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Senator Ring moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 52

insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 20.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.23 Department of Transportation.—There is created a Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized agency.

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(d) The secretary may appoint up to three assistant secretaries who shall be directly responsible to the secretary and who shall perform such duties as are assigned by the



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14 secretary. The secretary shall designate to an assistant  
15 secretary the duties related to enhancing economic prosperity,  
16 including, but not limited to, the responsibility of liaison  
17 with the head of economic development in the Executive Office of  
18 the Governor. Such assistant secretary shall be directly  
19 responsible for providing the Executive Office of the Governor  
20 with investment opportunities and transportation projects that  
21 expand the state's role as a global hub for trade and investment  
22 and enhance the supply chain system in the state to process,  
23 assemble, and ship goods to markets throughout the eastern  
24 United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Latin America. The  
25 secretary may delegate to any assistant secretary the authority  
26 to act in the absence of the secretary.

27 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 311.09, Florida  
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 311.09 Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic  
30 Development Council.—

31 (3) The council shall prepare a 5-year Florida Seaport  
32 Mission Plan defining the goals and objectives of the council  
33 concerning the development of port facilities and an intermodal  
34 transportation system consistent with the goals of the Florida  
35 Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155. The  
36 Florida Seaport Mission Plan shall include specific  
37 recommendations for the construction of transportation  
38 facilities connecting any port to another transportation mode  
39 and for the efficient, cost-effective development of  
40 transportation facilities or port facilities for the purpose of  
41 enhancing ~~international~~ trade, promoting cargo flow, increasing  
42 cruise passenger movements, increasing port revenues, and



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43 providing economic benefits to the state. The council shall  
44 develop a priority list of projects based on these  
45 recommendations annually and submit the list to the Department  
46 of Transportation. The council shall update the 5-year Florida  
47 Seaport Mission Plan annually and shall submit the plan no later  
48 than February 1 of each year to the President of the Senate; the  
49 Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Office of Tourism,  
50 Trade, and Economic Development; the Department of  
51 Transportation; and the Department of Community Affairs. The  
52 council shall develop programs, based on an examination of  
53 existing programs in Florida and other states, for the training  
54 of minorities and secondary school students in job skills  
55 associated with employment opportunities in the maritime  
56 industry, and report on progress and recommendations for further  
57 action to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
58 House of Representatives annually.

59 Section 3. Section 311.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
60 read:

61 311.14 Seaport ~~freight-mobility~~ planning.-

62 (1) The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic  
63 Development Council, in cooperation with the Office of the State  
64 Public Transportation Administrator within the Department of  
65 Transportation, shall develop freight-mobility and trade-  
66 corridor plans to assist in making freight-mobility investments  
67 that contribute to the economic growth of the state. Such plans  
68 should enhance the integration and connectivity of the  
69 transportation system across and between transportation modes  
70 throughout Florida for people and freight.

71 (2) The Office of the State Public Transportation



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72 Administrator shall act to integrate freight-mobility and trade-  
73 corridor plans into the Florida Transportation Plan developed  
74 pursuant to s. 339.155 and into the plans and programs of  
75 metropolitan planning organizations as provided in s. 339.175.  
76 The office may also provide assistance in expediting the  
77 transportation permitting process relating to the construction  
78 of seaport freight-mobility projects located outside the  
79 physical borders of seaports. The Department of Transportation  
80 may contract, as provided in s. 334.044, with any port listed in  
81 s. 311.09(1) or any such other statutorily authorized seaport  
82 entity to act as an agent in the construction of seaport  
83 freight-mobility projects.

84 (3) Each port shall develop a strategic plan that has a 10-  
85 year horizon. Each plan must include the following:

86 (a) An economic development component that identifies  
87 targeted business opportunities for increasing business and  
88 attracting new business for which a particular facility has a  
89 strategic advantage over its competitors, identifies financial  
90 resources and other inducements to encourage growth of existing  
91 business and acquisition of new business, and provides a  
92 projected schedule for attainment of the plan's goals.

93 (b) An infrastructure development and improvement component  
94 that identifies all projected infrastructure improvements within  
95 the plan area which require improvement, expansion, or  
96 development in order for a port to attain a strategic advantage  
97 for competition with national and international competitors.

98 (c) A component that identifies all intermodal  
99 transportation facilities, including sea, air, rail, or road  
100 facilities, which are available or have potential, with



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101 improvements, to be available for necessary national and  
102 international commercial linkages and provides a plan for the  
103 integration of port, airport, and railroad activities with  
104 existing and planned transportation infrastructure.

