Florida Senate - 2002

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Sebesta

	306-2262A-02
1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to transportation; creating s.
3	339.141, F.S.; creating the Regional
4	Transportation Act; providing purpose; creating
5	the Regional Transportation Advisory Council;
б	providing for membership, meetings, and staff
7	support of the council; providing duties;
8	requiring recommendation of regional and local
9	transportation projects; providing criteria and
10	procedures for approval of Regional
11	Transportation Grant projects and Local
12	Transportation Management Grant projects;
13	providing for approval by the Legislature;
14	providing for funding; providing for allocation
15	of funds from the State Transportation Trust
16	Fund; limiting application of certain
17	requirements; creating s. 339.142, F.S.;
18	providing for designation as a regional
19	transportation corridor; providing a
20	definition; designating certain infrastructure
21	as such corridors; authorizing the council to
22	designate such corridors; creating s. 339.143,
23	F.S.; creating the Regional Transportation
24	Grant program; providing legislative findings
25	and purpose; providing criteria for program
26	eligibility; providing for recommendation by
27	the council and approval by the Legislature;
28	providing for funding; creating s. 339.144,
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1 freight, thus increasing cost-competitive travel choices for Florida residents, visitors, and businesses. 2 3 (2) The underlying purposes of the Regional Transportation Act are to identify projects throughout the 4 5 state which will provide more efficient movement of travelers, б goods, and services; assist local governments in developing 7 intermodal linkages; promote logical linkages between 8 different modes of transportation; and attract federal, state, 9 local, and private-sector funds to make these improvements. 10 (3) The Regional Transportation Advisory Council is 11 created to make recommendations annually to the Legislature on the selection of projects as provided in this section. 12 Recommendations shall be made for projects seeking Regional 13 14 Transportation Grants pursuant to s. 339.143 and Local 15 Transportation Management Grants pursuant to s. 339.144. (4) The council shall consist of: 16 17 The secretary of the Department of Transportation, (a) 18 or his or her designee. 19 (b) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. 20 21 One member of the House of Representatives (C) 22 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. 23 24 Terms for council members from the Legislature shall be 2 years, provided that a legislative member's term shall not 25 exceed the term of the presiding officer making that member's 26 27 appointment to the council. Initial appointments must be made 28 no later than 30 days after the effective date of this act. Vacancies on the council shall be filled in the same manner as 29 30 the initial appointments. 31

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1	(5) Each member of the council shall be allowed one
2	vote. The council shall select a chair from among its
3	membership. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair
4	but not less frequently than quarterly. The members of the
5	council shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses
б	as provided in s. 112.061.
7	(6) The Department of Transportation shall provide
8	administrative staff support and shall ensure that council
9	meetings are electronically recorded. Such recordings and all
10	documents received, prepared for, or used by the council in
11	conducting its business shall be preserved pursuant to
12	chapters 119 and 257.
13	(7) Applications for Regional Transportation Act
14	funding shall be submitted to the department no later than
15	October 1 of each year, beginning in 2002, along with
16	documentation that the proposed project meets the criteria
17	listed in s. 339.143 or s. 339.144, as applicable.
18	(a) Regional Transportation Grant projects may be
19	proposed by any local government, regional organization,
20	economic development board, public or private partnership,
21	metropolitan planning organization, state agency, or other
22	entity engaged in economic development activities.
23	(b) Local Transportation Management Grant applications
24	may be submitted by counties and municipalities.
25	(c) No project may be submitted for consideration
26	under both grant programs in the same fiscal year.
27	(8) The department shall review all of the
28	applications submitted to determine which ones meet the basic
29	criteria listed in ss. 339.143(3) and 339.144(2). By December
30	1 of each year, beginning in 2002, the department shall submit

