By the Committees on Appropriations; and Transportation; and Senator Simmons

576-02570-14 2014230c2 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Orlando-Orange County 3 Expressway Authority; amending ss. 348.751 and 4 348.752, F.S.; renaming the Orlando-Orange County 5 Expressway System as the "Central Florida Expressway 6 System"; revising definitions; making technical 7 changes; amending s. 348.753, F.S.; creating the 8 Central Florida Expressway Authority; providing for 9 the transfer of governance and control, legal rights 10 and powers, responsibilities, terms, and obligations 11 to the authority; providing conditions for the 12 transfer; revising the composition of the governing 13 body of the authority; providing for appointment of officers of the authority and for the expiration of 14 15 terms of standing board members; revising quorum and voting requirements; conforming terminology and making 16 17 technical changes; prohibiting a member or the 18 executive director of the authority from personally 19 representing certain persons or entities for a 20 specified time period; prohibiting a retired or terminated member or executive director of the 21 22 authority from contracting with a business entity 23 under certain circumstances; providing penalties; 24 requiring authority board members, employees, and consultants to make certain annual disclosures; 25 requiring an ethics officer to review such 2.6 27 disclosures; requiring the authority code of ethics to 28 include a conflict of interest process; prohibiting 29 authority employees and consultants from serving on

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30	the board during their employment or contract period;
31	requiring the code of ethics to be reviewed and
32	updated at least every 2 years; requiring employees to
33	participate in ongoing ethics education; amending s.
34	348.754, F.S.; providing that the area served by the
35	authority is within the geopolitical boundaries of
36	Orange, Seminole, Lake, and Osceola Counties;
37	requiring the authority to have prior consent from the
38	Secretary of the Department of Transportation to
39	construct an extension, addition, or improvement to
40	the expressway system in Lake County; extending, to 99
41	years from 40 years, the term of a lease-purchase
42	agreement; limiting the authority's authority to enter
43	into a lease-purchase agreement; limiting the use of
44	certain toll-revenues; providing exceptions; removing
45	the requirement that the route of a project must be
46	approved by a municipality before the right-of-way can
47	be acquired; requiring that the authority encourage
48	the inclusion of local-, small-, minority-, and women-
49	owned businesses in its procurement and contracting
50	opportunities; removing the authority and criteria for
51	an authority to waive payment and performance bonds
52	for certain public works projects that are awarded
53	pursuant to an economic development program;
54	conforming terminology and making technical changes;
55	amending ss. 348.7543, 348.7544, 348.7545, 348.7546,
56	348.7547, 348.755, and 348.756, F.S.; conforming
57	terminology and making technical changes; amending s.
58	348.757, F.S.; providing that upon termination of the

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59	lease-purchase agreement of the former Orlando-Orange
60	County Expressway System, title in fee simple to the
61	former system shall be transferred to the state;
62	conforming terminology and making technical changes;
63	amending ss. 348.758, 348.759, 348.760, 348.761, and
64	348.765, F.S.; conforming terminology and making
65	technical changes; amending s. 348.9953, F.S.;
66	limiting the purpose and powers of the Osceola County
67	Expressway Authority; providing for the termination of
68	the Osceola County Expressway Authority by a specified
69	time period; prohibiting the authority from extending
70	the Poinciana Parkway beyond a specified limit;
71	amending s. 369.317, F.S.; conforming terminology and
72	making technical changes; amending s. 369.324, F.S.;
73	revising the membership of the Wekiva River Basin
74	Commission; conforming terminology; providing criteria
75	for the transfer of the Osceola County Expressway
76	System to the Central Florida Expressway Authority;
77	providing for the repeal of part V of ch. 348, F.S.,
78	when the Osceola County Expressway System is
79	transferred to the Central Florida Expressway
80	Authority; requiring the Central Florida Expressway
81	Authority to reimburse other governmental entities for
82	obligations related to the Osceola County Expressway
83	System; providing for reimbursement after payment of
84	other obligations; providing a directive to the
85	Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an
86	effective date.
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88	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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90	Section 1. Section 348.751, Florida Statutes, is amended to
91	read:
92	348.751 Short title.—This part shall be known and may be
93	cited as the " <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway
94	Authority Law."
95	Section 2. Section 348.752, Florida Statutes, is amended to
96	read:
97	348.752 Definitions <u>As used in this part</u> The following
98	terms, whenever used or referred to in this law, shall have the
99	following meanings, except in those instances where the context
100	clearly indicates otherwise:
101	(1) The term "agency of the state" means and includes the
102	state and any department of, or corporation, agency, or
103	instrumentality heretofore or hereafter created, designated, or
104	established by, the state.
105	(2) The term "authority" means the body politic and
106	corporate, and agency of the state created by this part.
107	(3) The term "bonds" means and includes the notes, bonds,
108	refunding bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness or
109	obligations, in either temporary or definitive form, which the
110	authority is authorized to issue pursuant to this part.
111	(4) The term "Central Florida Expressway Authority" means
112	the body politic and corporate, and agency of the state created
113	by this part.
114	(5) The term "Central Florida Expressway System" means any
115	expressway and appurtenant facilities, including all approaches,
116	roads, bridges, and avenues for the expressway and any rapid

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117	transit, trams, or fixed guideways located within the right-of-
118	way of an expressway.
119	(4) The term "city" means the City of Orlando.
120	(5) The term "county" means the County of Orange.
121	(6) The term "department" means the Department of
122	Transportation existing under chapters 334-339 .
123	(7) The term "expressway" <u>has the same meaning</u> is the same
124	as limited access expressway.
125	(8) The term "federal agency" means and includes the United
126	States, the President of the United States, and any department
127	of, or corporation, agency, or instrumentality heretofore or
128	hereafter created, designated, or established by, the United
129	States.
130	(9) The term "lease-purchase agreement" means the lease-
131	purchase agreements <u>that</u> which the authority is authorized
132	pursuant to this part to enter into with the Department of
133	Transportation pursuant to this part.
134	(10) The term "limited access expressway" means a street or
135	highway <u>specifically</u> cspecially designed for through traffic,
136	and over, from, or to which, <u>a</u> no person <u>does not</u> shall have the
137	right of easement, use, or access except in accordance with the
138	rules <u>of</u> and regulations promulgated and established by the
139	authority governing its use for the use of such facility. Such
140	highways or streets may be parkways that do not allow traffic
141	<u>by</u> , from which trucks, buses, and other commercial vehicles
142	shall be excluded, or they may be freeways open to use by all
143	customary forms of street and highway traffic.
144	(11) The term <u>"members" means the governing body of the</u>
145	authority, and the term "member" means an individual who serves

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 146 on the one of the individuals constituting such governing body 147 of the authority. (12) The term "Orange County gasoline tax funds" means all 148 149 the revenue derived from the 80-percent surplus gasoline tax 150 funds accruing in each year to the Department of Transportation for use in Orange County under the provisions of s. 9, Art. XII 151 152 of the State Constitution, after deducting deduction only of any 153 amounts of said gasoline tax funds previously heretofore pledged 154 by the department or the county for outstanding obligations. 155 (13) The term "Orlando-Orange County Expressway System" 156 means any and all expressways and appurtenant facilities 157 thereto, including, but not limited to, all approaches, roads, 158 bridges, and avenues of access for said expressway or 159 expressways. 160 (13) (14) The term "State Board of Administration" means the 161 body corporate existing under the provisions of s. 4, Art. IV of 162 the State Constitution, or any successor thereto. 163 (14) The term "transportation facilities" means and 164 includes the mobile and fixed assets, and the associated real or 165 personal property or rights, used in the transportation of 166 persons or property by any means of conveyance, and all 167 appurtenances, such as, but not limited to, highways; limited or controlled access lanes, avenues of access, and facilities; 168 vehicles; fixed guideway facilities, including maintenance 169 facilities; and administrative and other office space for the 170 171 exercise by the authority of the powers and obligations granted 172 in this part. 173 (15) Words importing singular number include the plural number in each case and vice versa, and words importing persons 174

