

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 7045 PCB RBP 10-04 Transportation Corridors

SPONSOR(S): Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee; Workman

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
Orig. Comm.:	Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee	13 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Miller
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

In 2003, the Legislature created s. 341.0532, F.S., relating to statewide transportation corridors. Section 341.0532, F.S., designates a number of "statewide transportation corridors" that include railways, highways connecting to transportation terminals, and intermodal service centers. The specified corridors are:

1. The Atlantic Coast Corridor, including I-95, and linking Jacksonville to Miami.
2. The Gulf Coast Corridor, from Pensacola to St. Petersburg and Tampa, including U.S. 98, U.S. 19 and S.R. 27.
3. The Central Florida North-South Corridor, from the Florida-Georgia border to Naples, and Fort Lauderdale/Miami, including I-75.
4. The Central Florida East-West Corridor, from St. Petersburg to Tampa and Titusville, including I-4 and the BeeLine Expressway.
5. The North Florida Corridor, from Pensacola to Jacksonville, including I-10 and U.S. 231, S.R. 77, and S.R. 79.
6. The Jacksonville to Tampa Corridor, including U.S. 301.
7. The Jacksonville to Orlando Corridor, including U.S. 17.
8. The Southeastern Everglades Corridor, linking Wildwood, Winter Garden, Orlando, West Palm Beach via the Florida Turnpike.

The bill repeals s. 341.0532, F.S. which created the statewide transportation corridors. Most of these transportation corridors are on the state's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).

The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

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Additionally, most of these corridors are also in the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) which is a statewide network of high-priority transportation facilities, including the state's largest and most significant commercial service airports, spaceport, deepwater seaports, freight rail terminals, passenger rail and intercity bus terminals, rail corridors, waterways and highways. These facilities carry more than 99 percent of all commercial air passengers, virtually all waterborne freight tonnage, almost all rail freight, and more than 68 percent of all truck traffic and 54 percent of total traffic on the State Highway System. The facilities on SIS are designated by the Department of Transportation (DOT) based on criteria provided in ss. 339.61 through 339.64, F.S.¹

Proposed Changes

¹ A list of facilities on the SIS may be obtained at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/sis/atlas/>

The bill repeals s. 341.0532, F.S. which created the statewide transportation corridors.² As mentioned above, most of the corridors are on DOT's SIS.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2010.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 Repeals s. 341.0532, F.S., relating to statewide transportation corridors; removing the definition of "statewide transportation corridors"; removing provisions that specify certain transportation facilities as transportation corridors.

Section 2 Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect municipal or county government.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

² This statute may also be misplaced since ch. 341, F.S., relates to public transit.

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None