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1 applications that comply, and to each county's legislative delegation the applicable Local Transportation Management 2 3 Grant applications that comply. Included in the department's submittals shall be a summary of each eligible grant 4 5 application, including summary information indicating how the б project meets the criteria in s. 339.143(5) or s. 339.144(3), 7 as applicable. 8 (9)(a) The council shall evaluate all of the 9 applications it receives from the department and the 10 legislative delegations and shall annually develop separate 11 lists of recommended projects for Regional Transportation Grants and Local Transportation Management Grants for approval 12 by the Secretary of Transportation. Upon approval, the 13 secretary shall submit the approved list for the Legislature's 14 consideration for inclusion in the General Appropriations Act. 15 In selecting projects for inclusion on its two 16 (b) 17 recommended projects lists, the council shall consider the additional criteria in ss. 339.143(5) and 339.144(3), 18 19 depending on the grant program. (10) The council is encouraged to seek input from 20 transportation or economic development entities and to 21 consider the reports and recommendations of task forces, study 22 commissions, or similar entities charged with reviewing issues 23 24 relevant to the council's mission. (11) The council's recommended projects lists shall 25 not be ranked. Each list of projects shall total an amount 26 27 that is no more than 1.5 times the amount of state funding available for the total regional transportation program that 28 29 fiscal year. 30 (12) The Legislature shall consider the council's recommended projects lists and shall include approved projects 31 5

1 in the General Appropriations Act. Projects approved by the Legislature must be included in the department's adopted work 2 3 program. 4 (13) For fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, the 5 department shall allocate a minimum of \$92 million from the б State Transportation Trust Fund in its program and resource 7 plan to fund the programs in ss. 339.141-339.144. Of that 8 amount, a minimum of \$62 million shall be awarded to projects seeking Regional Transportation Grants. A maximum of \$30 9 million shall be awarded to projects seeking Local 10 11 Transportation Management Grants. For fiscal year 2005-2006, the department shall allocate a minimum of \$100 million for 12 the programs in ss. 339.141-339.144. Of that amount, a maximum 13 of \$4 million shall be awarded to projects seeking Local 14 Transportation Management Grants. Beginning in fiscal year 15 2006-2007 and for each year thereafter, the minimum amount 16 17 allocated shall be \$100 million for projects seeking Regional Transportation Grants. This allocation of funds is in addition 18 19 to any funding provided to this program by any other provision of law. Notwithstanding any other laws to the contrary, the 20 21 requirements of ss. 339.135(1)-(5), 339.155, and 339.175 shall not apply to these funds and programs. 22 23 Section 2. Section 339.142, Florida Statutes, is 24 created to read: 339.142 Regional transportation corridors.--25 (1) A "regional transportation corridor" is defined as 26 27 a regional system of transportation infrastructure that collectively provides for the efficient movement of 28 29 significant numbers of persons and significant volumes of 30 intrastate, interstate, and international commerce by 31 seamlessly linking multiple modes of travel.

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1 (2) Florida's initial regional transportation 2 corridors are: 3 (a) The Interstate 10 Corridor, from Pensacola to 4 Jacksonville. 5 The Gulf Coast Corridor, from Pensacola to St. (b) б Petersburg and to Tampa along U.S. 98 and U.S. 19/State Road 7 27. 8 (c) The Interstate 95-Atlantic Coast Corridor, from Jacksonville to Miami. 9 10 (d) The Central Florida/North-South Corridor, from the 11 Florida-Georgia border to Naples and Fort Lauderdale/Miami, along Interstate 75. 12 The Central Florida/East-West Corridor, from St. 13 (e) Petersburg to Tampa and to Titusville, along Interstate 275, 14 Interstate 4, and the Beeline Expressway. 15 (f) The Jacksonville to Tampa Corridor, along U.S. 16 17 301. 18 The Jacksonville to Orlando Corridor, along U.S. (g) 19 17. 20 The Southeastern Everglades Corridor, linking (h) 21 Wildwood, Winter Garden, Orlando, and West Palm Beach via the 22 Florida Turnpike. 23 For the purposes of this subsection, the term "corridor" 24 includes the roadways linking seaports, commercial service and 25 general aviation airports, rail yards, transportation 26 27 terminals, and intermodal service centers to the major highways listed in this subsection to designate regional 28 29 corridors. 30 (3) The Regional Transportation Advisory Council is 31 authorized to make additions to, deletions from, or 7

