

By Representative Merchant

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Turnpike System;  
3           amending s. 338.227, F.S.; providing for the  
4           discontinuance of certain tolls; providing for  
5           the disposition of all revenues in excess of  
6           revenue pledged to debt service; amending s.  
7           338.2275, F.S.; reducing the number of approved  
8           turnpike projects; amending s. 338.232, F.S.,  
9           to conform to the act; providing an effective  
10          date.

11  
12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

13  
14           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 338.227, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           338.227 Turnpike revenue bonds.--

17           (2) The proceeds of the bonds of each issue shall be  
18 used solely for the payment of the cost of the turnpike  
19 projects for which such bonds shall have been issued, except  
20 as provided in the State Bond Act. Such proceeds shall be  
21 disbursed and used as provided by ss. 338.22-338.244 and in  
22 such manner and under such restrictions, if any, as the  
23 Division of Bond Finance may provide in the resolution  
24 authorizing the issuance of such bonds or in the trust  
25 agreement hereinafter mentioned securing the same. All  
26 revenues and bond proceeds from the turnpike system received  
27 by the department pursuant to ss. 338.22-338.244, the Florida  
28 Turnpike Law, shall be used only for the cost of turnpike  
29 projects and turnpike improvements and for the administration,  
30 operation, maintenance, and financing of the turnpike system.  
31 After debt service has been paid on all turnpike projects in

1 s. 338.2275, tolls are to be discontinued. All revenues in  
2 excess of revenue pledged to debt service on approved projects  
3 and for operations and maintenance of the turnpike system  
4 shall be pledged to reduction of the debt service to expedite  
5 repayment of bonds. No revenues or bond proceeds from the  
6 turnpike system shall be spent for the operation, maintenance,  
7 construction, or financing of any project which is not part of  
8 the turnpike system.

9 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 338.2275, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 338.2275 Approved turnpike projects.--Pursuant to s.  
12 11(e), Art. VII of the State Constitution, the Legislature  
13 hereby approves:

14 (3) Subject to verification of economic feasibility by  
15 the department, determination that such projects are  
16 consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with approved  
17 local government comprehensive plans of the local government  
18 jurisdiction in which such projects are located, and  
19 completion of a statement of environmental feasibility in  
20 accordance with s. 338.221(8) and (10), respectively, the  
21 following projects are approved:

22 (a) The Polk County Parkway; a 24.8-mile, two-lane and  
23 four-lane, limited access expressway in Polk County extending  
24 from the intersection of I-4 and Clark Road near the  
25 Hillsborough County Line through Lakeland near Drainfield Road  
26 eastward to State Road 540 and to U.S. 98 and then east and  
27 northward to near Polk City to intersect with I-4 near Mount  
28 Olive Road.

29 ~~(b) Branam Field/Chaffee Road Facility; an 11-mile~~  
30 ~~limited access expressway extending north from State Road 21~~  
31 ~~in Clay County to Chaffee Road in western Duval County.~~

1           ~~(c)~~ Palmer Expressway; a 6.2-mile, four-lane, limited  
2 ~~access expressway in St. Lucie County extending from Glades~~  
3 ~~Cut-off Road to U.S. 1.~~

4           (b)~~(d)~~ Seminole County Expressway, Project 1; a  
5 four-lane limited access expressway extending 12 miles from  
6 State Road 426 near the Orange/Seminole County line in east  
7 Orlando to U.S. 17/92.

8           ~~(c)~~(e) Northwest Hillsborough Expressway; a 14.9-mile,  
9 four-lane, limited access toll facility extending north from  
10 the Courtney Campbell Causeway near the Tampa International  
11 Airport to Dale Mabry Highway (State Road 597) just north of  
12 Van Dyke Road.

13           (d)~~(f)~~ The Southern Connector Extension; a 6.0-mile,  
14 four-lane, limited access extension of the Southern Connector  
15 toll facility extending southwesterly from a point one mile  
16 east of State Road 535 to an interchange with I-4 south of  
17 U.S. 192.

18           ~~(e)~~(g) Seminole County Expressway, Project 2; a  
19 5.7-mile, four-lane, limited access highway extending from  
20 U.S. 17/92 interchange to an interchange with C.R. 46A and  
21 I-4.