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 175 include firms and corporations. 176 Section 3. Section 348.753, Florida Statutes, is amended to 177 read: 178 348.753 Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway 179 Authority.-180 (1) There is hereby created and established a body politic 181 and corporate, an agency of the state, to be known as the 182 Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.7 183 hereinafter referred to as "authority." 184 (2) (a) Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the 185 Central Florida Expressway Authority shall assume the governance 186 and control of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority 187 System, including its assets, personnel, contracts, obligations, liabilities, facilities, and tangible and intangible property. 188 Any rights in such property, and other legal rights of the 189 190 authority, are transferred to the Central Florida Expressway 191 Authority. The Central Florida Expressway Authority shall 192 immediately succeed to and assume the powers, responsibilities, 193 and obligations of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway 194 Authority. 195 (b) The transfer pursuant to this subsection is subject to 196 the terms and covenants provided for the protection of the 197 holders of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority bonds 198 in the lease-purchase agreement and the resolutions adopted in 199 connection with the issuance of the bonds. Further, the transfer 200 does not impair the terms of the contract between the Orlando-201 Orange County Expressway Authority and the bondholders, does not 202 act to the detriment of the bondholders, and does not diminish the security for the bonds. After the transfer, the Central 203

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204	Florida Expressway Authority shall operate and maintain the
205	expressway system and any other facilities of the Orlando-Orange
206	County Expressway Authority in accordance with the terms,
207	conditions, and covenants contained in the bond resolutions and
208	lease-purchase agreement securing the bonds of the authority.
209	The Central Florida Expressway Authority shall collect toll
210	revenues and apply them to the payment of debt service as
211	provided in the bond resolution securing the bonds, and shall
212	expressly assume all obligations relating to the bonds to ensure
213	that the transfer will have no adverse impact on the security
214	for the bonds. The transfer does not make the obligation to pay
215	the principal and interest on the bonds a general liability of
216	the Central Florida Expressway Authority or pledge additional
217	expressway system revenues to payment of the bonds. Revenues
218	that are generated by the expressway system and other facilities
219	of the Central Florida Expressway Authority which were pledged
220	by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority to payment of
221	the bonds will remain subject to the pledge for the benefit of
222	the bondholders. The transfer does not modify or eliminate any
223	prior obligation of the department to pay certain costs of the
224	expressway system from sources other than revenues of the
225	expressway system.
226	(3) (2) The governing body of the authority shall consist of
227	nine five members. The chairs of the boards of the county
228	commissions of Seminole, Lake, and Osceola Counties shall each
229	appoint one member, who may be a commission member or chair. The
230	Mayor of Orange County shall appoint a member from the Orange
231	County Commission. The Governor shall appoint three citizen
232	members. Of the Governor's appointments, two Three members <u>must</u>
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233	shall be citizens of Orange County <u>and one member must be a</u>
234	citizen of either Seminole County, Lake County, or Osceola
235	County, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The eighth
236	fourth member <u>must</u> shall be, ex officio, the <u>Mayor of</u> chair of
237	the County Commissioners of Orange County. The ninth member must
238	be the Mayor of the City of Orlando. The executive director of
239	Florida Turnpike Enterprise shall serve as a nonvoting advisor
240	to the governing body of the authority, and the fifth member
241	shall be, ex officio, the district secretary of the Department
242	of Transportation serving in the district that contains Orange
243	County. The term of Each appointed member <u>appointed by the</u>
244	<u>Governor</u> shall <u>serve</u> be for 4 years. <u>Each county-appointed</u>
245	member shall serve for 2 years. The terms of standing board
246	members expire upon the effective date of this act. Each
247	appointed member shall hold office until his or her successor
248	has been appointed and has qualified. A vacancy occurring during
249	a term <u>must</u> shall be filled only for the balance of the
250	unexpired term. Each appointed member of the authority shall be
251	a person of outstanding reputation for integrity,
252	responsibility, and business ability, but, except as provided in
253	this subsection, a no person who is an officer or employee of <u>a</u>
254	municipality or any city or of Orange county <u>may not</u> in any
255	other capacity shall be an appointed member of the authority.
256	Any member of the authority <u>is</u> shall be eligible for
257	reappointment.
258	(4) (3) (a) The authority shall elect one of its members as

258 <u>(4)(3)</u>(a) The authority shall elect one of its members as 259 chair of the authority. The authority shall also elect <u>one of</u> 260 <u>its members as vice chair, one of its members as</u> a secretary, 261 and <u>one of its members as</u> a treasurer who may or may not be

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262 members of the authority. The chair, vice chair, secretary, and 263 treasurer shall hold such offices at the will of the authority. Five Three members of the authority shall constitute a quorum, 264 265 and the vote of five three members is shall be necessary for any 266 action taken by the authority. A No vacancy in the authority 267 does not shall impair the right of a quorum of the authority to 268 exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties of the 269 authority. 270 (b) Upon the effective date of his or her appointment, or 271 as soon thereafter as practicable, each appointed member of the 272 authority shall enter upon his or her duties. Members of the 273 authority may be removed from office by the Governor for 274 misconduct, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office. 275 (c) Members of the authority are entitled to receive 276 reimbursement from the authority for travel and other necessary 277 expenses incurred in connection with the business of the 278 authority as provided in s. 112.061, but may not draw salaries 279 or other compensation. 280 (5) (4) (a) The authority may employ an executive secretary, 281 an executive director, its own counsel and legal staff, 282 technical experts, and the such engineers, and such employees 283 that, permanent or temporary, as it requires. The authority may 284 require and may determine the qualifications and fix the 285 compensation of such persons, firms, or corporations, and may employ a fiscal agent or agents;, provided, however, that the 286 287 authority shall solicit sealed proposals from at least three 288 persons, firms, or corporations for the performance of any 289 services as fiscal agents. The authority may delegate to one or

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more of its agents or employees the such of its power as it

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291	deems shall deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this
292	part, subject always to the supervision and control of the
293	authority. Members of the authority may be removed from their
294	office by the Governor for misconduct, malfeasance, misfeasance,
295	or nonfeasance in office.
296	(b) Members of the authority shall be entitled to receive
297	from the authority their travel and other necessary expenses
298	incurred in connection with the business of the authority as
299	provided in s. 112.061, but they shall draw no salaries or other
300	compensation.
301	(6) In addition to meeting the requirements of chapter 112,
302	a member or the executive director of the authority may not:
303	(a) Personally represent another person or entity for
304	compensation before the authority for a period of 2 years
305	following vacation of his or her position.
306	(b) Within 2 years after retirement or termination, have an
307	employment or contractual relationship with a business entity
308	other than an agency, as defined in s. 112.312, that was doing
309	business with the authority at any time during the person's
310	membership on or employment by the authority.
311	(c) After retirement or termination, have an employment or
312	contractual relationship with a business entity other than an
313	agency as defined in s. 112.312, in connection with a contract
314	in which the member or executive director personally and
315	substantially participated in through decision, approval,
316	disapproval, recommendation, rendering of advice, or
317	investigation while he or she was a member or employee of the
318	authority.
319	(d) A violation of this subsection is punishable in
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320	accordance with s. 112.317.
321	(7) The authority's general counsel shall serve as the
322	authority's ethics officer.
323	(8) Authority board members, employees, and consultants who
324	hold positions that may influence authority decisions shall
325	refrain from engaging in any relationship that may adversely
326	affect their judgment in carrying out authority business. The
327	following disclosures must be made annually on a disclosure form
328	to prevent such conflicts of interest and preserve the integrity
329	and transparency of the authority to the public:
330	(a) Any relationship a board member, employee, or
331	consultant has which affords a current or future financial
332	benefit to such board member, employee, or consultant, or to a
333	relative or business associate of such board member, employee,
334	or consultant, and which a reasonable person would conclude has
335	the potential to create a prohibited conflict of interest.
336	(b) Whether a relative of such board member, employee, or
337	consultant is a registered lobbyist, and if so, the names of
338	such lobbyist's clients. Such names shall be provided in writing
339	to the ethics officer.
340	(c) Any and all interests in real property that such board
341	member, employee, or consultant has, or that a relative,
342	principal, client, or business associate of such board member,
343	employee, or consultant has whenever such real property is
344	located within, or within a one-half mile radius of, any actual
345	or prospective authority roadway project. The executive director
346	shall provide a corridor map and a property ownership list
347	reflecting the ownership of all real property within the
348	disclosure area, or an alignment map with a list of associated