1 modifications to the initially designated corridors listed in subsection (2). These changes shall be accomplished through 2 3 adoption of a resolution by majority vote of the council indicating the changes to the corridors. The department may 4 5 provide input to the council regarding proposed changes to the б corridors, including the results of any consensus-building process undertaken by the department to better define regional 7 8 transportation corridors. In addition, any of the entities eligible to submit an application for a Regional 9 10 Transportation Grant pursuant to s. 339.141(7)(a) may propose 11 corridor changes to the council. The council shall provide any such adopted resolutions to the Governor, the President of the 12 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. 13 14 Section 3. Section 339.143, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 15 339.143 Regional Transportation Grant program.--16 17 (1) The Legislature finds that Florida's future 18 regional investments in transportation should be targeted 19 toward a regional transportation system that integrates key components of the Florida Intrastate Highway System, seaports, 20 spaceports, aviation facilities, and rail facilities within 21 designated corridors. The Legislature further finds that 22 Florida's future economic health depends on a system that can 23 24 successfully move growing numbers of residents and tourists and transport goods and services within Florida, as well as to 25 and from national and international markets. Therefore, the 26 27 Legislature creates the Regional Transportation Grant program to address these needs and to supplement existing related 28 29 transportation programs. 30 31

1 (2) Projects eligible to receive Regional 2 Transportation Grants include, but are not limited to, the 3 following: (a) Seaport projects that improve cargo and passenger 4 5 movements or connect the seaports to other modes of б transportation. 7 (b) Aviation projects that increase passenger 8 enplanements and cargo activity or connect airports to other 9 modes of transportation. 10 (c) Transit projects that improve mobility on 11 interstate highways, improve regional or localized travel, or connect to other modes of transportation. 12 (d) Rail projects that facilitate the movement of 13 passengers and cargo, including ancillary pedestrian 14 facilities, or that connect rail facilities to other modes of 15 16 transportation. 17 (e) Road or highway improvements that improve access 18 to another mode of transportation. 19 (f) Roadway relocation projects or other projects that address vehicle user conflicts, access issues, or safety 20 21 concerns with rail lines. 22 The basic criteria for receipt of a Regional (3) Transportation Grant are as follows: 23 24 (a) The project must be able to be made 25 production-ready within a 5-year period following the end of 26 the current fiscal year. 27 The project must be consistent with a current (b) transportation system plan, including, but not limited to, the 28 29 Florida Intrastate Highway System, aviation, intermodal/rail, seaport, spaceport, or transit system plans. 30 31

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1	(c) The project must not be inconsistent with an
2	approved local comprehensive plan of any local government
3	within whose boundaries the project is located in whole or in
4	part, or, if inconsistent, must be accompanied by an
5	explanation of why the project should be undertaken.
6	(d) The project must be of statewide or regional
7	significance.
8	(e) The project must facilitate the movement of
9	people, goods, and services within a regional transportation
10	corridor designated pursuant to s. 339.142.
11	(f) The project must encourage, enhance, or create
12	economic benefits in urban or rural areas.
13	(4) Eligible projects that meet the basic criteria in
14	subsection (3) as determined by the department shall be
15	forwarded by the department to the Regional Transportation
16	Advisory Council for evaluation.
17	(5) The council shall use the following criteria for
18	selecting projects for its recommended projects list:
19	(a) Whether other funds are available to help complete
20	the project.
21	(b) The amount of local, federal, or private matching
22	funds available for the project.
23	(c) The extent to which the project incorporates
24	corridor management techniques, including access management
25	strategies, right-of-way acquisition or protection measures,
26	and appropriate zoning and setback controls.
27	(d) The extent to which the project supports a
28	multimodal transportation district established pursuant to s.
29	<u>163.3180(15).</u>
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1(e) The extent to which the project uses new2technologies, including intelligent transportation systems, to3enhance the efficiency of the transportation system.4(6) Pursuant to s. 339.141, the Regional5Transportation Advisory Council shall develop a list of6recommended regional transportation projects and submit it to7the Secretary of Transportation for approval. Upon approval,8the secretary shall submit the approved list to the9Legislature. The Legislature shall consider the council's7recommended projects list and shall include approved projects11in the General Appropriations Act.12Section 4. Section 339.144, Florida Statutes, is13created to read:14339.144 Local Transportation Management Grant15program16(1) The Legislature finds that while planning and17financing a statewide transportation system is of primary18importance to Florida's economic well-being and public safety,19the state also has a responsibility to share in the costs of20addressing the mobility needs of Florida's local and21metropolitan areas. The Legislature further finds that a local22transportation management grant program, in conjunction with23other existing programs, is necessary to financially assist24local governments in planning and building transportation25systems that encourage connectivity with state26gecommic development, and encourage connect	-	
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2	production-ready within a 5-year period following the end of
3	the current fiscal year.
4	(b) The project must be consistent with a current
5	state, regional, or local transportation system plan.
6	(c) The project must not be inconsistent with an
7	approved local comprehensive plan of any local government
8	within whose boundaries the project is located in whole or in
9	part, or, if inconsistent, must be accompanied by an
10	explanation of why the project should be undertaken.
11	(3) Projects that meet the basic criteria in
12	subsection (2) as determined by the department shall be
13	forwarded by the department to the appropriate legislative
14	delegation. The delegation shall evaluate the applications for
15	projects within its particular county based on the following
16	<u>criteria:</u>
17	(a) The extent to which the project provides
18	intermodal access benefits.
19	(b) The extent to which the project facilitates the
20	movement of people, goods, and services on a designated
21	regional transportation corridor.
22	(c) The extent to which the project encourages,
23	enhances, or creates economic benefits in urban or rural
24	areas.
25	(d) The extent to which the county has enacted local
26	option fuel taxes and other dedicated local revenue sources or
27	adopted the 1-percent infrastructure sales surtax or the small
28	county surtax, with priority spending dedicated to
29	transportation improvements.
30	(e) The extent to which the project helps to maintain
31	or protect the environment, enhances existing public
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1 investments in transportation infrastructure, or encourages redevelopment and revitalization of downtown areas. 2 3 (f) Whether other funds are available to help complete 4 the project. 5 (g) The amount of local, federal, or private matching б funds available for the project. 7 The extent to which the project incorporates (h) 8 corridor management techniques, including access management 9 strategies, right-of-way acquisition or protection measures, 10 and appropriate zoning and setback controls. 11 (i) The extent to which the project supports a multimodal transportation district established pursuant to s. 12 13 163.3180(15). (j) The extent to which the project uses new 14 technologies, including intelligent transportation systems, to 15 enhance the efficiency of the transportation system. 16 17 (k) The extent to which the project serves as an evacuation route, handles high levels of agricultural travel, 18 19 or is considered a major arterial route. For projects under this paragraph, the physical condition of the road also may be 20 21 considered. 22 Each legislative delegation shall rank its county's projects 23 24 and send its list of rankings to the Regional Transportation 25 Advisory Council by January 15 of each year, beginning in 2003. 26 27 (4) Pursuant to s. 339.141, the Regional Transportation Advisory Council shall develop an unranked list 28 of recommended Local Transportation Management Grant projects, 29 30 based on its evaluation of the criteria in subsection (3) and the recommendations from the county legislative delegations. 31

