



GOV. SCOTT'S FLORIDA FIRST BUDGET WILL MAKE FLORIDA FIRST IN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BY INVESTING \$9.9 BILLION

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TALLAHASSEE – Governor Rick Scott today announced that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will receive a total \$9.9 billion in the "Florida First" budget to make strategic transportation investments statewide and maintain Florida's world-class transportation system.

Governor Scott said, "Our Florida First budget ensures Florida will have one of the best and well-maintained transportation systems in the world. We are making critical infrastructure investments in our highways, bridges, seaports, airports, transit and trails. Having a strong infrastructure system is vital to our continued economic growth and making Florida first for job growth. We consistently have a top-rated infrastructure system and we will continue to make strategic investments to make Florida first for transportation."

The Governor's FY 2016/2017 transportation budget makes the following investments:

- \$3.3 billion for construction of highway projects to keep Florida's transportation infrastructure among the best in the country.
- \$153.9 million in seaport infrastructure improvements to keep Florida First in the world for ocean cruise passengers and a major U.S. cargo gateway.
- \$237.6 million for aviation improvements to keep Florida First in airport infrastructure investments.
- \$731.9 million for scheduled repair of 48 bridges and replacement of 21 bridges to keep Florida's bridges among the best structures in the country.
- \$963.4 million for maintenance and operation to keep Florida's infrastructure among the best maintained in the country.
- \$574 million for public transit development grants to keep Florida's growth in transit ridership over the last five years among the best in the country.
- \$159 million for safety initiatives to continue to improve the safety of families and visitors on our roads.
- \$46.6 million for bike and pedestrian trails to keep Florida's trail development among the best in the country.

FDOT Secretary Jim Boxold said, "This budget continues Governor Scott's commitment to keeping Florida First in the nation for transportation. The Governor's budget recommendation will ensure Florida has the world class transportation system it needs for its growing population and record visitors, and new and expanding businesses."

Major projects for FY 2017 by region include:

Northeast Florida

- \$36.0M to acquire right of way for the First Coast Expressway in Clay County. FDOT is currently building the First Coast Expressway in Duval County. This funding will allow the department to complete land acquisition in Clay County, the next step to ensuring that construction continues its current location through Clay County. The First Coast Expressway is a new all electronic toll facility that will improve the movement of people and goods throughout the region.
- \$64.0M to build the Baldwin Bypass around SR 200 (US 301) from South of Baldwin to North of Baldwin in Duval County. This project will provide relief to drivers currently impacted by rail traffic in Baldwin. It will relieve congestion and speed the movement of people and freight on this facility, which is part of the state's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).
- \$43.8M to add additional lanes and reconstruct the existing SR 200 (A1A) from I-95 to west of Still Quarters Road in Nassau County. This project will relieve congestion and improve movement of people and goods to the Port of Fernandina.
- \$25.0M to continue land acquisition along the SR 20 corridor in Putnam County (from SW 56th Avenue to CR 315). This corridor, which is part of the state's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), serves as a critical link between Gainesville and Palatka. When constructed, the project will provide relief from traffic congestion and increase capacity.
- \$20.9M at JAXPORT to support channel and terminal improvements, and cargo crane acquisition.

Northwest Florida

- \$496.5M to replace the Pensacola Bay Bridge in Escambia County connecting downtown Pensacola with the City of Gulf Breeze across the bay. This project will also expand the structure and the approaches to six-lanes, easing traffic and congestion for commuters and tourists.
- \$47.4M to improve the roadway and add lanes on SR 390 in Bay County (from 23rd Street to Jenks Avenue). This project will relieve congestion and promote opportunities for growth along the corridor by converting the roadway to a six-lane divided facility with buffered bike lanes and sidewalks. An improved Strategic Intermodal System corridor will also better serve as a Hurricane Evacuation Route for surrounding communities.
- \$25.6M to improve the roadway and add lanes on 3.4 miles of SR 30 in Walton County through the Miramar Beach area. This project will relieve congestion and

- improve safety by converting the corridor to a six-lane road with raised median, buffered bike lanes and eight feet sidewalks.
- \$13.2M to improve and expand 1.6 miles of SR 390 in Bay County through the City of Lynn Haven. This project will relieve congestion and improve safety for the 24,000 daily trips on this SIS facility. Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians will benefit when the two-lane road is widened to a six-lane road with a raised median, buffered bike lanes and sidewalks. The project also includes drainage improvements, storm water facilities, and installation of roadway lighting.

Southwest Florida

- \$66.2M to improve and expand SR 80 in Hendry County. It also improves access to and from the cities of LaBelle, Moore Haven and Clewiston, as well as regional access to and from the east and west coasts. The project will accommodate future traffic within the corridor, improve safety and provide adequate capacity for future growth and development. Additionally, Lee and Palm Beach county residents will benefit from the improvements to this important hurricane evacuation route.