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349	owners, to all board members, employees, and consultants.					
350	(9) The disclosure forms required under subsection (8) must					
351	be reviewed by the ethics officer or, if a form is filed by the					
352	general counsel, by the executive director.					
353	(10) The conflict of interest process shall be outlined in					
354	the authority's Code of Ethics.					
355	(11) Authority employees and consultants are prohibited					
356	from serving on the governing body of the authority while					
357	employed by or under contract with the authority.					
358	(12) The code of ethics policy shall be reviewed and					
359	updated by the ethics officer and presented for board approval					
360	at a minimum of once every 2 years.					
361	(13) Employees shall be adequately informed and trained on					
362	the code of ethics and shall continually participate in ongoing					
363	ethics education.					
364	Section 4. Section 348.754, Florida Statutes, is amended					
365	to read:					
366	348.754 Purposes and powers					
367	(1)(a) The authority created and established <u>under</u> by the					
368	provisions of this part is hereby granted and <u>has</u> shall have the					
369	right to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate,					
370	own $_{m \prime}$ and lease in the capacity of lessor $_{m au}$ the <code>Central Florida</code>					
371	$rac{\Theta r + 1}{\Theta r + 1}$ Expressway System, hereinafter referred to					
372	as "system." Except as otherwise specifically provided by law,					
373	including paragraph (2)(n), the area served by the authority					
374	shall be within the geographical boundaries of Orange, Seminole,					
375	Lake, and Osceola Counties.					
376	(b) It is the express intention of this part that said					
377	$rac{authority_{m{ au}}}{}$ In the construction of the Central Florida said					

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378	Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, the authority may shall
379	be authorized to construct any extensions, additions <u>,</u> or
380	improvements to <u>the</u> said system or appurtenant facilities,
381	including all necessary approaches, roads, bridges <u>,</u> and avenues
382	of access, rapid transit, trams, fixed guideways, thoroughfares,
383	<u>and boulevards</u> with <u>any</u> such changes, modifications <u>,</u> or
384	revisions of <u>the</u> said project <u>which are</u> as shall be deemed
385	desirable and proper.
386	(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to
387	the contrary, to ensure the continued financial feasibility of
388	the portion of the Wekiva Parkway to be constructed by the
389	department, the authority may not, without the prior consent of
390	the secretary of the department, construct any extensions,
391	additions, or improvements to the expressway system in Lake
392	County.
393	(2) The authority is hereby granted, and shall have and may
394	exercise all powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or
395	incidental to the <u>implementation</u> carrying out of the <u>stated</u>
396	aforesaid purposes, including, but <u>not</u> without being limited to,
397	the following rights and powers:
398	(a) To sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, complain
399	and defend in all courts.
400	(b) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
401	(c) To acquire by donation or otherwise, purchase, hold,
402	lease as lessee, and use any franchise or any $_{ au}$ property, real,
403	personal, or mixed, or tangible or intangible, or any options
404	thereof in its own name or in conjunction with others, or
405	interest in those options therein , necessary or desirable to
406	carry for carrying out the purposes of the authority, and to

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 407 sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any property or 408 interest in the property therein at any time acquired by it. 409 (d) To enter into and make leases for terms not exceeding 410 99 years, as either lessee or lessor, in order to carry out the 411 right to lease as specified set forth in this part. 412 (e) To enter into and make lease-purchase agreements with 413 the department for terms not exceeding 99 40 years, or until any 414 bonds secured by a pledge of rentals pursuant to the agreement thereunder, and any refundings pursuant to the agreement 415 416 thereof, are fully paid as to both principal and interest, 417 whichever is longer. The authority is a party to a lease-418 purchase agreement between the department and the authority dated December 23, 1985, as supplemented by a first supplement 419 420 to the lease-purchase agreement dated November 25, 1986, and a 421 second supplement to the lease-purchase agreement dated October 422 27, 1988. The authority may not enter into other lease-purchase 423 agreements with the department and may not amend the existing 424 agreement in a manner that expands or increases the department's 425 obligations unless the department determines that the agreement 426 or amendment is necessary to permit the refunding of bonds 427 issued before July 1, 2013.

428 (f) To fix, alter, charge, establish, and collect rates, 429 fees, rentals, and other charges for the services and facilities 430 of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, 431 which must rates, fees, rentals and other charges shall always 432 be sufficient to comply with any covenants made with the holders 433 of any bonds issued pursuant to this part; provided, however, 434 that such right and power may be assigned or delegated, by the authority $_{\mathcal{T}}$ to the department. Toll revenues attributable to an 435

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436	increase in the toll rates charged on or after the effective
437	date of this act for the use of a portion of the system may not
438	be used to construct or expand a different portion of the system
439	unless a two-thirds majority of the members of the authority
440	votes to approve such use. This requirement does not apply if,
441	and to the extent that:
442	1. Application of the requirement would violate any
443	covenant established in a resolution or trust indenture under
444	which bonds were issued by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway
445	Authority on or before the effective date of this act; or
446	2. Application of the requirement would cause the authority
447	to be unable to meet its obligations under the terms of the
448	memorandum of understanding between the authority and the
449	department as ratified by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway
450	Authority board on February 22, 2012.
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452	Notwithstanding s. 338.165, and except as otherwise prohibited
453	by this part, to the extent revenues of the expressway system
454	exceed amounts required to comply with any covenants made with
455	the holders of bonds issued pursuant to this part, revenues may
456	be used for purposes enumerated in subsection (6), provided the
457	expenditures are consistent with the metropolitan planning
458	organization's adopted long-range plan.
459	(g) To borrow money, make and issue negotiable notes,
460	bonds, refunding bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness or
461	obligations, either in temporary or definitive form, hereinafter
462	in this chapter sometimes called "bonds" of the authority, for

463 the purpose of financing all or part of the improvement or 464 extension of the <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 465 Expressway System, and appurtenant facilities, including all approaches, streets, roads, bridges, and avenues of access for 466 467 the Central Florida said Orlando-Orange County Expressway System 468 and for any other purpose authorized by this part, said bonds to 469 mature in not exceeding 40 years from the date of the issuance 470 thereof, and to secure the payment of such bonds or any part 471 thereof by a pledge of any or all of its revenues, rates, fees, 472 rentals, or other charges, including all or any portion of the 473 Orange County gasoline tax funds received by the authority 474 pursuant to the terms of any lease-purchase agreement between 475 the authority and the department; and in general to provide for 476 the security of the said bonds and the rights and remedies of 477 the holders thereof. Provided, However, that no portion of the 478 Orange County gasoline tax funds may shall be pledged for the 479 construction of any project for which a toll is to be charged 480 unless the anticipated toll is tolls are reasonably estimated by 481 the board of county commissioners, at the date of its resolution 482 pledging the said funds, to be sufficient to cover the principal 483 and interest of such obligations during the period when the said 484 pledge of funds is shall be in effect. The bonds issued under 485 this paragraph must mature not more than 40 years after their 486 issue date.

1. The authority shall reimburse Orange County for any sums expended from <u>the</u> said gasoline tax funds used for the payment of such obligations. Any gasoline tax funds so disbursed <u>must</u> shall be repaid when the authority deems it practicable, together with interest at the highest rate applicable to any obligations of the authority.

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2. If, pursuant to this section, In the event the authority

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 494 funds shall determine to fund or refunds refund any bonds 495 previously the retofore issued by the said authority τ or the by 496 said commission before the bonds mature as aforesaid prior to 497 the maturity thereof, the proceeds of such funding or refunding 498 must bonds shall, pending the prior redemption of these the 499 bonds to be funded or refunded, be invested in direct 500 obligations of the United States, and it is the express 501 intention of this part that such outstanding bonds may be funded 502 or refunded by the issuance of bonds pursuant to this part.

(h) To make contracts of every name and nature, including, but not limited to, partnerships providing for participation in ownership and revenues, and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient for conducting the carrying on of its business.

(i) <u>Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(h)</u>, Without limitation
of the foregoing, to borrow money and accept grants from, and to
enter into contracts, leases, or other transactions with any
federal agency, the state, any agency of the state, the County
of Orange, the City of Orlando, or with any other public body of
the state.

