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	CHAMBER ACTION	
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Representative(s) Russell offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 215.615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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215.615 Fixed-quideway transportation systems funding.--

The issuance of revenue bonds by the Division of Bond 8 (1)9 Finance, on behalf of the Department of Transportation, pursuant to s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution, is authorized, 10 pursuant to the State Bond Act, to finance or refinance fixed 11 capital expenditures for fixed-quideway transportation systems, 12 as defined in s. 341.031, including facilities appurtenant 13 14 thereto, costs of issuance, and other amounts relating to such financing or refinancing. Such revenue bonds shall be matched on 15 a 50-50 basis with funds from sources other than revenues of the 16 Department of Transportation, in a manner acceptable to the 17 507059

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18 Department of Transportation. The Division of Bond Finance is authorized to consider innovative financing <u>techniques</u>, technologies which may include, but are not limited to, innovative bidding and structures of potential <u>financings</u> findings that may result in negotiated transactions.

The department and any participating commuter rail 23 (a) authority or regional transportation authority established under 24 chapter 343, local governments, or local governments 25 collectively by interlocal agreement having jurisdiction of a 26 27 fixed-guideway transportation system may enter into an interlocal agreement to promote the efficient and cost-effective 28 financing or refinancing of fixed-guideway transportation system 29 projects by revenue bonds issued pursuant to this subsection. 30 The terms of such interlocal agreements shall include provisions 31 for the Department of Transportation to request the issuance of 32 33 the bonds on behalf of the parties; shall provide that the department's share may be up to 50 percent of the eligible 34 project cost, which may include a share of annual each party to 35 36 the agreement is contractually liable for an equal share of funding an amount equal to the debt service requirements of such 37 bonds; and shall include any other terms, provisions, or 38 covenants necessary to the making of and full performance under 39 such interlocal agreement. Repayments made to the department 40 under any interlocal agreement are not pledged to the repayment 41 of bonds issued hereunder, and failure of the local governmental 42 43 authority to make such payment shall not affect the obligation of the department to pay debt service on the bonds. 44

(b) Revenue bonds issued pursuant to this subsection shall not constitute a general obligation of, or a pledge of the full 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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47 faith and credit of, the State of Florida. Bonds issued pursuant 48 to this section shall be payable from funds available pursuant 49 to s. 206.46(3), subject to annual appropriation. The amount of 50 revenues available for debt service shall never exceed a maximum 51 of 2 percent of all state revenues deposited into the State 52 Transportation Trust Fund.

The projects to be financed or refinanced with the 53 (C) proceeds of the revenue bonds issued hereunder are designated as 54 state fixed capital outlay projects for purposes of s. 11(d), 55 56 Art. VII of the State Constitution, and the specific projects to be financed or refinanced shall be determined by the Department 57 of Transportation in accordance with state law and 58 appropriations from the State Transportation Trust Fund. 59 Each project to be financed with the proceeds of the bonds issued 60 pursuant to this subsection must first be approved by the 61 62 Legislature by an act of general law.

63 Any complaint for validation of bonds issued pursuant (d) to this section shall be filed in the circuit court of the 64 65 county where the seat of state government is situated, the notice required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published 66 only in the county where the complaint is filed, and the 67 complaint and order of the circuit court shall be served only on 68 the state attorney of the circuit in which the action is 69 70 pending.

(e) The state does hereby covenant with holders of such revenue bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued hereunder, that it will not repeal or impair or amend these provisions in any manner that will materially and adversely

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75 affect the rights of such holders as long as bonds authorized by76 this subsection are outstanding.

(f) This subsection supersedes any inconsistent provisionsin existing law.

Notwithstanding this subsection, the lien of revenue bonds issued pursuant to this subsection on moneys deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund shall be subordinate to the lien on such moneys of bonds issued under ss. 215.605, 320.20, and 215.616, and any pledge of such moneys to pay operating and maintenance expenses under s. 206.46(5) and chapter 348, as may be amended.

