

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to transportation; providing legislative
 3 findings with respect to the need to preserve investments
 4 in transportation infrastructure and reduce congestion;
 5 creating the Florida Transportation Revenue Study
 6 Commission for the purpose of studying the state's
 7 transportation needs and developing recommendations;
 8 requiring that the commission submit a report to the
 9 Legislature by a specified date; establishing powers and
 10 duties of the commission; providing for membership and
 11 authorizing the reimbursement of members for per diem and
 12 travel expenses; providing requirements for meetings of
 13 the commission; requiring the Center for Urban
 14 Transportation Research at the University of South Florida
 15 to provide staff support to the commission; providing
 16 funding for the commission through federal funds for
 17 metropolitan transportation planning; providing an
 18 effective date.

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

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 22 Section 1. Florida Transportation Revenue Study
 23 Commission.--

24 (1) The Legislature finds and declares that the costs of
 25 preserving investments in transportation infrastructure and
 26 eliminating or reducing congestion in the movement of people and
 27 goods is expected to substantially increase, and those costs
 28 will have a commensurate effect on the state's economy,

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29 environment, and quality of life.

30 (2) The Florida Transportation Revenue Study Commission is
31 created for the purpose of studying state, regional, and local
32 transportation needs and developing new and innovative funding
33 options and recommendations that address this state's future
34 transportation needs. The commission shall submit a written
35 report to the Legislature containing its findings and
36 recommendations by January 1, 2011. The report presented by the
37 commission shall, at a minimum, include findings and
38 recommendations regarding:

39 (a) The stability of existing transportation revenue
40 sources, taking into account energy-efficient vehicles, emerging
41 technologies, alternative fuels, and other state and federal
42 initiatives.

43 (b) The funding needs of state, regional, and local
44 transportation facilities and services and the ability to
45 address those needs.

46 (c) New and innovative funding options that can be used by
47 the state, metropolitan planning organizations, local
48 governments, and other major transportation providers to fund
49 transportation facilities and services.

50 (3) The commission shall consist of 13 members. Three
51 members shall be appointed by the Governor, three members shall
52 be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members
53 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
54 Representatives. One member shall be the Secretary of
55 Transportation, or the secretary's designee, one member shall be
56 appointed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory

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57 Council, one member shall be appointed by the Florida
58 Association of Counties, Inc., from among its members, and one
59 member shall be appointed by the Florida League of Cities, Inc.,
60 from among its members. The membership of the commission must
61 represent transportation organizations, local governments,
62 developers and homebuilders, the business community, the
63 environmental community, and other appropriate stakeholders in
64 the transportation system. One member shall be designated by the
65 Governor as chair of the commission. Members shall be appointed
66 to a term that ends upon adjournment sine die of the 2011
67 regular legislative session. Any vacancy that occurs on the
68 commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
69 appointment. Members of the commission shall serve without
70 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
71 travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes,
72 while in performance of their duties.

73 (4) The first meeting of the commission shall be held by
74 October 1, 2009, and thereafter the commission shall meet at the
75 call of the chair but not less frequently than three times per
76 year. Each member of the commission is entitled to one vote, and
77 actions of the commission are not binding unless taken by a
78 majority vote of the members present. A majority of the
79 membership constitutes a quorum at any meeting of the
80 commission. The commission may adopt its own rules of procedure
81 and has such other powers as are necessary to complete its
82 responsibilities.

83 (5) The Center for Urban Transportation Research at the
84 University of South Florida shall provide staff and other

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85 resources necessary to assist the commission in accomplishing
86 its goals. All agencies under the control of the Governor are
87 directed, and all other federal, state, and local agencies are
88 requested, to render assistance to, and cooperate with, the
89 commission.

90 Section 2. Funding for the Florida Transportation Revenue
91 Study Commission.--Subject to the consent and approval of the
92 Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council, the sum of
93 \$225,000 in federal funds for metropolitan transportation
94 planning shall be provided to the Center for Urban
95 Transportation Research at the University of South Florida for
96 the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 fiscal years for the purpose of
97 paying the expenses of staff services and providing other
98 related assistance to the Florida Transportation Revenue Study
99 Commission.

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