513 (j) To have the power of eminent domain, including the 514 procedural powers granted under both chapters 73 and 74.

(k) To pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber all or any part of the revenues, rates, fees, rentals, or other charges or receipts of the authority, including all or any portion of the Orange County gasoline tax funds received by the authority pursuant to the terms of any lease-purchase agreement between the authority and the department, as security for all or any of the obligations of the authority.

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(1) To enter into partnership and other agreements

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 523 respecting ownership and revenue participation in order to 524 facilitate financing and constructing the Western Beltway, or 525 portions thereof. 526 (m) To do everything all acts and things necessary or convenient for the conduct of its business and the general 527 528 welfare of the authority, in order to comply with carry out the 529 powers granted to it by this part or any other law. 530 (n) With the consent of the county within whose 531 jurisdiction the following activities occur, the authority shall have the right to construct, operate, and maintain roads, 532 533 bridges, avenues of access, transportation facilities, 534 thoroughfares, and boulevards outside the jurisdictional 535 boundaries of Orange, Seminole, Lake, and Osceola Counties 536 County, together with the right to construct, repair, replace, 537 operate, install, and maintain electronic toll payment systems 538 thereon, with all necessary and incidental powers to accomplish 539 the foregoing.

540 (3) The authority does not shall have the no power at any 541 time or in any manner to pledge the credit or taxing power of 542 the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof, 543 including any city and any county the City of Orlando and the 544 County of Orange, nor may nor shall any of the authority's 545 obligations be deemed to be obligations of the state or of any 546 political subdivision or agency thereof, nor may nor shall the 547 state or any political subdivision or agency thereof, except the 548 authority, be liable for the payment of the principal of or 549 interest on such obligations.

550 (4) Anything in this part to the contrary notwithstanding, 551 acquisition of right-of-way for a project of the authority which

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 552 is within the boundaries of any municipality in Orange County 553 shall not be begun unless and until the route of said project 554 within said municipality has been given prior approval by the 555 governing body of said municipality. 556 (4) (5) The authority has shall have no power other than by 557 consent of an affected Orange county or any affected city, to 558 enter into any agreement which would legally prohibit the 559 construction of a any road by the respective county or city 560 Orange County or by any city within Orange County. 561 (5) The authority shall encourage the inclusion of local-, 562 small-, minority-, and women-owned businesses in its procurement 563 and contracting opportunities. 564 (6) (a) The authority may, within the right-of-way of the 565 expressway system, finance or refinance the planning, design, acquisition, construction, extension, rehabilitation, equipping, 566 567 preservation, maintenance, or improvement of an intermodal 568 facility or facilities, a multimodal corridor or corridors, or 569 any programs or projects that will improve the levels of service on the expressway system Notwithstanding s. 255.05, the Orlando-570 571 Orange County Expressway Authority may waive payment and 572 performance bonds on construction contracts for the construction 573 of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a 574 public work, or for repairs on a public building or public work 575 that has a cost of \$500,000 or less and when the project is 576 awarded pursuant to an economic development program for the 577 encouragement of local small businesses that has been adopted by 578 the governing body of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway 579 Authority pursuant to a resolution or policy. (b) The authority's adopted criteria for participation in 580

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581	the economic development program for local small businesses
582	requires that a participant:
583	1. Be an independent business.
584	2. Be principally domiciled in the Orange County Standard
585	Metropolitan Statistical Area.
586	3. Employ 25 or fewer full-time employees.
587	4. Have gross annual sales averaging \$3 million or less
588	over the immediately preceding 3 calendar years with regard to
589	any construction element of the program.
590	5. Be accepted as a participant in the Orlando-Orange
591	County Expressway Authority's microcontracts program or such
592	other small business program as may be hereinafter enacted by
593	the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.
594	6. Participate in an educational curriculum or technical
595	assistance program for business development that will assist the
596	small business in becoming eligible for bonding.
597	(c) The authority's adopted procedures for waiving payment
598	and performance bonds on projects with values not less than
599	\$200,000 and not exceeding \$500,000 shall provide that payment
600	and performance bonds may only be waived on projects that have
601	been set aside to be competitively bid on by participants in an
602	economic development program for local small businesses. The
603	authority's executive director or his or her designee shall
604	determine whether specific construction projects are suitable
605	for:
606	1. Bidding under the authority's microcontracts program by
607	registered local small businesses; and
608	2. Waiver of the payment and performance bond.
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610	The decision of the authority's executive director or deputy
611	executive director to waive the payment and performance bond
612	shall be based upon his or her investigation and conclusion that
613	there exists sufficient competition so that the authority
614	receives a fair price and does not undertake any unusual risk
615	with respect to such project.
616	(d) For any contract for which a payment and performance
617	bond has been waived pursuant to the authority set forth in this
618	section, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority shall
619	pay all persons defined in s. 713.01 who furnish labor,
620	services, or materials for the prosecution of the work provided
621	for in the contract to the same extent and upon the same
622	conditions that a surety on the payment bond under s. 255.05
623	would have been obligated to pay such persons if the payment and
624	performance bond had not been waived. The authority shall record
625	notice of this obligation in the manner and location that surety
626	bonds are recorded. The notice shall include the information
627	describing the contract that s. 255.05(1) requires be stated on
628	the front page of the bond. Notwithstanding that s. 255.05(9)
629	generally applies when a performance and payment bond is
630	required, s. 255.05(9) shall apply under this subsection to any
631	contract on which performance or payment bonds are waived and
632	any claim to payment under this subsection shall be treated as a
633	contract claim pursuant to s. 255.05(9).
634	(c) <u>A small business that has been the successful bidder on</u>

(c) A small business that has been the successful bidder on
six projects for which the payment and performance bond was
waived by the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be
ineligible to bid on additional projects for which the payment
and performance bond is to be waived. The local small business

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 may continue to participate in other elements of the economic development program for local small businesses as long as it is eligible. (f) The authority shall conduct bond eligibility training for businesses qualifying for bond waiver under this subsection to encourage and promote bond eligibility for such businesses. 645 (g) The authority shall prepare a biennial report on the activities undertaken pursuant to this subsection to be submitted to the Orange County legislative delegation. The initial report shall be due December 31, 2010. Section 5. Section 348.7543, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 348.7543 Improvements, bond financing authority for.-651 652 Pursuant to s. 11(f), Art. VII of the State Constitution, the 653 Legislature hereby approves for bond financing by the Central 654 Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority improvements 655 to toll collection facilities, interchanges to the legislatively 656 approved expressway system, and any other facility appurtenant, 657 necessary, or incidental to the approved system. Subject to 658 terms and conditions of applicable revenue bond resolutions and 659 covenants, such costs may be financed in whole or in part by 660 revenue bonds issued pursuant to s. 348.755(1)(a) or (b) whether 661 currently issued or issued in the future, or by a combination of 662 such bonds.

663 664 to read:

665 348.7544 Northwest Beltway Part A, construction authorized; 666 financing.-Notwithstanding s. 338.2275, the Central Florida 667 Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority may is hereby

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Section 6. Section 348.7544, Florida Statutes, is amended

576-02570-14 2014230c2 668 authorized to construct, finance, operate, own, and maintain 669 that portion of the Western Beltway known as the Northwest 670 Beltway Part A, extending from Florida's Turnpike near Ocoee 671 north to U.S. 441 near Apopka, as part of the authority's 20-672 year capital projects plan. This project may be financed with 673 any funds available to the authority for such purpose or revenue 674 bonds issued by the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board 675 of Administration on behalf of the authority pursuant to s. 11, 676 Art. VII of the State Constitution and the State Bond Act, ss. 677 215.57-215.83. 678 Section 7. Section 348.7545, Florida Statutes, is amended 679 to read:

680 348.7545 Western Beltway Part C, construction authorized; 681 financing.-Notwithstanding s. 338.2275, the Central Florida 682 Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority may is authorized to 683 exercise its condemnation powers, construct, finance, operate, 684 own, and maintain that portion of the Western Beltway known as 685 the Western Beltway Part C, extending from Florida's Turnpike 686 near Ocoee in Orange County southerly through Orange and Osceola 687 Counties to an interchange with I-4 near the Osceola-Polk County 688 line, as part of the authority's 20-year capital projects plan. 689 This project may be financed with any funds available to the 690 authority for such purpose or revenue bonds issued by the 691 Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration on 692 behalf of the authority pursuant to s. 11, Art. VII of the State 693 Constitution and the State Bond Act, ss. 215.57-215.83. This 694 project may be refinanced with bonds issued by the authority 695 pursuant to s. 348.755(1)(d).

