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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 206.46, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

206.46 State Transportation Trust Fund.—

(2) Notwithstanding any other law, from the revenues  
deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund a maximum of  
7 percent in each fiscal year shall be transferred into the



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11 Right-of-Way Acquisition and Bridge Construction Trust Fund  
12 created in s. 215.605, as needed to meet the requirements of the  
13 documents authorizing the bonds issued or proposed to be issued  
14 under ss. 215.605 and 337.276 or at a minimum amount sufficient  
15 to pay for the debt service coverage requirements of outstanding  
16 bonds. Notwithstanding the 7 percent annual transfer authorized  
17 in this subsection, the annual amount transferred under this  
18 subsection may not exceed an amount necessary to provide the  
19 required debt service coverage levels for a maximum debt service  
20 not to exceed \$425 ~~\$350~~ million. Such transfer shall be payable  
21 primarily from the motor and diesel fuel taxes transferred to  
22 the State Transportation Trust Fund from the Fuel Tax Collection  
23 Trust Fund.

24 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 215.616, Florida  
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 215.616 State bonds for federal aid highway construction.—

27 (3) The term of the bonds may ~~shall~~ not exceed a term of 18  
28 ~~12~~ years. Before ~~Prior to~~ the issuance of bonds, the Department  
29 of Transportation must ~~shall~~ determine that annual debt service  
30 on all bonds issued pursuant to this section does not exceed 10  
31 percent of annual apportionments to the department for federal  
32 highway aid in accordance with the provisions of Title 23 of the  
33 United States Code.

34 Section 3. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 288.9606,  
35 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

36 288.9606 Issue of revenue bonds.—

37 (6) The proceeds of any bonds of the corporation may not be  
38 used, in any manner, to acquire any building or facility that  
39 will be, during the pendency of the financing, used by, occupied



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40 by, leased to, or paid for by any state, county, or municipal  
41 agency or entity. This subsection does not prohibit the use of  
42 proceeds of bonds of the corporation for the purpose of  
43 financing the acquisition or construction of a transportation  
44 facility under a public-private partnership agreement authorized  
45 under s. 334.30.

46 (7) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the  
47 corporation in its corporate capacity may, without authorization  
48 from a public agency under s. 163.01(7), issue revenue bonds or  
49 other evidence of indebtedness under this section to:

50 (a) Finance the undertaking of any project within the state  
51 that promotes renewable energy as defined in s. 366.91 or s.  
52 377.803;

53 (b) Finance the undertaking of any project within the state  
54 that is a project contemplated or allowed under s. 406 of the  
55 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; ~~or~~

56 (c) If permitted by federal law, finance qualifying  
57 improvement projects within the state under s. 163.08; or

58 (d) Finance the costs of acquisition or construction of a  
59 transportation facility by a private entity or consortium of  
60 private entities under a public-private partnership agreement  
61 authorized under s. 334.30.

62 Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 311.101, Florida  
63 Statutes, is amended to read:

64 311.101 Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support  
65 Program.—

66 (6) The department shall provide up to 50 percent of  
67 project costs for eligible projects. For eligible projects in  
68 rural areas of opportunity designated in accordance with s.



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69 288.0656(7) (a), the department may provide up to 100 percent of  
70 project costs.

71 Section 5. Section 316.0777, Florida Statutes, is amended  
72 to read:

73 316.0777 Automated license plate recognition systems;  
74 installation within the rights-of-way of the State Highway  
75 System; public records exemption.-

76 (1) As used in this section, the term:

77 (a) "Active," "criminal intelligence information," and  
78 "criminal investigative information" have the same meanings as  
79 provided in s. 119.011(3).

80 (b) "Agency" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
81 119.011.

82 (c) "Automated license plate recognition system" means a  
83 system of one or more mobile or fixed high-speed cameras  
84 combined with computer algorithms to convert images of license  
85 plates into computer-readable data.

86 (d) "Criminal justice agency" has the same meaning as  
87 provided in s. 119.011.

88 (2) (a) As used in this subsection, the term "law  
89 enforcement agency" means an agency that has a primary mission  
90 of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing state penal,  
91 criminal, traffic, and motor vehicle laws and in furtherance of  
92 that mission employs law enforcement officers as defined in s.  
93 943.10(1).

