

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Brandes

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation; amending s.
3 316.003, F.S.; defining and revising the definitions
4 of terms; amending s. 316.0745, F.S.; revising the
5 circumstances under which the Department of
6 Transportation is authorized to direct the removal of
7 certain traffic control devices; requiring the public
8 agency erecting or installing such a device to bring
9 it into compliance with certain requirements or remove
10 it upon the direction of the department; amending s.
11 316.0895, F.S.; providing that provisions prohibiting
12 a driver from following certain vehicles within a
13 specified distance do not apply to truck tractor-
14 semitrailer combinations under certain circumstances;
15 amending s. 316.303, F.S.; providing exceptions to the
16 prohibition against certain television-type receiving
17 equipment in vehicles; amending s. 316.85, F.S.;
18 revising the circumstances under which a licensed
19 driver is authorized to operate an autonomous vehicle
20 in autonomous mode; amending s. 316.86, F.S.; deleting
21 a provision authorizing the operation of vehicles
22 equipped with autonomous technology on roads in this
23 state for testing purposes by certain persons or
24 research organizations; deleting a requirement that a
25 human operator be present in an autonomous vehicle for
26 testing purposes; deleting certain financial
27 responsibility requirements for entities performing
28 such testing; amending s. 319.145, F.S.; revising
29 provisions relating to required equipment and
30 operation of autonomous vehicles; amending s. 332.08,
31 F.S.; extending the authorized term of certain
32 airport-related leases; amending s. 338.155, F.S.;

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33 requiring a toll facility to ensure the presence of
34 signage notifying drivers if cash payment is not an
35 option; amending s. 338.165, F.S.; deleting an
36 authorization to issue certain bonds secured by toll
37 revenues collected on the Beeline-East Expressway, the
38 Navarre Bridge, and the Pinellas Bayway; authorizing
39 the department's Pinellas Bayway System to be
40 transferred by the department and become part of the
41 turnpike system under the Florida Turnpike Enterprise
42 Law; providing applicability; requiring the department
43 to transfer certain funds to the Florida Turnpike
44 Enterprise for certain purposes; repealing chapter 85-
45 364, Laws of Florida, as amended, relating to the
46 Pinellas Bayway; amending s. 338.231, F.S.; increasing
47 the number of years before an inactive prepaid toll
48 account shall be presumed unclaimed; deleting
49 provisions relating to the use of revenues from the
50 turnpike system to pay the principal and interest of a
51 specified series of bonds and certain expenses of the
52 Sawgrass Expressway; amending s. 339.175, F.S.;
53 requiring certain long-range transportation plans to
54 include assessment of capital investment and other
55 measures necessary to make the most efficient use of
56 existing transportation facilities to improve safety;
57 requiring the assessments to include consideration of
58 infrastructure and technological improvements
59 necessary to accommodate advances in vehicle
60 technology; amending s. 339.2818, F.S.; increasing the
61 population ceiling in the definition of the term

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62 "small county" for purposes of the Small County
63 Outreach Program; deleting an alternative definition
64 of the term "small county" for a specified fiscal
65 year; amending s. 339.64, F.S.; requiring the
66 department to coordinate with certain partners and
67 industry representatives to consider infrastructure
68 and technological improvements necessary to
69 accommodate advances in vehicle technology in
70 Strategic Intermodal System facilities; requiring the
71 Strategic Intermodal System Plan to include a needs
72 assessment regarding such infrastructure and
73 technological improvements; repealing s. 341.0532,
74 F.S., relating to statewide transportation corridors;
75 amending s. 348.565, F.S.; expanding the list of
76 projects of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway
77 Authority which are approved to be financed or
78 refinanced by the issuance of certain revenue bonds;
79 providing an effective date.

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

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83 Section 1. Present subsections (90) through (93) of section
84 316.003, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (91),
85 (93), (94), and (95), respectively, present subsection (90) of
86 that section is amended, and new subsections (90) and (92) are
87 added to that section, to read:

88 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when
89 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively
90 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context

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91 otherwise requires:

92 (90) AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGY.—Technology installed on a motor
93 vehicle which has the capability to drive the vehicle on which
94 the technology is installed without the active control of or
95 monitoring by a human operator.

96 (91)~~(90)~~ AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE.—Any vehicle equipped with
97 autonomous technology. The term “autonomous technology” means
98 technology installed on a motor vehicle that has the capability
99 to drive the vehicle on which the technology is installed
100 without the active control or monitoring by a human operator.
101 The term excludes a motor vehicle enabled with active safety
102 systems or driver assistance systems, including, without
103 limitation, a system to provide electronic blind spot
104 assistance, crash avoidance, emergency braking, parking
105 assistance, adaptive cruise control, lane keep assistance, lane
106 departure warning, or traffic jam and queuing assistant, unless
107 any such system alone or in combination with other systems
108 enables the vehicle on which the technology is installed to
109 drive without the active control or monitoring by a human
110 operator.