87 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section88 337.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

89 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids;
90 emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders;
91 combined design and construction contracts; progress payments;
92 records; requirements of vehicle registration.--

93 (3) (a) On all construction contracts of \$250,000 or less, as well as any construction contract of less than \$500,000 which 94 the department has pursuant to s. 337.14 waived 95 prequalification, the department shall advertise for bids in a 96 newspaper having general circulation in the county where the 97 proposed work is located. Publication shall be at least once a 98 99 week for no less than 2 consecutive weeks, and the first 100 publication shall be no less than 14 days prior to the date on which bids are to be received. 101

102 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 337.14, Florida 103 Statutes, is amended to read: 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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104337.14 Application for qualification; certificate of105qualification; restrictions; request for hearing.--

106 (1) Any person desiring to bid for the performance of any construction contract in excess of \$250,000 which the department 107 proposes to let must first be certified by the department as 108 qualified pursuant to this section and rules of the department. 109 The rules of the department shall address the qualification of 110 persons to bid on construction contracts in excess of \$250,000 111 and shall include requirements with respect to the equipment, 112 113 past record, experience, financial resources, and organizational personnel of the applicant necessary to perform the specific 114 class of work for which the person seeks certification. The 115 department is authorized to limit the dollar amount of any 116 117 contract upon which a person is qualified to bid or the aggregate total dollar volume of contracts such person is 118 119 allowed to have under contract at any one time. Each applicant 120 seeking qualification to bid on construction contracts in excess of \$250,000 shall furnish the department a statement under oath, 121 122 on such forms as the department may prescribe, setting forth detailed information as required on the application. 123 Each application for certification shall be accompanied by the latest 124 annual financial statement of the applicant completed within the 125 last 12 months. If the annual financial statement shows the 126 127 financial condition of the applicant more than 4 months prior to the date on which the application is received by the department, 128 129 then an interim financial statement must also be submitted. The interim financial statement must cover the period from the end 130 date of the annual statement and must show the financial 131 condition of the applicant no more than 4 months prior to the 132 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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Amendment No. (for drafter's use only) 133 date on which the application is received by the department. Each required annual or interim financial statement must be 134 135 audited and accompanied by the opinion of a certified public accountant or a public accountant approved by the department. 136 The information required by this subsection is confidential and 137 exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1). The department 138 139 shall act upon the application for qualification within 30 days after the department determines that the application is 140 complete. The department may waive the requirements of this 141 142 subsection for projects having a contract price of \$500,000 or 143 less if the department determines that the project is of a noncritical nature and noncompliance with the subsection will 144 not endanger public health, safety, or property. 145

146Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section147337.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

148 337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance 149 contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond 150 requirements; defaults; damage assessments.--

151 (1) (a) A surety bond shall be required of the successful bidder in an amount equal to the awarded contract price. 152 However, the department may choose, in its discretion and 153 applicable only to multiyear maintenance contracts, to allow for 154 incremental annual contract bonds that cumulatively total the 155 full, awarded multiyear contract price. For a project for which 156 157 the contract price is \$250,000 \$150,000 or less, the department 158 may waive the requirement for all or a portion of a surety bond if it determines the project is of a noncritical nature and 159 nonperformance will not endanger public health, safety, or 160 property. If the secretary or the secretary's designee 161 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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162 determines that it is in the best interests of the department to do so and that a reduced bonding requirement for a project will 163 164 not endanger public health, safety, or property, the department may waive the requirement of a surety bond in an amount equal to 165 the awarded contract price for a project having a contract price 166 167 of \$250 million or more, and, in its place, may set a surety bond amount that is a portion of the total contract price and 168 169 provide an alternate means of security for the balance of the contract amount which is not covered by the surety bond or 170 171 provide for incremental surety bonding and provide an alternate means of security for the balance of the contract amount which 172 is not covered by the surety bond. Such alternative means of 173 security may include letters of credit, United States bonds and 174 notes, parent company guaranties, and cash collateral. The 175 department may require alternate means of security if a surety 176 177 bond is waived. The surety on such bond shall be a surety 178 company authorized to do business in the state. All bonds shall be payable to the department and conditioned for the prompt, 179 180 faithful, and efficient performance of the contract according to plans and specifications and within the time period specified, 181 and for the prompt payment of all persons defined in s. 713.01 182 furnishing labor, material, equipment, and supplies for work 183 provided in the contract; however, whenever an improvement, 184 demolition, or removal contract price is \$25,000 or less, the 185 186 security may, in the discretion of the bidder, be in the form of 187 a cashier's check, bank money order of any state or national bank, certified check, or postal money order. The department 188 shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Such rules shall 189 include provisions under which the department shall refuse to 190 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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191 accept bonds on contracts when a surety wrongfully fails or 192 refuses to settle or provide a defense for claims or actions 193 arising under a contract for which the surety previously 194 furnished a bond.

Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 338.2275, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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338.2275 Approved turnpike projects.--

Legislative approval of the department's tentative 198 (1) work program that contains the turnpike project constitutes 199 200 approval to issue bonds as required by s. 11(f), Art. VII of the State Constitution. No more than \$6 billion of bonds may be 201 outstanding to fund approved turnpike projects. Turnpike 202 projects approved to be included in future tentative work 203 204 programs include, but are not limited to, projects contained in 205 the 2003-2004 tentative work program. A maximum of \$4.5 billion 206 of bonds may be issued to fund approved turnpike projects.

207 Section 6. Section 212.0606, Florida Statutes, is amended 208 to read:

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212.0606 Rental car surcharge.--

(1) A surcharge of \$2 \$2.00 per day or any part of a day
is imposed upon the lease or rental of a motor vehicle licensed
for hire and designed to carry fewer less than nine passengers,
regardless of whether such motor vehicle is licensed in Florida.
The surcharge applies to only the first 30 days of the term of
any lease or rental and. The surcharge is subject to all
applicable taxes imposed by this chapter.

217 (2)(a) Notwithstanding <u>s.</u> the provisions of section 218 212.20, and less costs of administration, 80 percent of the 219 proceeds of <u>the this</u> surcharge <u>imposed under subsection (1)</u> 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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220 shall be deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund, 15.75 221 percent of the proceeds of this surcharge shall be deposited in 222 the Tourism Promotional Trust Fund created in s. 288.122, and 4.25 percent of the proceeds of this surcharge shall be 223 deposited in the Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust 224 Fund. As used in For the purposes of this subsection, "proceeds" 225 of the surcharge means all funds collected and received by the 226 department under subsection (1) this section, including interest 227 and penalties on delinquent surcharges. The department shall 228 229 provide the Department of Transportation rental car surcharge revenue information for the previous state fiscal year by 230 September 1 of each year. 231

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal 232 (b) year 2007-2008 and each year thereafter, the proceeds deposited 233 in the State Transportation Trust Fund shall be allocated on an 234 235 annual basis in the Department of Transportation's work program 236 to each department district, except the Turnpike District. The amount allocated for each district shall be based upon the 237 238 amount of proceeds attributed to the counties within each respective district. 239

(3) (a) In addition to the surcharge imposed under 240 subsection (1), a county may provide by ordinance, to be 241 approved by countywide referendum, for the imposition of a local 242 surcharge of \$2 per day or any part of a day upon the lease or 243 244 rental of a motor vehicle licensed for hire and designed to 245 carry fewer than nine passengers, regardless of whether such motor vehicle is licensed in this state. The local surcharge may 246 be applied to only the first 30 days of the term of any lease or 247 rental. The local surcharge shall not apply to the lease or 248 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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258 of the ordinance shall be furnished by the county to the department within 10 days after such approval, but no later than 259 November 16 prior to the effective date. The notice must specify 260 the time period during which the local surcharge will be in 261 effect and must include a copy of the ordinance and such other 262 263 information as the department may require by rule. Failure to timely provide such notification to the department shall result 264 265 in the delay of the effective date for a period of 1 year. The effective date for any county to impose the local surcharge 266 267 shall be January 1 following the year in which the ordinance was approved by referendum. A local surcharge may not terminate on a 268 date other than December 31. 269

(c) Any local surcharge proceeds collected by a dealer 270 that fails to report surcharge collections by county as required 271 272 by paragraph (4)(b) shall be deposited into the Solid Waste 273 Management Trust Fund and then transferred to the Local Option 274 Fuel Tax Trust Fund as separate from the county surcharge collection accounts. The department shall distribute funds in 275 this account, less the cost of administration, using a 276 distribution factor determined for each county that levies a 277 507059

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278 local surcharge, based upon the county's latest official

279 population determined pursuant to s. 186.901 and multiplied by

280 the amount of funds in the account and available for

281 distribution.

