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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Transportation &
 2 Infrastructure Subcommittee
 3 Representative Grant, J. offered the following:
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Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
 7 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 20.23,
 8 Florida Statutes, is amended and paragraph (g) is added to that
 9 subsection, to read:

10 20.23 Department of Transportation.—There is created a
 11 Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized
 12 agency.

13 (4) (a) The operations of the department shall be organized
 14 into seven districts, each headed by a district secretary, and a
 15 turnpike enterprise, ~~and~~ a rail enterprise, and an alternative
 16 transportation authority, each enterprise and the authority

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17 headed by an executive director. The district secretaries and
18 the executive directors shall be registered professional
19 engineers in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 471 or
20 the laws of another state, or, in lieu of professional engineer
21 registration, a district secretary or executive director may
22 hold an advanced degree in an appropriate related discipline,
23 such as a Master of Business Administration. The headquarters of
24 the districts shall be located in Polk, Columbia, Washington,
25 Broward, Volusia, Miami-Dade, and Hillsborough Counties. The
26 headquarters of the turnpike enterprise shall be located in
27 Orange County. The headquarters of the rail enterprise and the
28 alternative transportation authority shall be located in Leon
29 County. In order to provide for efficient operations and to
30 expedite the decisionmaking process, the department shall
31 provide for maximum decentralization to the districts.

32 (g)1. The responsibility for expending funds for the
33 design and construction of alternative transportation systems
34 shall be delegated by the secretary to the executive director of
35 the alternative transportation authority, who shall serve at the
36 pleasure of the secretary. The executive director shall report
37 directly to the secretary, and the authority shall operate
38 pursuant to s. 341.86.

39 2. To facilitate the most efficient administration of
40 funds for alternative transportation systems, the authority,
41 except as provided in s. 287.055, shall be exempt from

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42 departmental policies, procedures, and standards, subject to the
43 secretary having the authority to apply any such policies,
44 procedures, and standards to the authority from time to time as
45 deemed appropriate.

46 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) of subsection (4) of section
47 201.15, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (b) of that
48 subsection is republished, to read:

49 201.15 Distribution of taxes collected.—All taxes
50 collected under this chapter are hereby pledged and shall be
51 first made available to make payments when due on bonds issued
52 pursuant to s. 215.618 or s. 215.619, or any other bonds
53 authorized to be issued on a parity basis with such bonds. Such
54 pledge and availability for the payment of these bonds shall
55 have priority over any requirement for the payment of service
56 charges or costs of collection and enforcement under this
57 section. All taxes collected under this chapter, except taxes
58 distributed to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to
59 subsections (1) and (2), are subject to the service charge
60 imposed in s. 215.20(1). Before distribution pursuant to this
61 section, the Department of Revenue shall deduct amounts
62 necessary to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of
63 the tax levied by this chapter. The costs and service charge may
64 not be levied against any portion of taxes pledged to debt
65 service on bonds to the extent that the costs and service charge
66 are required to pay any amounts relating to the bonds. All of

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67 the costs of the collection and enforcement of the tax levied by
68 this chapter and the service charge shall be available and
69 transferred to the extent necessary to pay debt service and any
70 other amounts payable with respect to bonds authorized before
71 January 1, 2017, secured by revenues distributed pursuant to
72 this section. All taxes remaining after deduction of costs shall
73 be distributed as follows:

74 (4) After the required distributions to the Land
75 Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) and
76 deduction of the service charge imposed pursuant to s.
77 215.20(1), the remainder shall be distributed as follows:

78 (a) The lesser of 24.18442 percent of the remainder or
79 \$541.75 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State
80 Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Trust Fund.
81 Of such funds, \$75 million for each fiscal year shall be
82 transferred to the General Revenue Fund. Notwithstanding any
83 other law, the remaining amount credited to the State
84 Transportation Trust Fund shall be used for:

85 1. Capital funding for the New Starts Transit Program,
86 authorized by Title 49, U.S.C. s. 5309 and specified in s.
87 341.051, in the amount of 10 percent of the funds;

88 2. The Small County Outreach Program specified in s.
89 339.2818, in the amount of 10 percent of the funds;

90 3. The Strategic Intermodal System specified in ss.
91 339.61, 339.62, 339.63, and 339.64, in the amount of 75 percent

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92 of the funds after deduction of the payments required pursuant
93 to subparagraphs 1. and 2.; and

94 4. The Transportation Regional Incentive Program specified
95 in s. 339.2819, in the amount of 25 percent of the funds after
96 deduction of the payments required pursuant to subparagraphs 1.
97 and 2. Beginning in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the first \$60
98 million of the funds allocated pursuant to this subparagraph
99 must ~~shall~~ be allocated annually for alternative transportation
100 systems, as defined in s. 341.86, as follows:

101 a. Twenty-five million dollars on a matching basis to the
102 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority for the design and
103 construction of an alternative transportation system, as defined
104 in s. 341.86. One dollar in local or private matching funds must
105 be provided for each dollar distributed under this sub-
106 paragraph. Federal funds may not be substituted for the local
107 or private matching funds.

108 b. Thirty-five million to the Statewide Alternative
109 Transportation Authority ~~to the Florida Rail Enterprise~~ for the
110 purposes established in s. 341.86 ~~s. 341.303(5).~~

111 (b) The lesser of 0.1456 percent of the remainder or \$3.25
112 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State
113 Treasury to the credit of the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in
114 the Department of Economic Opportunity to fund technical
115 assistance to local governments.

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116 Moneys distributed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) may not be
117 pledged for debt service unless such pledge is approved by
118 referendum of the voters.

119 Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 341.303, Florida
120 Statutes, is repealed.

121 Section 4. Section 341.86, Florida Statutes, is created to
122 read:

123 341.86 STATEWIDE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.—

124 (1) There is created within the department the Statewide
125 Alternative Transportation Authority.