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Section 8. Section 348.7546, Florida Statutes, is amended

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697 to read:

698 348.7546 Wekiva Parkway, construction authorized;699 financing.-

700 (1) The Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway 701 Authority may is authorized to exercise its condemnation powers 702 and to construct, finance, operate, own, and maintain those 703 portions of the Wekiva Parkway which are identified by agreement 704 between the authority and the department and which are included 705 as part of the authority's long-range capital improvement plan. 706 The "Wekiva Parkway" means any limited access highway or 707 expressway constructed between State Road 429 and Interstate 4 708 specifically incorporating the corridor alignment recommended by 709 Recommendation 2 of the Wekiva River Basin Area Task Force final 710 report dated January 15, 2003, and the recommendations of the SR 711 429 Working Group which were adopted January 16, 2004. This 712 project may be financed with any funds available to the 713 authority for such purpose or revenue bonds issued by the 714 authority under s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution and s. 715 348.755(1)(b). This section does not invalidate the exercise by 716 the authority of its condemnation powers or the acquisition of 717 any property for the Wekiva Parkway before July 1, 2012.

718 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 719 contrary, in order to ensure that funds are available to the 720 department for its portion of the Wekiva Parkway, beginning July 721 1, 2012, the authority shall repay the expenditures by the 722 department for costs of operation and maintenance of the Central 723 Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System in accordance 724 with the terms of the memorandum of understanding between the 725 authority and the department as ratified by the authority board

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726 on February 22, 2012, which requires the authority to pay the 727 department \$10 million on July 1, 2012, and \$20 million on each 728 successive July 1 until the department has been fully reimbursed 729 for all costs of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County 730 Expressway System which were paid, advanced, or reimbursed to 731 the authority by the department, with a final payment in the 732 amount of the balance remaining. Notwithstanding any other law 733 to the contrary, the funds paid to the department pursuant to 734 this subsection must shall be allocated by the department for 735 construction of the Wekiva Parkway.

(3) The department's obligation to construct its portions of the Wekiva Parkway is contingent upon the timely payment by the authority of the annual payments required of the authority and receipt of all required environmental permits and approvals by the Federal Government.

741 Section 9. Section 348.7547, Florida Statutes, is amended 742 to read:

348.7547 Maitland Boulevard Extension and Northwest Beltway 743 744 Part A Realignment construction authorized; financing.-745 Notwithstanding s. 338.2275, the Central Florida Orlando-Orange 746 County Expressway Authority may is hereby authorized to exercise 747 its condemnation powers, construct, finance, operate, own, and 748 maintain the portion of State Road 414 known as the Maitland 749 Boulevard Extension and the realigned portion of the Northwest Beltway Part A as part of the authority's long-range capital 750 751 improvement plan. The Maitland Boulevard Extension extends will 752 extend from the current terminus of State Road 414 at U.S. 441 753 west to State Road 429 in west Orange County. The realigned 754 portion of the Northwest Beltway Part A runs will run from the

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755	point at or near where the Maitland Boulevard Extension <u>connects</u>
756	will connect with State Road 429 and proceeds will proceed to
757	the west and then north resulting in the northern terminus of
758	State Road 429 moving farther west before reconnecting with U.S.
759	441. However, under no circumstances <u>may shall</u> the realignment
760	of the Northwest Beltway Part A conflict <u>with</u> or contradict with
761	the alignment of the Wekiva Parkway as defined in s. 348.7546.
762	This project may be financed with any funds available to the
763	authority for such purpose or revenue bonds issued by the
764	authority under s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution and s.
765	348.755(1)(b).
766	Section 10. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 348.755,
767	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
768	348.755 Bonds of the authority
769	(2) Any such resolution <u>that authorizes</u> or resolutions
770	authorizing any bonds issued under this section hereunder may
771	contain provisions <u>that must</u> which shall be part of the contract
772	with the holders of such bonds, <u>relating</u> as to:
773	(a) The pledging of all or any part of the revenues, rates,
774	fees, rentals <u>,</u> (including all or any portion of the Orange
775	County gasoline tax funds received by the authority pursuant to
776	the terms of any lease-purchase agreement between the authority
777	and the department, or any part thereof) , or other charges or
778	receipts of the authority, derived by the authority, from the
779	<u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway System.
780	(b) The completion, improvement, operation, extension,
781	maintenance, repair, lease or lease-purchase agreement of <u>the</u>
782	said system, and the duties of the authority and others,

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including the department, with reference thereto.

576-02570-14 2014230c2 784 (c) Limitations on the purposes to which the proceeds of 785 the bonds, then or thereafter to be issued, or of any loan or 786 grant by the United States or the state may be applied. 787 (d) The fixing, charging, establishing, and collecting of 788 rates, fees, rentals, or other charges for use of the services 789 and facilities of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County 790 Expressway System or any part thereof. 791 (e) The setting aside of reserves or sinking funds or 792 repair and replacement funds and the regulation and disposition 793 thereof. 794 (f) Limitations on the issuance of additional bonds. 795 (q) The terms and provisions of any lease-purchase 796 agreement, deed of trust or indenture securing the bonds, or 797 under which the same may be issued. 798 (h) Any other or additional agreements with the holders of 799 the bonds which the authority may deem desirable and proper. 800 (3) The authority may employ fiscal agents as provided by 801 this part or the State Board of Administration of Florida may 802 upon request of the authority act as fiscal agent for the 803 authority in the issuance of any bonds that which may be issued 804 pursuant to this part, and the State Board of Administration may 805 upon request of the authority take over the management, control, 806 administration, custody, and payment of any or all debt services 807 or funds or assets now or hereafter available for any bonds 808 issued pursuant to this part. The authority may enter into any 809 deeds of trust, indentures or other agreements with its fiscal 810 agent, or with any bank or trust company within or without the 811 state, as security for such bonds, and may, under such 812 agreements, sign and pledge all or any of the revenues, rates,

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813	fees, rentals or other charges or receipts of the authority,
814	including all or any portion of the Orange County gasoline tax
815	funds received by the authority pursuant to the terms of any
816	lease-purchase agreement between the authority and the
817	department , thereunder . Such deed of trust, indenture <u>,</u> or other
818	agreement may contain such provisions as are customary in such
819	instruments, or, as the authority may authorize, including but
820	without limitation, provisions as to:
821	(a) The completion, improvement, operation, extension,
822	maintenance, repair, and lease of, or lease-purchase agreement
823	relating to the <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway
824	System, and the duties of the authority and others including the
825	department, with reference thereto.
826	(b) The application of funds and the safeguarding of funds
827	on hand or on deposit.
828	(c) The rights and remedies of the trustee and the holders
829	of the bonds.
830	(d) The terms and provisions of the bonds or the
831	resolutions authorizing the issuance of same.
832	Section 11. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 348.756,
833	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
834	348.756 Remedies of the bondholders
835	(3) When a Any trustee is when appointed pursuant to
836	subsection (1) as aforesaid, or is acting under a deed of trust,
837	indenture, or other agreement, and whether or not all bonds have
838	been declared due and payable, the trustee is shall be entitled
839	as of right to the appointment of a receiver, who may enter upon
840	and take possession of the <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County
841	Expressway System or the facilities or any part <u>of the system or</u>
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576-02570-14 2014230c2 842 facilities or parts thereof, the rates, fees, rentals, or other 843 revenues, charges, or receipts that from which are, or may be, 844 applicable to the payment of the bonds so in default, and 845 subject to and in compliance with the provisions of any lease-846 purchase agreement between the authority and the department 847 operate and maintain the same, for and on behalf of and in the 848 name of, the authority, the department, and the bondholders, and collect and receive all rates, fees, rentals, and other charges 849 850 or receipts or revenues arising therefrom in the same manner as 851 the authority or the department might do, and shall deposit all 852 such moneys in a separate account and apply the same in such 853 manner as the court directs shall direct. In any suit, action, 854 or proceeding by the trustee, the fees, counsel fees, and 855 expenses of the trustee, and the said receiver, if any, and all 856 costs and disbursements allowed by the court must shall be a 857 first charge on any rates, fees, rentals, or other charges, 858 revenues, or receipts, derived from the Central Florida Orlando-859 Orange County Expressway System, or the facilities or services 860 or any part of the system or facilities or parts thereof, 861 including payments under any such lease-purchase agreement as 862 aforesaid which said rates, fees, rentals, or other charges, 863 revenues, or receipts shall or may be applicable to the payment 864 of the bonds that are so in default. The Such trustee has shall, 865 in addition to the foregoing, have and possess all of the powers 866 necessary or appropriate for the exercise of any functions 867 specifically set forth in this section herein or incident to the 868 representation of the bondholders in the enforcement and 869 protection of their rights.