22           (f)~~(h)~~ Suncoast Parkway, Project 1; a 44-mile,  
23 four-lane, limited access highway extending north from the  
24 Northwest Hillsborough Expressway to S.R. 700 (U.S. 98) in  
25 Hernando County.

26           (g)~~(i)~~ Suncoast Parkway, Project 2; an approximately  
27 30-mile, four-lane, limited access highway extending north  
28 from State Road 700 (U.S. 98) in Hernando County to a point  
29 near the Citrus-Levy County line.

30           (h)~~(j)~~ Western Beltway; a 55.0-mile, four-lane,  
31 limited access highway originating at I-4 in the vicinity of

1 C.R. 46A in Seminole County and extending westerly and  
2 southerly through Orange and Osceola Counties to an  
3 interchange with I-4 near the Osceola-Polk county line,  
4 excluding that portion known as the Northwest Beltway Part A,  
5 extending from Florida's Turnpike near Ocoee north to U.S. 441  
6 near Apopka.

7 ~~(k) Northern Extension Project; a 49.0-mile,~~  
8 ~~four-lane, limited access highway extending from the northern~~  
9 ~~terminus of the Florida Turnpike in Sumter County to an~~  
10 ~~interchange with U.S. 19 at Lebanon Station in Levy County.~~

11 (i)~~(l)~~ Atlantic Boulevard Interchange in Broward  
12 County.

13 (j)~~(m)~~ N.W. 37th Avenue Interchange in Broward County.

14 (k)~~(n)~~ S.R. 80/Southern Boulevard Interchange in Palm  
15 Beach County.

16 (l)~~(o)~~ Forest Hill Boulevard Interchange in Palm Beach  
17 County.

18 (m)~~(p)~~ N.W. 45th Street Interchange in Palm Beach  
19 County.

20 (n)~~(q)~~ Lake Worth Road Interchange in Palm Beach  
21 County.

22 (o)~~(r)~~ East/West Expressway Interchange in Orange  
23 County.

24 (p)~~(s)~~ Southern Connector Interchange in Orange  
25 County.

26 (q)~~(t)~~ S.R. 50 Interchange in Orange County.

27 ~~(u) Dart Boulevard Interchange in Osceola County.~~

28 (r)~~(v)~~ N.W. 74th Street Interchange in Dade County.

29 (s)~~(w)~~ Allapattah Road Interchange in Dade County.

30 (t)~~(x)~~ Tallahassee Road Interchange in Dade County.

31 (u)~~(y)~~ Biscayne Drive Interchange in Dade County.

1           (v)~~(z)~~ Campbell Drive Interchange in Dade County.  
2  
3       A maximum of \$1.5 billion of bonds may be issued to fund the  
4 projects listed in this subsection. The department is  
5 authorized to use turnpike revenues, the State Transportation  
6 Trust Fund moneys allocated for turnpike projects pursuant to  
7 s. 338.001, federal funds, and bond proceeds for the projects  
8 listed in this subsection, and shall use the most  
9 cost-efficient combination of such funds in developing a  
10 financial plan for funding the projects. Up to 10 percent of  
11 the total amount of the approved costs of all of the projects  
12 listed in this subsection may be set aside as a contingency  
13 amount, from which the department may allocate funds for a  
14 project that exceeds its anticipated cost, but in no event  
15 shall the funds allocated from this contingency amount exceed  
16 15 percent of the project's anticipated cost. The department  
17 must submit a report of the estimated cost for each ongoing  
18 project and for each planned project to the Legislature 14  
19 days before the convening of the regular legislative session.  
20 Verification of economic feasibility and statements of  
21 environmental feasibility for individual projects must be  
22 based on the entire project as approved. Statements of  
23 environmental feasibility are not required for those projects  
24 listed in this subsection for which the Project Development  
25 and Environmental Reports were completed by July 1, 1990. All  
26 required environmental permits must be obtained before the  
27 department may advertise for bids for contracts for the  
28 construction of any turnpike project.

29           Section 3. Section 338.232, Florida Statutes, is  
30 amended to read:

31