126 (2) For purposes of this section, the term "alternative
127 transportation system" means a system of infrastructure,
128 appurtenances, and technology designed to move the greatest
129 number of people in the least amount of time. The term includes,
130 but is not limited to, autonomous vehicles as defined in s.
131 316.003, or transportation network companies as defined in s.
132 627.748. The term does not include other traditional uses of a
133 roadway system for conveyance.

134 (3) In addition to the powers granted to the department,
135 the authority may exercise all powers granted to it under this
136 section. These powers are in addition and supplemental to the
137 existing powers of the department. Powers of the authority
138 include, but are not limited to:

139 (a) Evaluating, financing, and overseeing proposals for
140 alternative transportation systems in this state.

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141 (b) Expending funds to publicize and promote alternative
142 transportation systems and to contract with entities to
143 accomplish these purposes.

144 (c) Soliciting proposals in accordance with chapter 287
145 for the design and construction of alternative transportation
146 systems and contracting with entities to expend funds to
147 accomplish this purpose.

148 (4) (a) The authority shall be a single budget entity and
149 shall develop a budget pursuant to chapter 216. The authority's
150 budget shall be submitted to the Legislature with the
151 department's budget. All alternative transportation funding by
152 the department must be included in this budget entity.

153 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 to the
154 contrary and in accordance with s. 216.351, the Executive Office
155 of the Governor shall, on July 1 of each year, certify forward
156 all unexpended funds appropriated or provided for the authority.
157 Of the unexpended funds certified forward, any unencumbered
158 amounts shall be carried forward. Such funds carried forward may
159 not exceed 5 percent of the original approved operating budget
160 of the authority pursuant to s. 216.181(1). Funds carried
161 forward pursuant to this subsection may be used for the purposes
162 specified in this section. Any certified-forward funds remaining
163 undisbursed on September 30 of each year shall be carried
164 forward.

165 (5) The department, through the authority, shall use funds

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166 provided pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(a)4.b. in a county to fund the
167 design and construction of an alternative transportation system
168 for passengers based on a county proposal that the authority
169 approves as being consistent with the requirements of this
170 section.

171 (6) Of the \$35 million allocated under s.
172 201.15(4)(a)4.b., the authority must use \$25 million for an
173 alternative transportation system in a county as defined in s.
174 125.011(1). The authority must use the remainder for such a
175 system in any other county or counties in the state.

176 (7) A county proposing the use of funds for an alternative
177 transportation system must submit a request to the authority
178 which must include a detailed project and financial plan. The
179 funding request must specify the duration of the project and the
180 total amount sought by state fiscal year.

181 (8) One dollar in local or private matching funds must be
182 provided for each dollar distributed under this section. Federal
183 funds may not be substituted for the local or private matching
184 funds.

185 (9) Funds distributed under this section may not be used
186 to subsidize projects with existing funding commitments as of
187 July 1, 2018.

188 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
189 343.58, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

190 343.58 County funding for the South Florida Regional

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191 Transportation Authority.—

192 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
193 contrary and effective July 1, 2010, until as provided in
194 paragraph (d), the department shall transfer annually from the
195 State Transportation Trust Fund to the South Florida Regional
196 Transportation Authority the amounts specified in subparagraph
197 (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2.

198 (b) Funding required by this subsection may not be
199 provided from the funds dedicated to the Statewide Alternative
200 Transportation Authority ~~Florida Rail Enterprise~~ pursuant to s.
201 201.15(4)(a)4.b. ~~s. 201.15(4)(a)4.~~

202 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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An act relating to the Statewide Alternative

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Transportation Authority; amending s. 20.23, F.S.;

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adding the Statewide Alternative Transportation

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Authority as part of the operations of the Department

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of Transportation; requiring the authority to be

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headed by an executive director; requiring the

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headquarters of the authority to be located in Leon

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County; requiring the responsibility for expending

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216 certain funds to be delegated by the department
217 secretary to the executive director of the authority,
218 subject to certain requirements; requiring the
219 authority to operate pursuant to specified provisions;
220 exempting the authority from certain departmental
221 policies, procedures, and standards, subject to the
222 secretary having the authority to apply any such
223 policies, procedures, and standards to the authority;
224 amending s. 201.15, F.S.; beginning in a specified
225 timeframe, revising annual allocations in the State
226 Transportation Trust Fund for the Transportation
227 Regional Incentive Program; specifying annual
228 allocations to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit
229 Authority and the Statewide Alternative Transportation
230 Authority for certain purposes; specifying
231 requirements for matching funds for the Tampa Bay Area
232 Regional Transit Authority; repealing s. 341.303(5),
233 F.S., relating to Funding authorization and
234 appropriations; eligibility and participation;
235 deleting a provision authorizing the department,
236 through the Florida Rail Enterprise, to use specified
237 funds for certain purposes; creating s. 341.86, F.S.;
238 creating within the department the Statewide
239 Alternative Transportation Authority; defining the
240 term "alternative transportation system"; specifying

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241 powers of the authority; providing that the authority
242 is a single budget entity within the Department of
243 Transportation, providing for the carry-forward of
244 unexpended funds; requiring the department, through
245 the authority, to use specified funds in a county to
246 fund the design and construction of an alternative
247 transportation system for passengers based on a
248 certain proposal by the county; specifying
249 requirements for the use of the funds; requiring a
250 county proposing the use of funds for an alternative
251 transportation system to submit a request to the
252 authority, subject to certain requirements; requiring
253 local matching funds for certain distributions,
254 subject to certain requirements; prohibiting certain
255 funds distributed from being used to subsidize
256 existing projects; amending s. 343.58, F.S.;
257 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
258 providing an effective date.

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