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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, transportation labor organizations, and  
64 other appropriate stakeholders in the transportation system. One  
65 member shall be designated by the Governor as chair of the  
66 commission. Members shall be appointed to a term that ends upon  
67 adjournment sine die of the 2011 regular legislative session.  
68 Any vacancy that occurs on the commission shall be filled in the  
69 same manner as the original appointment. Members of the  
70 commission shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to  
71 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses in accordance  
72 with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, while in performance of their  
73 duties.

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

84 (5) The Center for Urban Transportation Research at the

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

91 Section 2. Funding for the Florida Transportation Revenue  
92 Study Commission.--The sum of \$225,000 in federal metropolitan  
93 planning funds is appropriated from the State Transportation  
94 Trust Fund to the Center for Urban Transportation Research at  
95 the University of South Florida for each of the 2009-2010 and  
96 2010-2011 fiscal years for the purpose of paying the expenses of  
97 staff services and providing other related assistance to the  
98 Florida Transportation Revenue Study Commission.

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