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(4) Nothing in This section or any other section of this

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 871 part does not shall authorize any receiver appointed pursuant 872 hereto for the purpose, subject to and in compliance with the 873 provisions of any lease-purchase agreement between the authority 874 and the department, of operating and maintaining the Central 875 Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System or any 876 facilities or part of the system or facilities or parts thereof, 877 to sell, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any of the 878 assets of whatever kind and character belonging to the 879 authority. It is the intention of this part to limit The powers of the such receiver, subject to and in compliance with the 880 881 provisions of any lease-purchase agreement between the authority 882 and the department, are limited to the operation and maintenance 883 of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, 884 or any facility, or part or parts thereof, as the court may 885 direct, in the name and for and on behalf of the authority, the 886 department, and the bondholders, and no holder of bonds on the 887 authority nor any trustee, has shall ever have the right in any 888 suit, action, or proceeding at law or in equity, to compel a 889 receiver, nor may shall any receiver be authorized or any court 890 be empowered to direct the receiver to sell, assign, mortgage, 891 or otherwise dispose of any assets of whatever kind or character 892 belonging to the authority.

893 Section 12. Subsections (1) through (7) of section 348.757,894 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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348.757 Lease-purchase agreement.-

(1) In order to effectuate the purposes of this part and as
authorized by this part, The authority may enter into a leasepurchase agreement with the department relating to and covering
the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway System.

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900 (2) The Such lease-purchase agreement must shall provide 901 for the leasing of the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, by the authority, as lessor, to the department, as 902 903 lessee, must shall prescribe the term of such lease and the 904 rentals to be paid thereunder, and must shall provide that upon 905 the completion of the faithful performance thereunder and the 906 termination of the such lease-purchase agreement, title in fee 907 simple absolute to the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway 908 System as then constituted shall be transferred in accordance 909 with law by the authority, to the state and the authority shall 910 deliver to the department such deeds and conveyances as shall be 911 necessary or convenient to vest title in fee simple absolute in 912 the state.

913 (3) The Such lease-purchase agreement may include such 914 other provisions, agreements, and covenants that as the 915 authority and the department deem advisable or required, 916 including, but not limited to, provisions as to the bonds to be 917 issued under, and for the purposes of, this part, the 918 completion, extension, improvement, operation, and maintenance 919 of the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway System and the 920 expenses and the cost of operation of the said authority, the 921 charging and collection of tolls, rates, fees, and other charges 922 for the use of the services and facilities of the system 923 thereof, the application of federal or state grants or aid that 924 which may be made or given to assist the authority in the 925 completion, extension, improvement, operation, and maintenance 926 of the former Orlando-Orange County Orlando Expressway System, 927 which the authority is hereby authorized to accept and apply to such purposes, the enforcement of payment and collection of 928

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 929 rentals and any other terms, provisions, or covenants necessary, 930 incidental, or appurtenant to the making of and full performance 931 under the such lease-purchase agreement.

932 (4) The department as lessee under the such lease-purchase 933 agreement, may is hereby authorized to pay as rentals under the 934 agreement thereunder any rates, fees, charges, funds, moneys, 935 receipts, or income accruing to the department from the 936 operation of the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway System 937 and the Orange County gasoline tax funds and may also pay as 938 rentals any appropriations received by the department pursuant 939 to any act of the Legislature of the state heretofore or 940 hereafter enacted; provided, however, this part or the that 941 nothing herein nor in such lease-purchase agreement is not 942 intended to and does not nor shall this part or such lease-943 purchase agreement require the making or continuance of such 944 appropriations, and nor shall any holder of bonds issued 945 pursuant to this part does not ever have any right to compel the 946 making or continuance of such appropriations.

947 (5) A No pledge of the said Orange County gasoline tax 948 funds as rentals under a such lease-purchase agreement may not 949 shall be made without the consent of the County of Orange 950 evidenced by a resolution duly adopted by the board of county 951 commissioners of said county at a public hearing held pursuant 952 to due notice thereof published at least once a week for 3 953 consecutive weeks before the hearing in a newspaper of general 954 circulation in Orange County. The Said resolution, among other 955 things, must shall provide that any excess of the said pledged 956 gasoline tax funds which is not required for debt service or 957 reserves for the such debt service for any bonds issued by the

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 958 said authority shall be returned annually to the department for 959 distribution to Orange County as provided by law. Before making any application for a such pledge of gasoline tax funds, the 960 961 authority shall present the plan of its proposed project to the 962 Orange County planning and zoning commission for its comments 963 and recommendations. 964 (6) The Said department may shall have power to covenant in 965 any lease-purchase agreement that it will pay all or any part of 966 the cost of the operation, maintenance, repair, renewal, and 967 replacement of the said system, and any part of the cost of 968 completing the said system to the extent that the proceeds of 969 bonds issued therefor are insufficient, from sources other than 970 the revenues derived from the operation of the said system and 971 the said Orange County gasoline tax funds. The said department 972 may also agree to make such other payments from any moneys 973 available to the said commission, the said county, or the said 974 city in connection with the construction or completion of the 975 said system as shall be deemed by the said department to be fair

976 and proper under any such covenants heretofore or hereafter 977 entered into.

978 (7) The said system must shall be a part of the state road 979 system and the said department may is hereby authorized, upon 980 the request of the authority, to expend out of any funds 981 available for the purpose the such moneys, and to use such of 982 its engineering and other forces, as may be necessary and 983 desirable in the judgment of said department, for the operation 984 of the said authority and for traffic surveys, borings, surveys, 985 preparation of plans and specifications, estimates of cost, and other preliminary engineering and other studies; provided, 986

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 987 however, that the aggregate amount of moneys expended for the 988 said purposes by the said department do shall not exceed the sum 989 of \$375,000. 990 Section 13. Section 348.758, Florida Statutes, is amended 991 to read: 992 348.758 Appointment of department as may be appointed agent 993 of authority for construction.-The department may be appointed 994 by the said authority as its agent for the purpose of 995 constructing improvements and extensions to the Central Florida 996 Orlando-Orange County Expressway System and for its the 997 completion thereof. In such event, the authority shall provide 998 the department with complete copies of all documents, 999 agreements, resolutions, contracts, and instruments relating 1000 thereto and shall request the department to do such construction 1001 work, including the planning, surveying, and actual construction 1002 of the completion, extensions, and improvements to the Central 1003 Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System and shall transfer to the credit of an account of the department in the 1004 1005 State Treasury of the state the necessary funds, therefor and 1006 the department may shall thereupon be authorized, empowered and 1007 directed to proceed with such construction and to use the said 1008 funds for such purpose in the same manner that it is now 1009 authorized to use the funds otherwise provided by law for the its use in construction of roads and bridges. 1010

1011 Section 14. Section 348.759, Florida Statutes, is amended 1012 to read:

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348.759 Acquisition of lands and property.-

1014 (1) For the purposes of this part, the <u>Central Florida</u>
 1015 Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority may acquire private

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 1016 or public property and property rights, including rights of 1017 access, air, view, and light, by gift, devise, purchase, or 1018 condemnation by eminent domain proceedings, as the authority 1019 deems may deem necessary for any of the purposes of this part, 1020 including, but not limited to, any lands reasonably necessary 1021 for securing applicable permits, areas necessary for management 1022 of access, borrow pits, drainage ditches, water retention areas, 1023 rest areas, replacement access for landowners whose access is 1024 impaired due to the construction of a facility, and replacement 1025 rights-of-way for relocated rail and utility facilities; for 1026 existing, proposed, or anticipated transportation facilities on 1027 the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System or 1028 in a transportation corridor designated by the authority; or for the purposes of screening, relocation, removal, or disposal of 1029 1030 junkyards and scrap metal processing facilities. The authority 1031 may shall also have the power to condemn any material and 1032 property necessary for such purposes.