94 (b) At the discretion of the Department of Transportation,  
95 an automated license plate recognition system may be installed  
96 within the rights-of-way, as defined in s. 334.03(21), of any  
97 road on the State Highway System when installed at the request



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98 of a law enforcement agency for the purpose of collecting active  
99 criminal intelligence information or active criminal  
100 investigative information as those terms are described in s.  
101 119.011(3). Such installations must be in accordance with  
102 placement and installation guidelines developed by the  
103 Department of Transportation. An automated license plate  
104 recognition system may not be used to issue a notice of  
105 violation or a traffic citation. An automated license plate  
106 recognition system must be removed within 30 days after the  
107 Department of Transportation notifies the requesting law  
108 enforcement agency that such removal must occur.

109 (c) Installation and removal of an automated license plate  
110 recognition system is at the sole expense of the requesting law  
111 enforcement agency. The Department of Transportation is not  
112 liable for any damages caused to any person by the requesting  
113 law enforcement agency's operation of such a system.

114 (d) Records containing images and data generated through  
115 use of an automated license plate recognition system may not be  
116 retained longer than the maximum period provided in the  
117 retention schedule established pursuant to s. 316.0778.

118 (3)~~(2)~~ The following information held by an agency is  
119 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I  
120 of the State Constitution:

121 (a) Images and data containing or providing personal  
122 identifying information obtained through the use of an automated  
123 license plate recognition system.

124 (b) Personal identifying information of an individual in  
125 data generated or resulting from images obtained through the use  
126 of an automated license plate recognition system.



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127        (4)~~(3)~~ Such information may be disclosed as follows:

128        (a) Any such information may be disclosed by or to a  
129 criminal justice agency in the performance of the criminal  
130 justice agency's official duties.

131        (b) Any such information relating to a license plate  
132 registered to an individual may be disclosed to the individual,  
133 unless such information constitutes active criminal intelligence  
134 information or active criminal investigative information.

135        (5)~~(4)~~ This exemption applies to such information held by  
136 an agency before, on, or after the effective date of this  
137 exemption.

138        Section 6. Effective upon this act becoming a law, present  
139 paragraphs (d) through (g) of subsection (1) of section 330.30,  
140 Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (e) through  
141 (h), respectively, and a new paragraph (d) is added to that  
142 subsection, to read:

143        330.30 Approval of airport sites; registration and  
144 licensure of airports.—

145        (1) SITE APPROVALS; REQUIREMENTS, EFFECTIVE PERIOD,  
146 REVOCATION.—

147        (d) For the purpose of granting site approval, the  
148 department may not require an applicant to provide a written  
149 memorandum of understanding or letter of agreement with other  
150 airport sites regarding air traffic pattern separation  
151 procedures unless such memorandum or letter is required by the  
152 Federal Aviation Administration or is deemed necessary by the  
153 department.

154        Section 7. Subsection (10) is added to section 332.007,  
155 Florida Statutes, to read:



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156           332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and  
157 airport programs and projects; state plan.—

158           (10) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and  
159 unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act or  
160 the substantive bill implementing the General Appropriations  
161 Act, the department may fund up to 100 percent of eligible  
162 project costs of all of the following at a publicly owned,  
163 publicly operated airport located in a rural community as  
164 defined in s. 288.0656 which does not have any scheduled  
165 commercial service:

166           (a) The capital cost of runway and taxiway projects that  
167 add capacity. Such projects must be prioritized based on the  
168 amount of available nonstate matching funds.

169           (b) Economic development transportation projects pursuant  
170 to s. 339.2821.

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172 Any remaining funds must be allocated for projects specified in  
173 subsection (6).

174           Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 334.044, Florida  
175 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (36) is added to that  
176 section, to read:

177           334.044 Powers and duties of the department.—The department  
178 shall have the following general powers and duties:

179           (5) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire property and  
180 materials, including the purchase of promotional items as part  
181 of public information and education campaigns for the promotion  
182 of scenic highways, traffic and train safety awareness,  
183 alternatives to single-occupant vehicle travel, ~~and~~ commercial  
184 motor vehicle safety, electric vehicle use and charging



185 stations, autonomous vehicles, and context design for electric  
186 vehicles and autonomous vehicles; to purchase, lease, or  
187 otherwise acquire equipment and supplies; and to sell, exchange,  
188 or otherwise dispose of any property that is no longer needed by  
189 the department.