Southeast Florida

- \$247M to improve and expand the I-395 corridor in Miami-Dade County (from the I-95/Midtown Interchange (I-95/State Road 836/I-395) to the MacArthur Causeway Bridge in the City of Miami Beach. The proposed improvements will improve flow of traffic along the mainline as well as the connections to I-95 and SR 836, both northbound and southbound. The corridor is noteworthy for its raised structures and signature bridge over Biscayne Blvd and subsurface streetscapes serving bicyclists, pedestrians and community activities. Local neighborhoods will also benefit from improvements to various intersections along North Miami Avenue (NE 2 Avenue, NE 1 Avenue and Biscayne Boulevard).
- \$48.7M to expand and improve Krome Avenue in Miami-Dade County (from SW 296th Street to south of SW 136th Street). This project will improve safety, traffic operations and access points to reduce fatalities in the corridor. The road will be widened from two-lanes to a four-lane divided highway, and will include new bridges over several canals, improve drainage systems and lighting along the length of the project.
- \$42.3M to expand and improve SR 710/Beeline Highway in Martin County (from east of SR 76 to the Palm Beach County Line). This project will relieve congestion by widening from a two-lane undivided to a four-lane divided roadway. Other improvements include an improved drainage system with open swales and a box culvert for wildlife crossing.
- \$38.4M to repair and rehabilitate SR 5/Old 7 Mile Bridge in Monroe County (from Knights Key to Pigeon Key). This project will restore safe vehicular and pedestrian access over the bridge to Pigeon Key as the current structure has been closed to vehicular traffic. Residents and visitors will enjoy improved access to this popular tourist attraction and historic landmark which has only been accessible by ferry service.

- \$17M to extend the runway at Fort Lauderdale - Hollywood International Airport in Broward County. This project will assist with meeting future demands for commercial and general aviation traffic through improvements and modifications to accommodate the eastward construction of the New South Runway and one parallel taxiway.

East Central Florida

- \$246M to extend the Wekiva Parkway five miles from Lake County into Seminole County. The project includes a new bridge across the Wekiva River which has been engineered to high environmental and aesthetic specifications in order to preserve the natural state of the environmentally sensitive area. The bridge will also include a separated and safe area for bicyclists and pedestrians providing links to trail systems in the area. Wekiva Parkway in east Lake County will also feature parallel, non-tolled, service roads for local trips.
- \$50.6M to replace the SR 19 bridge over Little Lake Harris in Lake County. The new two-lane bridge will increase mobility and safety of travelers as it includes shoulders, sidewalk and roadway approaches on both ends of the bridge.
- \$7.5M for Space Florida Launch Complex Improvements in Brevard County demonstrating Florida's leadership and commitment to space flight and related businesses as the Space Center transitions to commercial space flight. Improvements will help attract more commercial activity to the area.
- \$6.3M for improvements at Orlando International Airport's south airport passenger terminal complex in Orange County. The state has partnered with the airport to assist with their \$1.1 billion-plus expansion to ensure processing and transition of approximately 37 million passengers they welcome each year.

West Central Florida

- \$55M for Tampa International Airport in Hillsborough County to continue development and construction of an automated people mover. The people mover will transport visitors from a consolidated rental car facility to the main terminal thereby reducing the congestion along George Bean Parkway. It will also connect the proposed Westshore Multimodal Center with the airport and greatly enhance the movement of visitors and residents throughout the region.
- \$5M for right-of-way for the future widening of SR 574/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Hillsborough County (from east of Kings Way to east of McIntosh Road). This project will support growth in the area from the current low density development (mixture of agricultural, commercial, and planned residential developments) to a future urban environment.

Florida Transportation Commission Chairman Jay Trumbull said, "Governor Scott's continued investments in transportation infrastructure have led to a strong economy and more jobs. His focus on transportation investments supports our state's businesses, enhances the quality of life for our residents and provides safety and convenience for our visitors."

Florida Transportation Builders' Association President Bob Burleson said, "Governor Scott's budget makes important strategic investments in transportation infrastructure. A robust transportation budget creates a solid foundation for a growing economy and more jobs for Florida's families."

Florida Ports Council President and CEO Doug Wheeler said, "Governor Scott recognizes that the growth of Florida's seaports is critical to the success of our state's economy and future of Florida. His budget recommendation this year reflects his administration's continuing priority to position Florida as a leader in freight movement and a global hub for trade."

Floridians for Better Transportation President Matthew D. Ubben said, "Governor Scott's significant investment in our transportation system will continue to pay dividends with more jobs with higher wages and continued expansion in our economy."

Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida 2015-16 President Mark Marine said, "Governor Scott continues to invest in our transportation system for Florida's future economic growth. A strong transportation system keeps Florida moving."

Florida Concrete & Products Association President Mike Murtha said, "Governor Scott's transportation budget demonstrates why Florida's transportation infrastructure remains one of the best in the nation. With each budget, Governor Scott continues to solidify his legacy as one focused on building a transportation system that supports Florida jobs and Florida families."

Florida Public Transportation Association Executive Director Lisa M. Bacot said, "Governor Scott's transportation budget makes significant investments in transportation infrastructure for all Floridians. Governor Scott demonstrates continued leadership in providing transportation resources for those who need it the most."

Florida Airports Council President and CEO Lisa Lyle Waters said, "Governor Scott continues his strong record of investments in our state's airports. Over half of all visitors to our state come through our airports. With the record growth in Florida tourism and its contribution to our economy, by continuing to invest in our airports, we invest in the future of our state."

For additional details on the Governor's "Florida First" budget for FY 2016-2017, visit www.FloridaFirstBudget.com

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