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1 The council shall submit the recommended projects list to the Legislature by February 15 of each year, beginning in 2003. 2 3 The Legislature shall consider the council's recommended 4 projects list and shall include approved projects in the 5 General Appropriations Act. б (5) The grant program shall provide a 50-percent state 7 match for project costs of selected projects within a county 8 with a population of 75,000 or more, and a 75-percent match 9 for projects within counties with a population of less than 10 75,000. The match requirement may be waived for rural areas 11 pursuant to s. 288.06561. Section 5. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 339.08, 12 13 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 14 339.08 Use of moneys in State Transportation Trust 15 Fund.--The department shall expend by rule provide for 16 (1) 17 the expenditure of the moneys in the State Transportation Trust Fund accruing to the department, in accordance with its 18 19 annual budget. 20 (2) These rules must restrict The use of such moneys 21 is restricted to the following purposes: (a) To pay administrative expenses of the department, 22 including administrative expenses incurred by the several 23 24 state transportation districts, but excluding administrative 25 expenses of commuter rail authorities that do not operate rail service. 26 27 (b) To pay the cost of construction of the State 28 Highway System. 29 (c) To pay the cost of maintaining the State Highway 30 System. 31 14

1 (d) To pay the cost of public transportation projects in accordance with chapter 341 and ss. 332.003-332.007. 2 3 (e) To reimburse counties or municipalities for expenditures made on projects in the State Highway System as 4 5 authorized by s. 339.12(4) upon legislative approval. б (f) To pay the cost of economic development 7 transportation projects in accordance with s. 288.063. 8 (g) To lend or pay a portion of the operating, 9 maintenance, and capital costs of a revenue-producing 10 transportation project that is located on the State Highway 11 System or that is demonstrated to relieve traffic congestion on the State Highway System. 12 (h) To match any federal-aid funds allocated for any 13 other transportation purpose, including funds allocated to 14 projects not located in the State Highway System. 15 (i) To pay the cost of county road projects selected 16 17 in accordance with the Small County Road Assistance Program created in s. 339.2816. 18 19 (j) To pay the cost of county or municipal road 20 projects selected in accordance with the Local Transportation 21 Management Grant program created pursuant to s. 339.144 County Incentive Grant Program created in s. 339.2817 and the Small 22 County Outreach Program created in s. 339.2818. 23 24 (k) To provide loans and credit enhancements for use in constructing and improving highway transportation 25 26 facilities selected in accordance with the state-funded 27 infrastructure bank created in s. 339.55. 28 (1) To fund the Regional Transportation Grant projects 29 selected pursuant to s. 339.143 Transportation Outreach Program created in s. 339.137. 30 31