190 (36) To expend funds, at the department's discretion, for  
191 training, testing, and licensing for full-time employees of the  
192 department who are required to have a valid Class A or Class B  
193 commercial driver license as a condition of employment with the  
194 department.

195 Section 9. Section 337.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
196 read:

197 337.025 Innovative transportation projects; department to  
198 establish program.—

199 (1) The department may establish a program for  
200 transportation projects demonstrating innovative techniques of  
201 highway and bridge design, construction, maintenance, and  
202 finance which have the intended effect of measuring resiliency  
203 and structural integrity and controlling time and cost increases  
204 on construction projects. Such techniques may include, but are  
205 not limited to, state-of-the-art technology for pavement,  
206 safety, and other aspects of highway and bridge design,  
207 construction, and maintenance; innovative bidding and financing  
208 techniques; accelerated construction procedures; and those  
209 techniques that have the potential to reduce project life cycle  
210 costs. To the maximum extent practical, the department must use  
211 the existing process to award and administer construction and  
212 maintenance contracts. When specific innovative techniques are  
213 to be used, the department is not required to adhere to those





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214 provisions of law that would prevent, preclude, or in any way  
215 prohibit the department from using the innovative technique.  
216 However, before using an innovative technique that is  
217 inconsistent with another provision of law, the department must  
218 document in writing the need for the exception and identify what  
219 benefits the traveling public and the affected community are  
220 anticipated to receive. The department may enter into no more  
221 than \$200 ~~\$120~~ million in contracts awarded annually for the  
222 purposes authorized by this section.

223 (2) The annual cap on contracts provided in subsection (1)  
224 does not apply to:

225 ~~(a)~~ turnpike enterprise projects.

226 ~~(b) Low bid design build milling and resurfacing contracts.~~

227 Section 10. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) and subsection  
228 (7) of section 337.11, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

229 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency  
230 repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined  
231 design and construction contracts; progress payments; records;  
232 requirements of vehicle registration.-

233 (6)

234 (c) When the department determines that it is in the best  
235 interest of the public for reasons of public concern, economy,  
236 improved operations, or safety, and only when circumstances  
237 dictate rapid completion of the work, the department may, up to  
238 the amount of \$500,000 ~~\$250,000~~, enter into contracts for  
239 construction and maintenance without advertising and receiving  
240 competitive bids. The department may enter into such contracts  
241 only upon a determination that the work is necessary for one of  
242 the following reasons:



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243 1. To ensure timely completion of projects or avoidance of  
244 undue delay for other projects;

245 2. To accomplish minor repairs or construction and  
246 maintenance activities for which time is of the essence and for  
247 which significant cost savings would occur; or

248 3. To accomplish nonemergency work necessary to ensure  
249 avoidance of adverse conditions that affect the safe and  
250 efficient flow of traffic.

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252 The department shall make a good faith effort to obtain two or  
253 more quotes, if available, from qualified contractors before  
254 entering into any contract. The department shall give  
255 consideration to disadvantaged business enterprise  
256 participation. However, when the work exists within the limits  
257 of an existing contract, the department shall make a good faith  
258 effort to negotiate and enter into a contract with the prime  
259 contractor on the existing contract.

260 (7) (a) If the department determines that it is in the best  
261 interests of the public, the department may combine the design  
262 and construction phases of a ~~building, a major bridge, a limited~~  
263 ~~access facility, or a rail corridor~~ project into a single  
264 contract. Such contract is referred to as a design-build  
265 contract.

266 (b) If the department determines that it is in the best  
267 interests of the public, the department may combine the design  
268 and construction phases of a project fully funded in the work  
269 program into a single contract and select the design-build firm  
270 in the early stages of a project to ensure that the design-build  
271 firm is part of the collaboration and development of the design



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272 as part of a step-by-step progression through construction. Such  
273 a contract is referred to as a phased design-build contract. For  
274 phased design-build contracts, selection and award must include  
275 a two-phase process. For phase one, the department shall  
276 competitively award the contract to a design-build firm based  
277 upon qualifications. For phase two, the design-build firm shall  
278 competitively bid construction trade subcontractor packages and,  
279 based upon these bids, negotiate with the department a fixed  
280 firm price or guaranteed maximum price that meets the project  
281 budget and scope as advertised in the request for  
282 qualifications.

