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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation; creating pt. II of ch. 339, F.S., entitled "Florida Strategic Intermodal System"; creating the Florida Strategic Intermodal System; providing legislative findings, declaration, and intent; providing for components of the system; providing for the designation of facilities in the system; requiring the Department of Transportation to develop a Strategic Intermodal System Plan; providing criteria for the development and revision of such plan; creating the Strategic Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council; providing legislative findings and purpose; defining "intermodal modes of transportation," "intermodal transportation project," and "SITAC"; providing for intermodal project funding review by districts of the department, the council, and the Legislature; amending s. 339.08, F.S.; authorizing the payment of costs of projects on the Florida Strategic Intermodal System as a use of moneys in the State Transportation Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Chapter 339, Florida Statutes, is designated part I of said chapter and part II, consisting of sections 339.61, 339.62, 339.63, 339.64, and 339.65, is created to read:

PART II

FLORIDA STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM

339.61 Florida Strategic Intermodal System; legislative findings, declaration, and intent.--



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31       (1) There is created the Florida Strategic Intermodal  
32 System.

33       (2) The Legislature finds that increasing demands are  
34 continuing to be placed on the state's transportation system by  
35 a fast-growing economy, continued population growth, and  
36 projected increases in freight movement, international trade,  
37 and tourism. The Legislature also finds that the state's growing  
38 regional and intercity economic centers will increase the demand  
39 for interregional and intercity travel and that the evolving  
40 service-based and information-based industries will change the  
41 type of transportation system that business and industry  
42 demands, increasing the importance of speed and reliability. The  
43 Legislature further finds that our transportation system must be  
44 designed and operated in such a way that it preserves the  
45 abundance of natural and manmade amenities that have been so  
46 successful in attracting new residents, businesses, and tourists  
47 to this state. Therefore, the Legislature declares that the  
48 development of a strategic intermodal system, composed of  
49 facilities and services of statewide and interregional  
50 significance, will efficiently serve the mobility needs of  
51 Florida's citizens, businesses, and visitors and will help  
52 Florida become a worldwide economic leader, enhance economic  
53 prosperity and competitiveness, enrich quality of life, and  
54 reflect responsible environmental stewardship. To that end, it  
55 is the intent of the Legislature that the Strategic Intermodal  
56 System consist of transportation facilities of compelling state  
57 interest and that limited resources available for the  
58 implementation of statewide and interregional transportation  
59 priorities be focused on that system.



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60       339.62 System components.--The Strategic Intermodal System  
61 shall consist of appropriate components of:

62           (1) The Florida Intrastate Highway System established  
63 pursuant to s. 338.001.

64           (2) The National Highway System.

65           (3) Airport, seaport, and spaceport facilities.

66           (4) Rail facilities.

67           (5) Selected intermodal facilities; passenger and freight  
68 terminals; and appropriate components of the State Highway  
69 System, county road system, city street system, and local public  
70 transit systems that serve as connections between the components  
71 listed in subsections (1)-(4).

72           (6) Existing or planned corridors that serve a statewide  
73 or interregional purpose.

74       339.63 System facilities designated; additions and  
75 deletions.--

76           (1) The initial Strategic Intermodal System shall include  
77 all facilities that meet the criteria recommended by the  
78 Strategic Intermodal Steering Committee in a report titled  
79 "Steering Committee Final Report: Recommendations for  
80 Designating Florida's Strategic Intermodal System" dated  
81 December 2002.

82           (2) Subsequent to the initial designation of the Strategic  
83 Intermodal System pursuant to subsection (1), the Secretary of  
84 Transportation shall periodically add facilities to or delete  
85 facilities from the Strategic Intermodal System based upon  
86 adopted criteria.

87       339.64 Strategic Intermodal System Plan.--

88           (1) The department shall develop, in cooperation with  
89 metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning councils,



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90 local governments, and other transportation providers, a  
91 Strategic Intermodal System Plan. The plan shall be consistent  
92 with the Florida Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s.  
93 339.155 and shall be updated at least once every 5 years,  
94 subsequent to updates of the Florida Transportation Plan.

95 (2) During the development of the Strategic Intermodal  
96 System Plan and the development of all subsequent updates, the  
97 department shall provide metropolitan planning organizations,  
98 regional planning councils, local governments, transportation  
99 providers, affected public agencies, and citizens with an  
100 opportunity to participate in and comment on the development of  
101 the proposed plan or update.

102 (3) The Strategic Intermodal System Plan shall include the  
103 following:

104 (a) A needs assessment.

105 (b) A project prioritization process.

106 (c) A map of facilities designated as Strategic Intermodal  
107 System facilities and facilities that are emerging in importance  
108 that are likely to be designated as part of the system in the  
109 future.

110 (d) A finance plan based on projections of revenues that  
111 can reasonably be expected. The finance plan shall include both  
112 10-year and 20-year cost-feasible components.

113 339.65 Strategic Intermodal Transportation Advisory  
114 Council created; membership; responsibilities.--

115 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.--The Legislature  
116 finds that the geographic makeup and economic diversity of the  
117 State of Florida present unique transportation challenges to  
118 citizens and tourists traveling throughout the state; that all  
119 modes of transportation play an important role in ensuring the



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120 efficient and safe movement of people and goods throughout the  
121 state; and that, if Florida is to remain a competitive and safe  
122 location for international and domestic trade, the state must  
123 ensure the continued viability of efficient and cost-effective  
124 modes of transportation. It is the purpose of this section to  
125 ensure that transportation policy and specific transportation  
126 projects are coordinated to stimulate the state's economy and  
127 allow for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods  
128 throughout the state.