(d) Notwithstanding s. 212.20, and less the costs of 282 administration, the proceeds of the local surcharge imposed 283 under paragraph (a) shall be transferred to the Local Option 284 285 Fuel Tax Trust Fund for the purposes allowed under s. 206.60 and distributed monthly by the department under s. 336.025(3)(a)1. 286 287 or s. 336.025(4)(a), except that the local surcharge proceeds 288 shall be distributed monthly by the department directly to those 289 counties that have entered into interlocal funding agreements with regional transportation authorities created pursuant to 290 chapter 343. As used in this subsection, "proceeds" of the local 291 surcharge means all funds collected and received by the 292 department under this subsection, including interest and 293 294 penalties on delinguent local surcharges.

295 <u>(4)(3)</u>(a) Except as provided in this section, the 296 department shall administer, collect, and enforce the surcharge 297 <u>and local surcharge</u> as provided in this chapter.

(b) The department shall require dealers to report
surcharge <u>and local surcharge</u> collections according to the
county to which the surcharge <u>and local surcharge were</u> was
attributed. For purposes of this section, the surcharge <u>and</u>
<u>local surcharge</u> shall be attributed to the county where the
rental agreement was entered into.

304 (c) Dealers who collect <u>a</u> the rental car surcharge shall 305 report to the department all surcharge <u>and local surcharge</u> 306 revenues attributed to the county where the rental agreement was 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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307 entered into on a timely filed return for each required 308 reporting period. The provisions of this chapter which apply to 309 interest and penalties on delinquent taxes shall apply to the 310 surcharge <u>and local surcharge</u>. The surcharge <u>and local surcharge</u> 311 shall not be included in the calculation of estimated taxes 312 pursuant to s. 212.11. The dealer's credit provided in s. 212.12 313 shall not apply to any amount collected under this section.

314 <u>(5)(4)</u> The surcharge <u>and any local surcharge</u> imposed by 315 this section <u>do</u> does not apply to a motor vehicle provided at no 316 charge to a person whose motor vehicle is being repaired, 317 adjusted, or serviced by the entity providing the replacement 318 motor vehicle.

319 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section320 343.54, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

343.54 Powers and duties.--

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323 It is the express intention of this part that the (b) authority be authorized to plan, develop, own, purchase, lease, 324 325 or otherwise acquire, demolish, construct, improve, relocate, equip, repair, maintain, operate, and manage a transit system 326 and transit facilities; to establish and determine the policies 327 necessary for the best interest of the operation and promotion 328 of a transit system; and to adopt rules necessary to govern the 329 operation of a transit commuter rail system and transit commuter 330 rail facilities. It is the intent of the Legislature that the 331 332 South Florida Regional Transportation Authority shall have overall authority to coordinate, develop, and operate a regional 333 transportation system within the area served. 334

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335 Section 8. Subsection (4) is added to section 343.55,336 Florida Statutes, to read:

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343.55 Issuance of revenue bonds.--

(4) The state pledges to and agrees with any person, firm, 338 corporation, or federal or state agency subscribing to or 339 acquiring the bonds to be issued by the authority for the 340 purposes of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority 341 342 Act that the state will not limit or alter the rights vested in the authority under this section until all bonds at any time 343 344 issued and secured by revenues remitted to the authority pursuant to s. 343.58, together with the interest thereon, are 345 fully paid and discharged, insofar as the same affects the 346 347 rights of the holders of bonds issued under this section.