283 (c) Design-build contracts and phased design-build  
284 contracts may be advertised and awarded notwithstanding the  
285 requirements of paragraph (3)(c). However, construction  
286 activities may not begin on any portion of such projects for  
287 which the department has not yet obtained title to the necessary  
288 rights-of-way and easements for the construction of that portion  
289 of the project has vested in the state or a local governmental  
290 entity and all railroad crossing and utility agreements have  
291 been executed. Title to rights-of-way shall be deemed to have  
292 vested in the state when the title has been dedicated to the  
293 public or acquired by prescription.

294 (d) ~~(b)~~ The department shall adopt by rule procedures for  
295 administering design-build and phased design-build contracts.  
296 Such procedures shall include, but not be limited to:

- 297 1. Prequalification requirements.
- 298 2. Public announcement procedures.
- 299 3. Scope of service requirements.
- 300 4. Letters of interest requirements.



- 301 5. Short-listing criteria and procedures.
- 302 6. Bid proposal requirements.
- 303 7. Technical review committee.
- 304 8. Selection and award processes.
- 305 9. Stipend requirements.

306 (e)~~(e)~~ The department must receive at least three letters  
307 of interest in order to proceed with a request for proposals.  
308 The department shall request proposals from no fewer than three  
309 of the design-build firms submitting letters of interest. If a  
310 design-build firm withdraws from consideration after the  
311 department requests proposals, the department may continue if at  
312 least two proposals are received.

313 Section 11. Paragraph (i) of subsection (6) of section  
314 339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

315 339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

316 (6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers,  
317 privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in  
318 this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement  
319 authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts  
320 required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently  
321 applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It  
322 is the intent of this section that each M.P.O. shall be involved  
323 in the planning and programming of transportation facilities,  
324 including, but not limited to, airports, intercity and high-  
325 speed rail lines, seaports, and intermodal facilities, to the  
326 extent permitted by state or federal law.

327 (i) By December 31, 2023, ~~There is created the Chairs~~  
328 ~~Coordinating Committee, composed of the M.P.O.'s serving Citrus,~~  
329 ~~Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas, Polk, and~~



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330 ~~Sarasota~~ Counties must submit to the Governor, the President of  
331 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a  
332 feasibility report exploring the benefits, costs, and process of  
333 consolidation into a single M.P.O. serving the contiguous  
334 urbanized area, the goal of which is to. ~~The committee must, at~~  
335 ~~a minimum:~~

336 1. Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be  
337 regionally significant ~~by the committee.~~

338 2. Review the impact of regionally significant land use  
339 decisions on the region.

340 3. Review all proposed regionally significant  
341 transportation projects in the ~~respective~~ transportation  
342 improvement programs ~~which affect more than one of the M.P.O.'s~~  
343 ~~represented on the committee.~~

344 4. ~~Institute a conflict resolution process to address any~~  
345 ~~conflict that may arise in the planning and programming of such~~  
346 ~~regionally significant projects.~~

347 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 341.052, Florida  
348 Statutes, is amended to read:

349 341.052 Public transit block grant program; administration;  
350 eligible projects; limitation.—

351 (1) There is created a public transit block grant program  
352 which shall be administered by the department. Block grant funds  
353 shall only be provided to "Section 9" providers and "Section 18"  
354 providers designated by the United States Department of  
355 Transportation and community transportation coordinators as  
356 defined in chapter 427. Eligible providers must establish public  
357 transportation development plans consistent, to the maximum  
358 extent feasible, with approved local government comprehensive



359 plans of the units of local government in which the provider is  
360 located and the long-range transportation plans of the  
361 metropolitan planning area in which the provider is located. In  
362 developing public transportation development plans, eligible  
363 providers must solicit comments from local workforce development  
364 boards established under chapter 445. The development plans must  
365 address how the public transit provider will work with the  
366 appropriate local workforce development board to provide  
367 services to participants in the welfare transition program.  
368 Eligible providers must provide information to the local  
369 workforce development board serving the county in which the  
370 provider is located regarding the availability of transportation  
371 services to assist program participants.

