

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to strategic transportation
 3 infrastructure investment; creating s. 339.601, F.S.;
 4 requiring the Department of Transportation to develop
 5 a Strategic Infrastructure Investment Plan; providing
 6 the purpose of the plan; providing requirements for
 7 plan development; requiring the plan to contain
 8 certain provisions; providing requirements for the
 9 review, update, timeframe, and strategy and
 10 performance metrics of the plan; requiring the
 11 Secretary of Transportation to submit the plan and a
 12 specified report biennially to the Governor and
 13 Legislature; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; requiring the
 14 department to make an annual distribution to the State
 15 Transportation Trust Fund to fund projects identified
 16 in the plan; providing an effective date.

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 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 20 Section 1. Section 339.601, Florida Statutes, is created
 21 to read:

22 339.601 Strategic Infrastructure Investment Plan.—
 23 (1) The department shall develop a Strategic
 24 Infrastructure Investment Plan to address freight mobility
 25 infrastructure and secure the state economic driver. To develop

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26 | the plan, the department shall consult with relevant
 27 | stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

28 | (a) Representatives from all modes of transportation,
 29 | including aviation, freight and rail, seaports, trucking, and
 30 | roadways.

31 | (b) Florida anchor businesses, such as agriculture.

32 | (c) County and municipal governments.

33 | (d) Other transportation stakeholders.

34 | (2) In developing the Strategic Infrastructure Investment
 35 | Plan, the department shall consider, complete, and, where
 36 | appropriate, integrate:

37 | (a) Other relevant transportation plans developed by other
 38 | stakeholders, including, but not limited to, seaports, freight
 39 | and rail, and aviation.

40 | (b) A strategic review of all seaports in this state which
 41 | reflects individual missions and outlines current economic
 42 | reach, drivers, and hurdles; current and future capacity;
 43 | existing and potential warehouse availability; interplay with
 44 | other regional ports; land availability; and rail, aviation, and
 45 | roadway connectivity to growth and strategic state funding.

46 | (c) Intermodal logistics centers existing or necessary
 47 | within or outside this state and appropriate locations with
 48 | regard to trucking rest stops, travel patterns, seaports,
 49 | airports, and state boundaries.

50 | (d) Freight trucking corridor alignment.

51 (e) Identification of pathways to connect rail and water
52 transportation.

53 (f) Regional transportation plans developed by
54 metropolitan planning organizations.

55 (g) Local transportation plans developed by county and
56 municipal governments.

57 (h) Review of state lands available to potential use for
58 intermodal logistics centers.

59 (i) Evolving alternative transportation fuel sources,
60 including, but not limited to, electric power and natural gas.

61 (j) Advanced air mobility implementation associated with
62 air cargo and vertiports.

63 (k) Population growth over the previous 3 years.

64 (l) Major centers of economic activity and job centers.

65 (3) The Strategic Infrastructure Investment Plan shall:

66 (a) Outline annual strategies to preserve and secure a
67 sustainable logistics transportation network throughout this
68 state for current freight and freight economic development.

69 (b) Recommend a staged approach to improve reliability,
70 diminish border states' impact, and address issues or priorities
71 associated with sustainability, future development of a
72 logistics transportation network, and economic competitiveness
73 throughout the southeastern United States.

74 (c) Preserve or mitigate environmental, agricultural, and
75 aquaculture impacts based on logistics network recommendations.

76 (d) Provide a framework, strategic review, and
77 recommendations regarding seaports in this state, including
78 current access, level of service, population warehouse
79 availability, fuel requirements, and growth for strategic
80 investment opportunities.

81 (e) Recommend a staggered financial investment approach
82 related to growth and strategic outcomes required to achieve a
83 comprehensive plan.

84 (f) Provide recommendations that will create mobility
85 access while reducing congestion and improve communities for
86 residents and freight transportation.

87 (g) Establish a connected multimodal transportation system
88 related to economic development, job creation, and
89 manufacturing.

90 (h) Recommend placement of and a systematic approach to
91 intermodal logistics centers with regard to trucking rest stops,
92 freight travel patterns, and potential designations of freight
93 trucking corridors and fuel requirements.

94 (i) Provide guidance to the Legislature on financial
95 strategic growth investments to achieve the infrastructure
96 proposed in the plan, with consideration of the following
97 factors:

- 98 1. Asset management.
- 99 2. Optimization of return on investment.
- 100 3. Border state competition.

101 4. Long-term maintenance and operation of the
 102 transportation system.

103 (4) The Strategic Infrastructure Investment Plan must be
 104 reviewed and updated no less frequently than biennially, must
 105 cover a 10-year period, and must identify metrics associated
 106 with strategic components informing the plan's strategy and
 107 performance.

108 (5) The Secretary of Transportation shall submit the
 109 Strategic Infrastructure Investment Plan to the Governor, the
 110 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 111 Representatives on or before December 1, 2024, and every 2 years
 112 thereafter, along with a report that shall include, for each
 113 strategic infrastructure investment, a finance plan,
 114 identification of any funding shortfalls, and a schedule and
 115 measures used to determine whether the strategic infrastructure
 116 investments have been made.

117 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section
 118 212.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

119 212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers of
 120 department; operational expense; refund of taxes adjudicated
 121 unconstitutionally collected.—

122 (6) Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter and
 123 ss. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) and 203.01(1)(a)3. is as follows:

124 (d) The proceeds of all other taxes and fees imposed
 125 pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b)

126 and (2) (b) shall be distributed as follows:

127 1. In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million, minus
128 an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the taxes
129 collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5.2 percent of all other
130 taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted
131 pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2) (b) shall be deposited in
132 monthly installments into the General Revenue Fund.

