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The Committee on Transportation recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire joint resolution and insert:

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing the repeal of Section 19 of Article X of the State Constitution, which section requires the development and operation of a high speed ground transportation system.

WHEREAS, in adding Section 19 to Article X of the State Constitution, the electors demonstrated their concerns with traffic congestion and their intent that this state adopt the goal of reducing congestion, and

WHEREAS, traffic delays are of concern statewide, but actual transportation problems are local in scope, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that reducing time spent on the road is a critical element in improving the quality of life for Floridians and visitors alike, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further recognizes that solutions to individual problems are best addressed at the local level and with the goal of attaining long-term solutions, and



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28 WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that these
 29 solutions, as well as their funding, more appropriately should
 30 be addressed by local jurisdictions and leaders without
 31 burdening the state with responsibility for the extensive costs
 32 of a high speed ground transportation system that fails to
 33 adequately address Florida's real transportation needs, NOW,
 34 THEREFORE,

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36 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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38 That the repeal of Section 19 of Article X of the State
 39 Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors
 40 of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to
 41 be held in November 2004.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title and substance of the
 43 amendment proposed herein shall appear on the ballot as follows:

44 REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR A HIGH SPEED GROUND TRANSPORTATION
 45 SYSTEM FROM THE STATE CONSTITUTION

46 Proposes the repeal of Section 19 of Article X of the State
 47 Constitution to eliminate the constitutional requirement that
 48 the state provide for the development and operation of a high
 49 speed ground transportation system.