372 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
373 341.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

374 341.061 Transit safety standards; inspections and system  
375 safety reviews.—

376 (1) (a) The department shall adopt by rule minimum safety  
377 standards for governmentally owned fixed-guideway transportation  
378 systems, ~~and~~ privately owned or operated fixed-guideway  
379 transportation systems operating in this state which are  
380 financed wholly or partly by state funds, and any governmentally  
381 or privately owned fixed-guideway transportation systems  
382 operating in this state which are located within an independent  
383 special district created by local act which have boundaries  
384 within two contiguous counties. Standards must be site-specific  
385 for fixed-guideway transportation systems and shall be developed  
386 jointly by the department and representatives of the affected  
387 systems, giving full consideration to nationwide industry safety



388 norms relating to the development and operation of fixed-  
389 guideway transportation systems. The department shall conduct  
390 structural safety inspections in adherence with s. 335.074 for  
391 any fixed-guideway transportation systems that are raised or  
392 have bridges, as appropriate. Inspectors must follow  
393 departmental safety protocols during safety inspections,  
394 including requiring the suspension of system service to ensure  
395 safety and welfare of inspectors and the traveling public during  
396 such inspections.

397 Section 14. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 341.071,  
398 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

399 341.071 Transit productivity and performance measures;  
400 reports.—

401 (2) Each public transit provider shall establish  
402 productivity and performance measures, which must be approved by  
403 the department and which must be selected from measures  
404 developed pursuant to s. 341.041(3). Each provider shall, by  
405 January 31 of each year, report to the department relative to  
406 these measures. In approving these measures, the department  
407 shall give consideration to the goals and objectives of each  
408 system, the needs of the local area, and the role for public  
409 transit in the local area. The report must include the ~~shall~~  
410 ~~also specifically address potential enhancements to productivity~~  
411 ~~and performance which would have the effect of increasing~~  
412 farebox recovery ratio.

413 (3) Each public transit provider shall publish on its  
414 ~~website in the local newspaper of its area~~ the productivity and  
415 performance measures established for the year and a report that  
416 ~~which~~ provides quantitative data relative to the attainment of



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417 established productivity and performance measures.

418 Section 15. Effective upon this act becoming a law, part IV  
419 of chapter 348, Florida Statutes, consisting of ss. 348.965,  
420 348.966, 348.967, 348.968, 348.969, 348.97, 348.971, 348.972,  
421 348.973, 348.974, 348.9751, 348.9761, 348.9771, and 348.9781,  
422 Florida Statutes, is repealed.

423 Section 16. Effective upon this act becoming a law, the  
424 governance and control of the Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority is  
425 transferred to the Department of Transportation.

426 (1) Since the Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority's bridge  
427 system was transferred to the department under the terms of the  
428 lease-purchase agreement and a settlement agreement between the  
429 department and the authority which was effective as of the close  
430 of business on June 30, 2022, any remaining assets, facilities,  
431 tangible and intangible property, and any rights in such  
432 property, and other legal rights of the authority are  
433 transferred to the department. The department succeeds to all  
434 powers of the authority. The department may review other  
435 contracts, financial obligations, and contractual obligations  
436 and liabilities of the authority and may assume legal liability  
437 for such obligations that are determined by the department to be  
438 necessary for the continued operation of the bridge system.

439 (2) The bridge system, or any portion thereof, may be  
440 transferred by the department and become part of the turnpike  
441 system under the Florida Turnpike Enterprise Law, ss. 338.22-  
442 338.241, Florida Statutes.

443 Section 17. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
444 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
445 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,





446 2023.