129 (2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section:

130 (a) "Intermodal modes of transportation" means airports  
131 and seaports and rail, trucking, and public transit  
132 transportation modes and transportation connections between and  
133 among these modes.

134 (b) "Intermodal transportation project" means any project  
135 relating to an intermodal mode or modes of transportation as  
136 defined herein.

137 (c) "SITAC" means the Strategic Intermodal Transportation  
138 Advisory Council.

139 (3) STRATEGIC INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY  
140 COUNCIL.--The Strategic Intermodal Transportation Advisory  
141 Council is created to advise and make recommendations to the  
142 Legislature, the Department of Transportation, and federal  
143 transportation agencies on policies, planning, and funding of  
144 intermodal transportation projects in this state. The council's  
145 responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to:

146 (a) Advising the department on the policies, planning, and  
147 implementation of the Strategic Intermodal System.

148 (b) Providing advice and recommendations to the  
149 Legislature on funding for intermodal transportation projects.



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150 (4) MEMBERSHIP.--

151 (a) The members of Strategic Intermodal Transportation  
 152 Advisory Council shall consist of the following members:

153 1. Four intermodal industry representatives selected by  
 154 the Governor as follows:

155 a. Two representatives from airports involved in the  
 156 movement of freight and people from their airport facility to  
 157 another transportation mode. In no event may both of the  
 158 representatives be employed by the same company.

159 b. One representative representing a fixed-route, local-  
 160 government transit system.

161 c. One representative from an intercity bus company  
 162 providing regularly scheduled bus travel as determined by  
 163 federal regulations.

164 2. Three intermodal industry representatives selected by  
 165 the President of the Senate as follows:

166 a. One representative from short line railroads.

167 b. One representative from seaports listed in s. 311.09(1)  
 168 from the Atlantic Coast.

169 c. One representative from intermodal trucking companies.

170 3. Three intermodal industry representatives selected by  
 171 the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

172 a. One representative from major line railroads.

173 b. One representative from seaports listed in s. 311.09(1)  
 174 from the Gulf Coast.

175 c. One representative from intermodal trucking companies.

176 In no event may this representative be employed by the same  
 177 company that employs the intermodal trucking company  
 178 representative selected by the President of the Senate.

179 (b)1. Initial appointments to the council must be made no



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180 later than 30 days after the effective date of this section.

181 2. The initial appointments made by the President of the  
182 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
183 serve terms concurrent with those of the respective appointing  
184 officer. Beginning January 15, 2005, and for all subsequent  
185 appointments, council members appointed by the President of the  
186 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
187 serve 2-year terms, concurrent with the term of the respective  
188 appointing officer.

189 3. The initial appointees, and all subsequent appointees,  
190 made by the Governor shall serve 2-year terms.

191 4. Vacancies on the council shall be filled in the same  
192 manner as the initial appointments.

193 (c) Each member of the council shall be allowed one vote.  
194 The council shall select a chair from among its membership.  
195 Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair, but not less  
196 frequently than quarterly. The members of the council shall be  
197 reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s.  
198 112.061.

199 (d) The department shall provide administrative staff  
200 support and shall ensure that council meetings are  
201 electronically recorded. Such recordings and all documents  
202 received, prepared for, or used by the council in conducting its  
203 business shall be preserved pursuant to chapters 119 and 257.

204 (5) INTERMODAL PROJECT FUNDING REVIEW.--

205 (a) Each district of the department shall, on an annual  
206 basis, review all intermodal transportation project applications  
207 to determine which projects meet the criteria listed in s.  
208 339.63(2). By December 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the  
209 department shall submit to the Strategic Intermodal



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210 Transportation Advisory Council an unranked list of qualified  
211 intermodal transportation project applications that it has  
212 reviewed.

213 (b) The Strategic Intermodal Transportation Advisory  
214 Council shall evaluate all of the project applications that are  
215 submitted to it annually by each of the districts of the  
216 department. At least 30 days before the start of each regular  
217 legislative session, the council shall develop and submit to the  
218 Legislature for review an unranked list of projects that qualify  
219 pursuant to s. 339.63(2).

220 (c) The Strategic Intermodal Transportation Advisory  
221 Council shall develop a methodology for scoring and ranking  
222 project proposals, based on the criteria referenced in s.  
223 339.63(2). The council may select a project based on other  
224 factors as it determines; however, such other factors must be  
225 fully documented in writing by the council when it submits its  
226 list of recommended projects to the Legislature.

227 Section 2. Paragraph (m) of subsection (2) of section  
228 339.08, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (n) and a  
229 new paragraph (m) is added to said subsection to read:

230 339.08 Use of moneys in State Transportation Trust Fund.--

231 (2) These rules must restrict the use of such moneys to  
232 the following purposes:

233 (m) To pay the cost of projects on the Florida Strategic  
234 Intermodal System developed pursuant to s. 339.61.

235 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.