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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 316 - 434

and insert:

signalized intersection for through traffic. Such improvements must be made with the goal of enhancing the economic prosperity and preserving the character of the communities impacted by such improvements.

(a) The department may not reduce any nontolled general use lanes of an existing facility.



11 (b) The department shall maintain existing access points to
12 the roadway provided by designated streets, graded roads, or
13 driveways.

14 (c) Upon application or as otherwise agreed to by the
15 department, after construction is completed, property owners
16 with parcels of land having no existing access shall have the
17 right to one access point, and property owners having more than
18 1 mile of roadway frontage shall be allowed one access point for
19 each mile owned.

20 (d) Any tolling points must be located such that a
21 nontolled alternative exists for local traffic.

22 (4) Any tolled facilities are approved turnpike projects
23 that are part of the turnpike system. A controlled-access
24 portion of a roadway constructed pursuant to this section is
25 considered a Strategic Intermodal System facility.

26 (5) Any existing applicable requirements relating to
27 department projects shall apply to projects undertaken by the
28 department pursuant to this section. The department shall take
29 into consideration the guidance and recommendations of any
30 previous studies or reports relevant to the projects authorized
31 in this section.

32 (6) Any existing applicable requirements relating to
33 turnpike projects shall apply to projects undertaken by the
34 Turnpike Enterprise pursuant to this section. The Turnpike
35 Enterprise shall take into consideration the guidance and
36 recommendations of any previous studies or reports relevant to
37 the projects authorized in this section.

38 (7) The department shall consider innovative concepts to
39 combine right-of-way acquisition with the acquisition of lands



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40 or easements to facilitate environmental mitigation or
41 ecosystem, wildlife habitat, or water quality protection or
42 restoration.

43 (8) (a) Decisions on matters such as configuration, project
44 alignment, and interchange locations must be determined in
45 accordance with applicable department rules, policies, and
46 procedures.

47 (b) To the greatest extent practicable, roadway alignments,
48 project alignment, and interchange locations shall be designed
49 so that project rights-of-way are not located within
50 conservation lands acquired under the Florida Preservation 2000
51 Act established in s. 259.101 and the Florida Forever Act
52 established in s. 259.105.

53 (9) Subject to applicability of existing requirements as
54 provided in subsections (5) and (6), projects may be funded
55 through turnpike revenue bonds or right-of-way acquisition and
56 bridge construction bonds or financing by the Florida Department
57 of Transportation Financing Corporation; by advances from the
58 State Transportation Trust Fund; with funds obtained through the
59 creation of public-private partnerships; or any combination
60 thereof. The department also may accept donations of land for
61 use as transportation rights-of-way or to secure or use
62 transportation rights-of-way for such projects in accordance
63 with s. 337.2505. To the extent legally available, any toll
64 revenues from the turnpike system not required for payment of
65 principal, interest, reserves, or other required deposits for
66 bonds; costs of operations and maintenance; other contractual
67 obligations; or system improvement project costs must be used to
68 repay advances received from the State Transportation Trust



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69 Fund.

70 (10) Project construction is not eligible for funding until
71 completion of 30 percent of the design phase, except for
72 projects that are under construction or for which project
73 alignment has been determined.

74 (11) In accordance with ss. 337.276, 338.227, and 339.0809,
75 the Division of Bond Finance may issue, on behalf of the
76 department, right-of-way acquisition and bridge construction
77 bonds, turnpike revenue bonds, and Florida Department of
78 Transportation Financing Corporation bonds to finance projects
79 as provided in the State Bond Act.

80 Section 10. Section 339.67, Florida Statutes, is created to
81 read:

82 339.67 U.S. 19 controlled access facilities.—The department
83 shall develop and include in the work program the construction
84 of controlled access facilities as necessary to achieve free
85 flow of traffic on U.S. 19, beginning at the terminus of the
86 Suncoast Parkway 2 Phase 3, north predominantly along U.S. 19 to
87 a logical terminus on Interstate 10 in Madison County. This
88 Strategic Intermodal System facility shall be developed using
89 existing roadway, or portions thereof, to ensure the free flow
90 of traffic along the roadway by improvements such as limited
91 access alignments to manage congestion points and retrofitting
92 existing roadway with a series of grade separations that provide
93 an alternative to a signalized intersection for through traffic.
94 To the maximum extent feasible, the facilities shall be
95 developed no later than December 31, 2035.

96 Section 11. Section 339.68, Florida Statutes, is created to
97 read:



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98 339.68 Arterial rural highway projects.—The department
99 shall identify and include in the work program projects to
100 increase capacity by widening existing two-lane arterial rural
101 roads to four lanes. To be included in a work program project,
102 the road must be classified as an arterial rural road, and truck
103 traffic using the road must amount to at least 15 percent of all
104 such traffic, as determined by the department. The department
105 shall fund at least \$20 million annually for such projects.

106 Section 12. The Legislature finds that the extension of the
107 Florida Turnpike from its northerly terminus in Wildwood to a
108 logical and appropriate terminus as determined by the Department
109 of Transportation is in the strategic interest of the state. The
110 department shall commence the project development and
111 environmental phase of the extension and shall consider project
112 configuration, alignment, cost, and schedule. The department
113 shall prepare a report summarizing the status of the project
114 development and

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117 And the title is amended as follows:

118 Delete lines 51 - 54

119 and insert:

120 providing for applicability of certain requirements;
121 requiring the department and Turnpike Enterprise to
122 take into consideration guidance and recommendations
123 of certain studies and reports; requiring certain