1033 (2) The right of eminent domain herein conferred shall be
1034 exercised by the authority shall exercise the right of eminent
1035 domain in the manner provided by law.

1036 (3) When the authority acquires property for a 1037 transportation facility or in a transportation corridor, it is 1038 not subject to any liability imposed by chapter 376 or chapter 1039 403 for preexisting soil or groundwater contamination due solely 1040 to its ownership. This section does not affect the rights or liabilities of any past or future owners of the acquired 1041 property and nor does not it affect the liability of any 1042 1043 governmental entity for the results of its actions which create 1044 or exacerbate a pollution source. The authority and the

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 1045 Department of Environmental Protection may enter into 1046 interagency agreements for the performance, funding, and 1047 reimbursement of the investigative and remedial acts necessary for property acquired by the authority. 1048 1049 Section 15. Section 348.760, Florida Statutes, is amended 1050 to read: 1051 348.760 Cooperation with other units, boards, agencies, and 1052 individuals.-A Express authority and power is hereby given and granted any county, municipality, drainage district, road and 1053 1054 bridge district, school district or any other political 1055 subdivision, board, commission, or individual in, or of, the 1056 state may to make and enter into with the authority, contracts, 1057 leases, conveyances, partnerships, or other agreements pursuant 1058 to within the provisions and purposes of this part. The 1059 authority may is hereby expressly authorized to make and enter 1060 into contracts, leases, conveyances, partnerships, and other 1061 agreements with any political subdivision, agency, or 1062 instrumentality of the state and any and all federal agencies, 1063 corporations, and individuals, for the purpose of carrying out 1064 the provisions of this part or with the consent of the Seminole 1065 County Expressway Authority, for the purpose of carrying out and 1066 implementing part VIII of this chapter.

1067 Section 16. Section 348.761, Florida Statutes, is amended 1068 to read:

1069 348.761 Covenant of the state.—The state <u>pledges</u> does 1070 hereby pledge to, and agrees, with any person, firm or 1071 corporation, or federal or state agency subscribing to, or 1072 acquiring the bonds to be issued by the authority for the 1073 purposes of this part that the state will not limit or alter the

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 rights that are hereby vested in the authority and the 1074 1075 department until all issued bonds and interest at any time 1076 issued, together with the interest thereon, are fully paid and 1077 discharged insofar as the pledge same affects the rights of the 1078 holders of bonds issued pursuant to this part hereunder. The 1079 state does further pledge to, and agree, with the United States 1080 that in the event any federal agency constructs or contributes 1081 shall construct or contribute any funds for the completion, 1082 extension, or improvement of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange 1083 County Expressway System, or any part or portion of the system 1084 thereof, the state will not alter or limit the rights and powers 1085 of the authority and the department in any manner that which 1086 would be inconsistent with the continued maintenance and 1087 operation of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County 1088 Expressway System or the completion, extension, or improvement 1089 of the system thereof, or that which would be inconsistent with 1090 the due performance of any agreements between the authority and 1091 any such federal agency, and the authority and the department 1092 shall continue to have and may exercise all powers herein 1093 granted in this part, so long as the powers are same shall be 1094 necessary or desirable for the carrying out of the purposes of 1095 this part and the purposes of the United States in the completion, extension, or improvement of the Central Florida 1096 1097 Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, or any part of the 1098 system or portion thereof. 1099

1099 Section 17. Section 348.765, Florida Statutes, is amended 1100 to read:

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348.765 This part complete and additional authority.-(1) The powers conferred by this part <u>are shall be</u> in

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 1103 addition and supplemental to the existing powers of the said 1104 board and the department, and this part may shall not be 1105 construed as repealing any of the provisions, of any other law, general, special, or local, but to supersede such other laws in 1106 1107 the exercise of the powers provided in this part, and to provide 1108 a complete method for the exercise of the powers granted in this 1109 part. The extension and improvement of the Central Florida said 1110 Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, and the issuance of bonds pursuant to this part hereunder to finance all or part of 1111 1112 the cost of the system thereof, may be accomplished upon 1113 compliance with the provisions of this part without regard to or 1114 necessity for compliance with the provisions, limitations, or restrictions contained in any other general, special, or local 1115 1116 law, including, but not limited to, s. 215.821, and no approval 1117 of any bonds issued under this part by the qualified electors or qualified electors who are freeholders in the state or in the 1118 1119 said County of Orange, or in the said City of Orlando, or in any 1120 other political subdivision of the state, is shall be required 1121 for the issuance of such bonds pursuant to this part.

1122 (2) This part does shall not be deemed to repeal, rescind, or modify any other law or laws relating to the said State Board 1123 1124 of Administration, the said Department of Transportation, or the 1125 Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration, but supersedes any shall be deemed to and shall supersede such 1126 1127 other law that is or laws as are inconsistent with the 1128 provisions of this part, including, but not limited to, s. 1129 215.821.

1130 Section 18. Section 348.9953, Florida Statutes, is amended 1131 to read:

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1132	348.9953 Purposes and powers.—The purposes and powers of
1133	the authority <u>are</u> shall be the same as those identified in the
1134	Florida Expressway Authority Act, except that such purposes and
1135	powers may only be exercised with respect to the Poinciana
1136	Parkway. The Osceola County Expressway Authority may exist only
1137	until the earlier of December 31, 2016, or the completion of
1138	construction of the Poinciana Parkway, a limited access facility
1139	of approximately 9 miles in length in Osceola County with its
1140	northwestern terminus at the intersection of County Road 54 and
1141	US 17/US 92 and its southeastern terminus at the current
1142	intersection of Rhododendron and Cypress Parkway, described in
1143	the Osceola County Expressway Authority May 8, 2012, Master
1144	Plan. The authority's expressway system shall be limited to the
1145	Poinciana Parkway, as it is described in the Osceola County
1146	Expressway Authority May 8, 2012, Master Plan, except that the
1147	authority may construct additions to, or improvements to, the
1148	Poinciana Parkway, including all necessary approaches, roads,
1149	bridges, and avenues of access, with such changes,
1150	modifications, or revisions of the project that are deemed
1151	desirable and proper. However, the authority may not extend the
1152	Poinciana Parkway beyond the project limits described in the
1153	Osceola County Expressway Authority May 8, 2012, Master Plan. In
1154	implementing this act, the authority shall institute procedures
1155	to encourage the awarding of contracts for professional services
1156	and construction to certified minority business enterprises as
1157	defined in s. 288.703. The authority shall develop and implement
1158	activities to encourage the participation of certified minority
1159	business enterprises in the contracting process.
1160	Section 19. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 369.317,