348 Section 9. Section 343.58, Florida Statutes, is amended to 349 read:

343.58 County funding for the South Florida RegionalTransportation Authority.--

Each county served by the South Florida Regional 352 (1) 353 Transportation Authority must dedicate and transfer not less than \$2.67 million to the authority annually. The recurring 354 355 annual \$2.67 million must be dedicated by the governing body of each county prior to October 31 of each fiscal year by August 1, 356 2003. Notwithstanding ss. 206.41 and 206.87, such dedicated 357 358 funding may come from each county's share of the ninth cent fuel 359 tax, the local option fuel tax, or any other source of local gas 360 taxes or other nonfederal funds available to the counties. In addition, the Legislature authorizes the levy of an annual 361 license tax in the amount of \$2 for the registration or renewal 362 of registration of each vehicle taxed under s. 320.08 and 363 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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364 registered in the area served by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. The annual license tax shall take 365 366 effect in any county served by the authority upon approval by the residents in a county served by the authority. The annual 367 license tax shall be levied and the Department of Highway Safety 368 369 and Motor Vehicles shall remit the proceeds each month from the 370 tax to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. 371 (2) At least \$45 million of the state-authorized, local option rental-car surcharge available to Broward, Miami-Dade, 372 373 and Palm Beach counties shall be directed to the authority to fund its capital, operating, and maintenance expenses. The 374 375 funding source shall be dedicated to the authority only if Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties each impose the 376 local-option rental-car surcharge. 377 378 (3) (2) In addition, each county shall continue to annually fund the operations of the South Florida Regional Transportation 379 380 Authority in an amount not less than \$4.2 \$1.565 million. Revenue raised Such funds pursuant to this subsection shall also 381 382 be considered a dedicated funding source. (4) The current funding obligations under subsections (1) 383 and (3) shall cease upon commencement of the collection of 384 funding from the funding source under subsection (2). Should the 385 funding under subsection (2) be discontinued for any reason, the 386 387 funding obligations under subsections (1) and (3) shall resume 388 when collection from the funding source under subsection (2) 389 ceases. Payment by the counties shall be on a pro rata basis the 390 first year following cessation of the funding under subsection (2). The authority shall refund a pro rata share of the payments 391 for the current fiscal year made pursuant to the current funding 392 507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM Page 14 of 20

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393	obligations under subsections (1) and (3) as soon as reasonably	
394	practicable after it begins to receive funds under subsection	
395	(2).	
396	(5) If, by December 31, <u>2015</u> 2009 , the South Florida	
397	Regional Transportation Authority has not received federal	
398	matching funds based upon the dedication of funds under	
399	subsection (1), subsection (1) shall be repealed.	
400	Section 10. The Legislature finds that a proper and	
401	legitimate state purpose is served in the effective and	
402	efficient planning and operation of a regional transportation	
403	system. Therefore, the Legislature determines and declares that	
404	this act fulfills an important state interest.	
405	Section 11. Subsection (3) is added to section 338.161,	
406	Florida Statutes, to read:	
407	338.161 Authority of department or toll agencies to	
408	advertise and promote electronic toll collection; expanded uses	
409	of electronic toll collection system; studies authorized	
410	(3)(a) The department or any toll agency created by	
411	statute may incur expenses to advertise or promote its	
412	electronic toll collection system to consumers on or off the	
413	turnpike or toll system.	
414	(b) If the department or any toll agency created by	
415	statute finds that it can increase nontoll revenues or add	
416	convenience or other value for its customers, the department or	
417	toll agency may enter into agreements with any private or public	
418	entity allowing the use of its electronic toll collection system	
419	to pay parking fees for vehicles equipped with a transponder or	
420	similar device. The department or toll agency may initiate	
421	feasibility studies of additional future uses of its electronic	
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422	toll collection system and make recommendations to the
423	Legislature to authorize such uses.
424	Section 12. George W. Harris, Jr. Boulevard designated;
425	Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers
426	(1) That portion of U.S. Highway 98/State Road 35/700 in
427	Polk County between Main Street in Bartow and Main Street in
428	Lakeland is designated as "George W. Harris, Jr. Boulevard."
429	(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect
430	suitable markers designating George W. Harris, Jr. Boulevard as
431	described in subsection (1).
432	Section 13. Angel Manuel De La Portilla Way designated;
433	Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers
434	(1) That portion of S.W. 12th Avenue between Coral Way and
435	S.W. 8th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Angel
436	Manuel De La Portilla Way."
437	(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect
438	suitable markers designating Angel Manuel De La Portilla Way as
439	described in subsection (1).
440	Section 14. Dennis Pastrana Avenue designated; Department
441	of Transportation to erect suitable markers
442	(1) That portion of N.W. 21st Avenue between N.W. 20th
443	Street and N.W. 23rd Street in Miami-Dade County is designated
444	as "Dennis Pastrana Avenue."
445	(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect
446	suitable markers designating Dennis Pastrana Avenue as described
447	in subsection (1).
448	Section 15. Luis Conte Aguero Way designated; Department
449	of Transportation to erect suitable markers
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450	(1) That portion of 27th Avenue between Coral Way and S.W.
451	8th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Luis Conte
452	Aguero Way."
453	(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect
454	suitable markers designating Luis Conte Aguero Way as described
455	in subsection (1).
456	Section 16. Estrella Rubio Way designated; Department of
457	Transportation to erect suitable markers
458	(1) That portion of LeJeune Road/S.W. 42nd Avenue between
459	S.W. 8th Street and Coral Way in Miami-Dade County is designated
460	as "Estrella Rubio Way."
461	(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect
462	suitable markers designating Estrella Rubio Way as described in
463	subsection (1).
464	Section 17. Rafael Diaz Balart Road designated; Department
465	of Transportation to erect suitable markers
466	(1) That portion of LeJeune Road/S.W. 42nd Avenue between
467	Flagler Street and S.W. 8th Street in Miami-Dade County is
468	designated as "Rafael Diaz Balart Road."
469	(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect
470	suitable markers designating Rafael Diaz Balart Road as
471	described in subsection (1).
472	Section 18. Ambassador Armando Valladares Drive
473	designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable
474	markers
475	(1) That portion of N. Kendall Drive between S.W. 117th
476	Avenue and S.W. 127th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated
477	as "Ambassador Armando Valladares Drive."
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478 The Department of Transportation is directed to erect (2) 479 suitable markers designating Ambassador Armando Valladares Drive 480 as described in subsection (1). Section 19. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 481 482 483 484 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= Remove the entire title and insert: 485 A bill to be entitled 486 487 An act relating to the Department of Transportation; 488 amending s. 215.615, F.S.; revising matching requirements for revenue bonds issued for fixed-guideway transportation 489 systems; amending s. 337.11, F.S.; amending notification 490 requirements for construction contracts; amending s. 491 337.14, F.S.; providing exemptions from prequalification 492 493 requirements for certain projects; amending s. 337.18, F.S.; revising requirements for surety bonds for certain 494 construction projects; amending s. 338.2275, F.S.; 495 496 deleting obsolete provisions; revising the maximum amount of bonds that are available for turnpike projects; 497 amending s. 212.0606, F.S.; providing for the imposition 498 by countywide referendum of an additional surcharge on the 499 lease or rental of a motor vehicle; providing procedures 500 and requirements for imposing the surcharge; providing for 501 502 time of effect of the surcharge; providing for a 503 distribution and use of funds collected from the surcharge; providing procedures for collection; providing 504 for exceptions; amending s. 343.54, F.S.; revising 505 506 language relating to powers and duties of the South 507059