105 (d) A component that identifies physical, environmental,  
106 and regulatory barriers to achievement of the plan's goals and  
107 provides recommendations for overcoming those barriers.

108 (e) An intergovernmental coordination component that  
109 specifies modes and methods to coordinate plan goals and  
110 missions with the missions of the Department of Transportation,  
111 other state agencies, and affected local general-purpose  
112 governments.

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114 To the extent feasible, the port strategic plan must be  
115 consistent with the local government comprehensive plans of the  
116 units of local government in which the port is located. Upon  
117 approval of a plan by the port's board, the plan shall be  
118 submitted to the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic  
119 Development Council.

120 (4) The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic  
121 Development Council shall review the strategic plans submitted  
122 by each port and prioritize strategic needs for inclusion in the  
123 Florida Seaport Mission Plan prepared pursuant to s. 311.09(3).

124 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 339.155, Florida  
125 Statutes, is amended to read:

126 339.155 Transportation planning.—

127 (1) THE FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—The department shall  
128 develop and annually update a statewide transportation plan, to  
129 be known as the Florida Transportation Plan. The plan shall be



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130 designed so as to be easily read and understood by the general  
131 public. The plan shall consider the needs of the entire state  
132 transportation system and examine the use of all modes of  
133 transportation to effectively and efficiently meet such needs.

134 The purpose of the Florida Transportation Plan is to establish  
135 and define the state's long-range transportation goals and  
136 objectives to be accomplished over a period of at least 20 years  
137 within the context of the State Comprehensive Plan, and any  
138 other statutory mandates and authorizations and based upon the  
139 prevailing principles of:

140 (a) Preserving the existing transportation infrastructure.

141 (b) Enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness. ~~and~~

142 (c) Improving travel choices to ensure mobility.

143 (d) Expanding the state's role as a hub for trade and

144 investment. ~~The Florida Transportation Plan shall consider the~~  
145 ~~needs of the entire state transportation system and examine the~~  
146 ~~use of all modes of transportation to effectively and~~  
147 ~~efficiently meet such needs.~~

148 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 339.63, Florida  
149 Statutes, is amended to read:

150 339.63 System facilities designated; additions and  
151 deletions.—

152 (2) The Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging  
153 Strategic Intermodal System include four ~~three~~ different types  
154 of facilities that each form one component of an interconnected  
155 transportation system which types include:

156 (a) Existing or planned hubs that are ports and terminals  
157 including airports, seaports, spaceports, passenger terminals,  
158 and rail terminals serving to move goods or people between



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159 Florida regions or between Florida and other markets in the  
160 United States and the rest of the world.~~;~~

161 (b) Existing or planned corridors that are highways, rail  
162 lines, waterways, and other exclusive-use facilities connecting  
163 major markets within Florida or between Florida and other states  
164 or nations.~~;~~~~and~~

165 (c) Existing or planned intermodal connectors that are  
166 highways, rail lines, waterways or local public transit systems  
167 serving as connectors between the components listed in  
168 paragraphs (a) and (b).

169 (d) Existing or planned facilities that significantly  
170 improve the state's competitive position to compete for the  
171 movement of additional goods into and through this state.

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173 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

174 And the title is amended as follows:

175 Delete line 2

176 and insert:

177 An act relating to infrastructure investment; amending  
178 s. 20.23, F.S.; requiring the Secretary of  
179 Transportation to designate duties relating to certain  
180 investment opportunities and transportation projects  
181 to an assistant secretary; amending s. 311.09, F.S.;  
182 revising requirements for the inclusion of certain  
183 goals and objectives in the Florida Seaport Mission  
184 Plan; requiring the Florida Seaport Transportation and  
185 Economic Development Council to develop a priority  
186 list of projects and submit the list to the Department  
187 of Transportation; amending s. 311.14, F.S.; requiring



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188 certain ports to develop strategic plans; providing  
189 criteria for such plans; requiring such plans to be  
190 consistent with local government comprehensive plans;  
191 requiring such plans to be submitted to the Florida  
192 Seaport Transportation and Economic Development  
193 Council; requiring the Florida Seaport Transportation  
194 and Economic Development Council to review such plans  
195 and include related information in the Florida Seaport  
196 Mission Plan; amending s. 339.155, F.S.; clarifying  
197 and revising the principles on which the Florida  
198 Transportation Plan is based; amending s. 339.63,  
199 F.S.; adding certain existing and planned facilities  
200 to the list of facilities included in the Strategic  
201 Intermodal System and the Emerging Strategic  
202 Intermodal System; amending s. 373.406,