133 2. After the distribution under subparagraph 1., 8.9744
134 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer located
135 within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61 shall be
136 transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax
137 Clearing Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the amount to be
138 transferred shall be reduced by 0.1 percent, and the department
139 shall distribute this amount to the Public Employees Relations
140 Commission Trust Fund less \$5,000 each month, which shall be
141 added to the amount calculated in subparagraph 3. and
142 distributed accordingly.

143 3. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and 2.,
144 0.0966 percent shall be transferred to the Local Government
145 Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and distributed pursuant
146 to s. 218.65.

147 4. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and
148 3., 2.0810 percent of the available proceeds shall be
149 transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for
150 Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.

151 5. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and
152 3., 1.3653 percent of the available proceeds shall be
153 transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for
154 Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215. If the total revenue to
155 be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph is at least as
156 great as the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for
157 Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance
158 Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, no municipality shall
159 receive less than the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust
160 Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial
161 Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000. If the
162 total proceeds to be distributed are less than the amount
163 received in combination from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for
164 Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance
165 Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, each municipality
166 shall receive an amount proportionate to the amount it was due
167 in state fiscal year 1999-2000.

168 6. Of the remaining proceeds:

169 a. In each fiscal year, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall be
170 divided into as many equal parts as there are counties in the
171 state, and one part shall be distributed to each county. The
172 distribution among the several counties must begin each fiscal
173 year on or before January 5th and continue monthly for a total
174 of 4 months. If a local or special law required that any moneys
175 accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the then-

176 existing provisions of s. 550.135 be paid directly to the
177 district school board, special district, or a municipal
178 government, such payment must continue until the local or
179 special law is amended or repealed. The state covenants with
180 holders of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued by
181 local governments, special districts, or district school boards
182 before July 1, 2000, that it is not the intent of this
183 subparagraph to adversely affect the rights of those holders or
184 relieve local governments, special districts, or district school
185 boards of the duty to meet their obligations as a result of
186 previous pledges or assignments or trusts entered into which
187 obligated funds received from the distribution to county
188 governments under then-existing s. 550.135. This distribution
189 specifically is in lieu of funds distributed under s. 550.135
190 before July 1, 2000.

191 b. The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly to
192 each applicant certified as a facility for a new or retained
193 professional sports franchise pursuant to s. 288.1162. Up to
194 \$41,667 shall be distributed monthly by the department to each
195 certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11621 for a facility
196 for a spring training franchise. However, not more than \$416,670
197 may be distributed monthly in the aggregate to all certified
198 applicants for facilities for spring training franchises.
199 Distributions begin 60 days after such certification and
200 continue for not more than 30 years, except as otherwise

201 provided in s. 288.11621. A certified applicant identified in
202 this sub-subparagraph may not receive more in distributions than
203 expended by the applicant for the public purposes provided in s.
204 288.1162(5) or s. 288.11621(3).

205 c. The department shall distribute up to \$83,333 monthly
206 to each certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11631 for a
207 facility used by a single spring training franchise, or up to
208 \$166,667 monthly to each certified applicant as defined in s.
209 288.11631 for a facility used by more than one spring training
210 franchise. Monthly distributions begin 60 days after such
211 certification or July 1, 2016, whichever is later, and continue
212 for not more than 20 years to each certified applicant as
213 defined in s. 288.11631 for a facility used by a single spring
214 training franchise or not more than 25 years to each certified
215 applicant as defined in s. 288.11631 for a facility used by more
216 than one spring training franchise. A certified applicant
217 identified in this sub-subparagraph may not receive more in
218 distributions than expended by the applicant for the public
219 purposes provided in s. 288.11631(3).

220 d. The department shall distribute \$15,333 monthly to the
221 State Transportation Trust Fund.

222 e.(I) On or before July 25, 2021, August 25, 2021, and
223 September 25, 2021, the department shall distribute \$324,533,334
224 in each of those months to the Unemployment Compensation Trust
225 Fund, less an adjustment for refunds issued from the General

226 Revenue Fund pursuant to s. 443.131(3)(e)3. before making the
227 distribution. The adjustments made by the department to the
228 total distributions shall be equal to the total refunds made
229 pursuant to s. 443.131(3)(e)3. If the amount of refunds to be
230 subtracted from any single distribution exceeds the
231 distribution, the department may not make that distribution and
232 must subtract the remaining balance from the next distribution.

233 (II) Beginning July 2022, and on or before the 25th day of
234 each month, the department shall distribute \$90 million monthly
235 to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.

236 (III) If the ending balance of the Unemployment
237 Compensation Trust Fund exceeds \$4,071,519,600 on the last day
238 of any month, as determined from United States Department of the
239 Treasury data, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research
240 shall certify to the department that the ending balance of the
241 trust fund exceeds such amount.

242 (IV) This sub-subparagraph is repealed, and the department
243 shall end monthly distributions under sub-sub-subparagraph (II),
244 on the date the department receives certification under sub-sub-
245 subparagraph (III).

246 f. Beginning July 1, 2023, in each fiscal year, the
247 department shall distribute \$27.5 million to the Florida
248 Agricultural Promotional Campaign Trust Fund under s. 571.26,
249 for further distribution in accordance with s. 571.265. This
250 sub-subparagraph is repealed June 30, 2025.

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251 7. Beginning July 1, 2025, in each fiscal year, the
252 department shall distribute \$150 million to the State
253 Transportation Trust Fund to fund projects identified in the
254 Strategic Infrastructure Investment Plan developed pursuant to
255 s. 339.601.

256 ~~8.7.~~ All other proceeds must remain in the General Revenue
257 Fund.

258 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.