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      Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
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           369.317 Wekiva Parkway.-
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            (6) The Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway
      Authority is hereby granted the authority to act as a third-
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      party acquisition agent, pursuant to s. 259.041 on behalf of the
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      Board of Trustees or chapter 373 on behalf of the governing
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      board of the St. Johns River Water Management District, for the
      acquisition of all necessary lands, property and all interests
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      in property identified herein, including fee simple or less-
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      than-fee simple interests. The lands subject to this authority
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      are identified in paragraph 10.a., State of Florida, Office of
      the Governor, Executive Order 03-112 of July 1, 2003, and in
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      Recommendation 16 of the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force created by
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      Executive Order 2002-259, such lands otherwise known as
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      Neighborhood Lakes, a 1,587+/-acre parcel located in Orange and
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      Lake Counties within Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34 of Township 19
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      South, Range 28 East, and Sections 3, 4, 5, and 9 of Township 20
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      South, Range 28 East; Seminole Woods/Swamp, a 5,353+/-acre
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      parcel located in Lake County within Section 37, Township 19
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      South, Range 28 East; New Garden Coal; a 1,605+/-acre parcel in
      Lake County within Sections 23, 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 19
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      South, Range 28 East; Pine Plantation, a 617+/-acre tract
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      consisting of eight individual parcels within the Apopka City
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      limits. The Department of Transportation, the Department of
      Environmental Protection, the St. Johns River Water Management
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      District, and other land acquisition entities shall participate
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      and cooperate in providing information and support to the third-
      party acquisition agent. The land acquisition process authorized
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      by this paragraph shall begin no later than December 31, 2004.
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576-02570-14 2014230c2 1190 Acquisition of the properties identified as Neighborhood Lakes, 1191 Pine Plantation, and New Garden Coal, or approval as a 1192 mitigation bank shall be concluded no later than December 31, 1193 2010. Department of Transportation and Central Florida Orlando-1194 Orange County Expressway Authority funds expended to purchase an interest in those lands identified in this subsection shall be 1195 1196 eligible as environmental mitigation for road construction 1197 related impacts in the Wekiva Study Area. If any of the lands identified in this subsection are used as environmental 1198 1199 mitigation for road-construction-related impacts incurred by the 1200 Department of Transportation or Central Florida Orlando-Orange 1201 County Expressway Authority, or for other impacts incurred by 1202 other entities, within the Wekiva Study Area or within the 1203 Wekiva parkway alignment corridor, and if the mitigation offsets 1204 these impacts, the St. Johns River Water Management District and 1205 the Department of Environmental Protection shall consider the 1206 activity regulated under part IV of chapter 373 to meet the 1207 cumulative impact requirements of s. 373.414(8)(a). 1208 (a) Acquisition of the land described in this section is

(a) Acquisition of the land described in this section is required to provide right-of-way for the Wekiva Parkway, a limited access roadway linking State Road 429 to Interstate 4, an essential component in meeting regional transportation needs to provide regional connectivity, improve safety, accommodate projected population and economic growth, and satisfy critical transportation requirements caused by increased traffic volume growth and travel demands.

(b) Acquisition of the lands described in this section is
also required to protect the surface water and groundwater
resources of Lake, Orange, and Seminole counties, otherwise

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 1219 known as the Wekiva Study Area, including recharge within the 1220 springshed that provides for the Wekiva River system. Protection 1221 of this area is crucial to the long term viability of the Wekiva 1222 River and springs and the central Florida region's water supply. 1223 Acquisition of the lands described in this section is also 1224 necessary to alleviate pressure from growth and development 1225 affecting the surface and groundwater resources within the 1226 recharge area. 1227 (c) Lands acquired pursuant to this section that are needed 1228 for transportation facilities for the Wekiva Parkway shall be 1229 determined not necessary for conservation purposes pursuant to 1230 ss. 253.034(6) and 373.089(5) and shall be transferred to or 1231 retained by the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway 1232 Authority or the Department of Transportation upon reimbursement 1233 of the full purchase price and acquisition costs. 1234 (7) The Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection, the St. Johns River Water Management 1235 1236 District, Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway 1237 Authority, and other land acquisition entities shall cooperate 1238 and establish funding responsibilities and partnerships by 1239 agreement to the extent funds are available to the various 1240 entities. Properties acquired with Florida Forever funds shall 1241 be in accordance with s. 259.041 or chapter 373. The Central 1242 Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority shall acquire 1243 land in accordance with this section of law to the extent funds 1244 are available from the various funding partners, but shall not 1245 be required nor assumed to fund the land acquisition beyond the 1246 agreement and funding provided by the various land acquisition 1247 entities.

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576-02570-14 2014230c2 1248 Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 369.324, Florida 1249 Statutes, is amended to read: 1250 369.324 Wekiva River Basin Commission.-1251 (1) The Wekiva River Basin Commission is created to monitor 1252 and ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the 1253 Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee for the Wekiva Study 1254 Area. The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall 1255 provide staff support to the commission with funding assistance 1256 from the Department of Economic Opportunity. The commission 1257 shall be comprised of a total of 18 19 members appointed by the 1258 Governor, 9 of whom shall be voting members and 9 10 shall be ad 1259 hoc nonvoting members. The voting members shall include: 1260 (a) One member of each of the Boards of County 1261 Commissioners for Lake, Orange, and Seminole Counties. 1262 (b) One municipal elected official to serve as a 1263 representative of the municipalities located within the Wekiva 1264 Study Area of Lake County. 1265 (c) One municipal elected official to serve as a 1266 representative of the municipalities located within the Wekiva 1267 Study Area of Orange County. 1268 (d) One municipal elected official to serve as a 1269 representative of the municipalities located within the Wekiva 1270 Study Area of Seminole County. (e) One citizen representing an environmental or 1271 1272 conservation organization, one citizen representing a local 1273 property owner, a land developer, or an agricultural entity, and

1275 (f) The ad hoc nonvoting members shall include one 1276 representative from each of the following entities:

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one at-large citizen who shall serve as chair of the council.

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1277	1. St. Johns River Management District.
1278	2. Department of Economic Opportunity.
1279	3. Department of Environmental Protection.
1280	4. Department of Health.
1281	5. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
1282	6. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
1283	7. Department of Transportation.
1284	8. MetroPlan Orlando.
1285	9. <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway
1286	Authority.
1287	10. Seminole County Expressway Authority.
1288	Section 21. (1) While the governing body of the authority,
1289	upon the effective date of this act, has one or more members
1290	from Osceola County as provided in s. 348.753(3), Florida
1291	Statutes, and the authority has the purposes and powers
1292	described in s. 348.754, Florida Statutes, regarding Osceola
1293	County, the Osceola County Expressway Authority shall continue
1294	solely for the purpose of planning and construction of the
1295	Poinciana Parkway as provided and permitted in this subsection.
1296	Upon the earlier of December 31, 2016, or the completion of
1297	construction of the Poinciana Parkway, a limited access facility
1298	of approximately 9 miles in length in Osceola County with its
1299	northwestern terminus at the intersection of County Road 54 and
1300	US 17/US 92 and its southeastern terminus at the current
1301	intersection of Rhododendron and Cypress Parkway, described in
1302	the Osceola County Expressway Authority May 8, 2012, Master
1303	Plan, all powers, governance, and control of the Osceola County
1304	Expressway System, created pursuant to part V, chapter 348,
1305	Florida Statutes, is transferred to the Central Florida

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1306	Expressway Authority, and the assets, liabilities, facilities,
1307	tangible and intangible property and any rights in the property,
1308	and any other legal rights of the Osceola County Expressway
1309	Authority are transferred to the Central Florida Expressway
1310	Authority. Part V of chapter 348, Florida Statutes, consisting
1311	of ss. 348.9950-348.9961, is repealed on the same date that the
1312	Osceola County Expressway System is transferred to the Central
1313	Florida Expressway Authority.
1314	(2) The Central Florida Expressway Authority shall comply
1315	with any and all obligations of any other governmental entities
1316	incurred on behalf of the Osceola County Expressway System,
1317	including any obligations of Osceola County with respect to
1318	operations and maintenance of the Osceola County Expressway
1319	System and any loan repayment obligations, including repayment
1320	obligations with respect to State Infrastructure Bank loans.
1321	Except with respect to the bonds or other debt obligations
1322	originally issued by Osceola County or the Osceola County
1323	Expressway Authority for purposes of financing the planning and
1324	construction of the Poinciana Parkway as provided and permitted
1325	in subsection (1), which shall remain solely subject to the
1326	covenants and agreements of Osceola County to make payments for
1327	any debt service shortfalls, payment obligations transferred to
1328	the Central Florida Expressway Authority shall be made from
1329	revenues available for such purpose after payment of all amounts
1330	required:
1331	(a) Otherwise by law;
1332	(b) By the terms of any resolution authorizing the issuance
1333	of bonds by the authority, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway
1334	Authority, or the Osceola County Expressway Authority;

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1335	(c) By the terms of any resolution under which bonds are
1336	issued by Osceola County for the purpose of constructing
1337	improvements to the Osceola County Expressway System; and
1338	(d) By the terms of the memorandum of understanding between
1339	the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and the
1340	department as ratified by the board of the Orlando-Orange County
1341	Expressway Authority on February 22, 2012.
1342	Section 22. The Division of Law Revision and Information is
1343	directed to replace the phrase "the effective date of this act"
1344	wherever it occurs in this act with the date the act becomes a
1345	law.
1346	Section 23. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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