1 (m) To pay other lawful expenditures of the 2 department. 3 Section 6. Section 339.1371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 4 5 339.1371 Mobility 2000; Transportation Outreach б Program; funding. --7 (1) Beginning in fiscal year 2000-2001 the Department 8 of Transportation shall allocate sufficient funds to implement 9 the Mobility 2000 (Building Roads for the 21st Century) 10 initiative. The department shall develop a plan to expend 11 these revenues and amend the current tentative work program for the time period 2000-2001 through 2004-2005 prior to 12 13 adoption to include Mobility 2000 projects. In addition, prior 14 to work program adoption, the department shall submit a budget amendment pursuant to s. 339.135(7), requesting budget 15 authority needed to implement the Mobility 2000 initiative. 16 17 Funds will be used for corridors that link Florida's economic 18 regions to seaports, international airports, and markets to 19 provide connections through major gateways, improved mobility in major urbanized areas, and access routes for emergency 20 21 evacuation to coastal communities based on analysis of current and projected traffic conditions. 22 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in 23 24 fiscal year 2001-2002 and each year thereafter, the increase 25 in revenue to the State Transportation Trust Fund derived from ss. 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10, ch. 2000-257, Laws of Florida, 26 shall be first used by the Department of Transportation to 27 28 fund the Mobility 2000 initiative and any remaining funds 29 shall be used to fund the Transportation Outreach Program 30 created pursuant to s. 339.137. Notwithstanding any other law 31

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1 to the contrary, the requirements of ss. 206.46(3) and 2 206.606(2) shall not apply to the Mobility 2000 initiative. 3 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 215.211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 4 5 215.211 Service charge; elimination or reduction for б specified proceeds. --7 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 215.20(1), 8 the service charge provided in s. 215.20(1), which is deducted 9 from the proceeds of the local option fuel tax distributed 10 under s. 336.025, shall be reduced as follows: 11 (a) For the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, the rate of the service charge shall be 3.5 percent. 12 (b) Beginning July 1, 2006, and thereafter, no service 13 charge shall be deducted from the proceeds of the local option 14 fuel tax distributed under s. 336.025. 15 16 17 An amount equal to the reduction in the service charge The increased revenues derived from this subsection shall be 18 19 deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund and used to 20 fund the projects selected under the Local Transportation Management Grant program created pursuant to s. 339.144 County 21 22 Incentive Grant Program and the Small County Outreach Program. Up to 20 percent of such funds shall be used for the purpose 23 24 of implementing the Small County Outreach Program as provided 25 in this act. Notwithstanding any other laws to the contrary, the requirements of ss. 206.46(3), 206.606(2), 339.135(1)-(5), 26 339.155, and 339.175 shall not apply to these funds and 27 28 programs. 29 Section 8. Sections 339.137, 339.2817, and 339.2818, 30 Florida Statutes, are repealed. 31 Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002. 17

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1	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
2	Senate Bill 480
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4	This CS creates the Regional Transportation Act dedicated to
5	identifying and funding high-priority regional transportation projects. The CS creates the Regional Transportation Advisory
6	Council, to be comprised of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) secretary or a designee; a sitting
7	member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and a sitting member appointed by the
8	President of the Senate. The CS creates the Regional Transportation Grant program and the Local Transportation
9	Management Grant program, and requires the Council to evaluate project applications, and to submit an unranked list of
10	Regional Transportation Grant projects and an unranked list of Local Transportation Management Grant projects to the FDOT
11	secretary for final approval. Upon approval the secretary submits the list of projects to the Legislature by February 15
12	of each year, beginning in 2003.
13	The CS creates s. 339.142, F.S., listing eight "regional transportation corridors," and repeals the Transportation
14	Outreach Program, the County Improvement Grant Program, and the Small County Outreach Program.
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