29 AM Questions:
9:47:33 AM Senator Torres
9:47:59 AM Cindy Price
9:48:08 AM Senator Torres
9:48:22 AM Cindy Price
9:48:32 AM Senator Hooper
9:48:51 AM Chair DiCeglie
9:49:02 AM Senator Hooper
9:49:48 AM Vice Chair Davis
9:50:58 AM Cindy Price
9:51:06 AM Chair DiCeglie
9:51:13 AM Cindy Price
9:51:21 AM Chair DiCeglie
9:51:32 AM Cindy Price
9:52:31 AM Chair DiCeglie comments
9:52:43 AM Tab 2 Update by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on Specialty License Plate Program
9:53:25 AM Mr. Robert Kynoch, Division Director of Motorist Services presents
10:01:29 AM Questions:
10:01:34 AM Vice Chair Davis
10:02:03 AM Mr. Kynoch
10:02:24 AM Vice Chair Davis comments
10:02:46 AM Tab 3 Presentation of Agency Legislative Priorities:
10:02:58 AM Presentation by Mr. Dave Kerner, Executive Director of Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
10:04:58 AM Questions:
10:05:03 AM Senator Boyd comments
10:05:46 AM Mr. Kerner comments
10:06:26 AM Senator Pizzo
10:06:51 AM Mr. Kerner
10:07:32 AM Senator Pizzo comments
10:08:18 AM Chair DiCeglie comments
10:08:42 AM Presentation by Mr. Will Watts, Assistant Secretary of Engineering and Operations, Florida Department of Transportation
10:14:05 AM Questions:
10:14:14 AM Senator Pizzo
10:14:37 AM Mr. Watts
10:14:49 AM Senator Pizzo
10:14:55 AM Mr. Watts
10:15:07 AM Vice Chair Davis
10:15:30 AM Mr. Watts
10:16:20 AM Vice Chair Davis
10:16:33 AM Mr. Watts
10:17:10 AM Senator Hooper moves to adjourn
10:17:15 AM Meeting adjourned