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507 Florida Regional Transportation Authority; deleting the term "commuter rail"; amending s. 343.55, F.S.; providing 508 509 pledge to bondholders that the state will not alter certain rights vested in the authority that affect the 510 rights of bondholders while bonds are outstanding; 511 512 amending s. 343.58, F.S.; revising provisions for funding 513 of the authority; requiring counties served by the authority to annually transfer certain funds before a 514 515 certain date; removing provisions for sources of that 516 funding; removing authorization for a vehicle registration 517 tax; providing for a certain funding source for capital, operating, and maintenance expenses; revising county 518 funding amounts to fund operations; providing for 519 cessation of specified county funding contributions and 520 providing for certain refunding of the contributions under 521 522 certain circumstances; revising timeframe for repeal of 523 specified funding provisions under certain circumstances; providing a statement of important state interest; 524 525 amending s. 338.161, F.S.; providing for the department and certain toll agencies to enter into agreements with 526 public or private entities for additional uses of 527 electronic toll collection products and services; 528 authorizing feasibility studies by the department or a 529 toll agency of additional uses of electronic toll devices 530 531 for legislative consideration; designating George W. 532 Harris, Jr. Boulevard in Polk County; designating Angel Manuel De La Portilla Way, Dennis Pastrana Avenue, Luis 533 Conte Aquero Way, Estrella Rubio Way, Rafael Diaz Balart 534 535 Road, and Ambassador Armando Valladares Drive in Miami-507059 5/2/2006 11:23:54 AM

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Dade County; directing the department to erect suitable 536 markers; providing an effective date. 537