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

449 And the title is amended as follows:

450 Delete everything before the enacting clause

451 and insert:

452 A bill to be entitled

453 An act relating to the Department of Transportation;  
454 amending s. 206.46, F.S.; increasing the maximum  
455 amount of debt service coverage that may be  
456 transferred from the State Transportation Trust Fund  
457 to the Right-of-Way Acquisition and Bridge  
458 Construction Trust Fund; amending s. 215.616, F.S.;  
459 increasing the maximum term of state bonds for federal  
460 aid highway construction; amending s. 288.9606, F.S.;  
461 providing construction regarding the proceeds of bonds  
462 of the Florida Development Finance Corporation;  
463 revising purposes for which the corporation may,  
464 without certain authorization from a public agency,  
465 issue revenue bonds or other evidence of indebtedness;  
466 amending s. 311.101, F.S.; authorizing the department  
467 to provide up to 100 percent of project costs for  
468 certain eligible projects in rural areas of  
469 opportunity; amending s. 316.0777, F.S.; defining the  
470 term "law enforcement agency"; authorizing  
471 installation of an automated license plate recognition  
472 system within the right-of-way of any road on the  
473 State Highway System for a specified purpose;  
474 providing that such installations are solely within



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475 the department's discretion and must be in accordance  
476 with placement and installation guidelines developed  
477 by the department; prohibiting use of an automated  
478 license plate recognition system to issue a notice of  
479 violation or a traffic citation; requiring removal of  
480 such a system within a specified timeframe at the  
481 expense of the requesting law enforcement agency upon  
482 notification by the department; providing that the  
483 department is not liable for any damages resulting  
484 from the requesting law enforcement agency's operation  
485 of such a system; providing for a maximum period of  
486 retention of certain records generated through the use  
487 of an automated license plate recognition system;  
488 amending s. 330.30, F.S.; prohibiting the department  
489 from requiring an applicant to provide a written  
490 memorandum of understanding or letter of agreement  
491 with other airport sites regarding air traffic pattern  
492 separation procedures under certain circumstances;  
493 providing exceptions; amending s. 332.007, F.S. ;  
494 authorizing the department, subject to the  
495 availability of appropriated funds, to fund up to 100  
496 percent of eligible project costs of certain projects  
497 at specified publicly owned, publicly operated  
498 airports with no scheduled commercial service;  
499 providing prioritization criteria; providing for  
500 allocation of any remaining funds; amending s.  
501 334.044, F.S.; revising the department's powers and  
502 duties; amending s. 337.025, F.S.; increasing the  
503 annual cap on contracts that the department may enter



504 into for innovative transportation projects; revising  
505 exceptions to such cap; amending s. 337.11, F.S.;  
506 increasing the maximum cost of contracts for  
507 construction and maintenance the department may enter  
508 into without advertising and receiving competitive  
509 bids; revising requirements for design-build  
510 contracts; authorizing the department to enter into  
511 phased design-build contracts under certain  
512 circumstances; providing requirements for design-build  
513 and phased design-build contracts; requiring the  
514 department to adopt rules for administering phased  
515 design-build contracts; amending s. 339.175, F.S.;  
516 abolishing the Chairs Coordinating Committee;  
517 requiring metropolitan planning organizations serving  
518 specified counties to submit a certain feasibility  
519 report by a specified date, with certain goals;  
520 amending s. 341.052, F.S.; requiring that public  
521 transportation development plans of eligible providers  
522 of public transit block grants be consistent with the  
523 long-range transportation plans of the metropolitan  
524 planning area in which the providers are located;  
525 amending s. 341.061, F.S.; requiring the department to  
526 adopt by rule minimum safety standards for certain  
527 fixed-guideway transportation systems; requiring the  
528 department to conduct certain structural inspections  
529 and follow certain safety protocols during such  
530 inspections; amending s. 341.071, F.S.; revising  
531 requirements of annual public transit provider  
532 reports; requiring each public transit provider to



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533 publish on its website, rather than in the local  
534 newspaper, certain performance measures; repealing  
535 part IV of ch. 348, F.S., relating to the Santa Rosa  
536 Bay Bridge Authority; transferring the governance and  
537 control of the Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority to the  
538 department; transferring the remaining assets,  
539 facilities, property, and property rights of the  
540 authority to the department; providing that the  
541 department succeeds to all powers of the authority;  
542 authorizing the department to review other contracts,  
543 financial obligations, and contractual obligations and  
544 liabilities of the authority and to assume legal  
545 liability for such obligations determined by the  
546 department to be necessary for the continued operation  
547 of the bridge system; authorizing the department to  
548 transfer the bridge system, or any portion thereof, to  
549 become part of the turnpike system; providing  
550 effective dates.