111 (92) DRIVER-ASSISTIVE TRUCK PLATOONING TECHNOLOGY.—Vehicle
112 automation technology that integrates a sensor array, wireless
113 communications, vehicle controls, and specialized software to
114 synchronize the acceleration and braking between no more than
115 two truck tractor-semitrailer combinations, while leaving each
116 vehicle’s steering control and systems command in the control of
117 the vehicle’s driver.

118 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 316.0745, Florida
119 Statutes, is amended to read:

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120 316.0745 Uniform signals and devices.-

121 (7) The Department of Transportation may, upon receipt and
122 investigation of reported noncompliance and is authorized, after
123 hearing pursuant to 14 days' notice, ~~to~~ direct the removal of
124 any purported traffic control device that fails to meet the
125 requirements of this section, wherever the device is located and
126 without regard to assigned responsibility under s. 316.1895
127 ~~which fails to meet the requirements of this section.~~ The public
128 agency erecting or installing the same shall immediately bring
129 it into compliance with the requirements of this section or
130 remove said device or signal upon the direction of the
131 Department of Transportation and may not, for a period of 5
132 years, install any replacement or new traffic control devices
133 paid for in part or in full with revenues raised by the state
134 unless written prior approval is received from the Department of
135 Transportation. Any additional violation by a public body or
136 official shall be cause for the withholding of state funds for
137 traffic control purposes until such public body or official
138 demonstrates to the Department of Transportation that it is
139 complying with this section.

140 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 316.0895, Florida
141 Statutes, is amended to read:

142 316.0895 Following too closely.-

143 (2) It is unlawful for the driver of any motor truck, motor
144 truck drawing another vehicle, or vehicle towing another vehicle
145 or trailer, when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business
146 or residence district, to follow within 300 feet of another
147 motor truck, motor truck drawing another vehicle, or vehicle
148 towing another vehicle or trailer. ~~The provisions of This~~

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149 subsection may ~~shall~~ not be construed to prevent overtaking and
150 passing, nor does it ~~nor shall the same~~ apply upon any lane
151 specially designated for use by motor trucks or other slow-
152 moving vehicles. This subsection does not apply to two truck
153 tractor-semitrailer combinations equipped and connected with
154 driver-assistive truck platooning technology, as defined in s.
155 316.003, and operating on a multilane limited access facility,
156 if:

157 (a) The owner or operator first submits to the department
158 an instrument of insurance, a surety bond, or proof of self-
159 insurance acceptable to the department in the amount of \$1
160 million;

161 (b) The vehicles are equipped with an external indication,
162 visible to surrounding motorists, that the vehicles are engaged
163 in truck platooning; and

164 (c) The vehicles are not required to be placarded pursuant
165 to 49 C.F.R. parts 171-179.

166 Section 4. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 316.303,
167 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

168 316.303 Television receivers.—

169 (1) A ~~No~~ motor vehicle may not be operated on the highways
170 of this state if the vehicle is ~~shall be~~ equipped with
171 television-type receiving equipment so located that the viewer
172 or screen is visible from the driver's seat, unless the vehicle
173 is equipped with autonomous technology, as defined in s.
174 316.003, and is being operated in autonomous mode, as provided
175 in s. 316.85(2).

176 (3) This section does not prohibit the use of an electronic
177 display used in conjunction with a vehicle navigation system; an

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178 electronic display used by an operator of a vehicle equipped
179 with autonomous technology, as defined in s. 316.003; or an
180 electronic display used by an operator of a vehicle equipped and
181 operating with driver-assistive truck platooning technology, as
182 defined in s. 316.003.

183 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 316.85, Florida
184 Statutes, is amended to read:

185 316.85 Autonomous vehicles; operation.-

186 (1) A person who possesses a valid driver license may
187 operate an autonomous vehicle in autonomous mode on roads in
188 this state if the vehicle is equipped with autonomous
189 technology, as defined in s. 316.003.

190 Section 6. Section 316.86, Florida Statutes, is amended to
191 read:

192 ~~316.86 Operation of vehicles equipped with autonomous~~
193 ~~technology on roads for testing purposes; financial~~
194 ~~responsibility; Exemption from liability for manufacturer when~~
195 ~~third party converts vehicle.-~~

196 ~~(1) Vehicles equipped with autonomous technology may be~~
197 ~~operated on roads in this state by employees, contractors, or~~
198 ~~other persons designated by manufacturers of autonomous~~
199 ~~technology, or by research organizations associated with~~
200 ~~accredited educational institutions, for the purpose of testing~~
201 ~~the technology. For testing purposes, a human operator shall be~~
202 ~~present in the autonomous vehicle such that he or she has the~~
203 ~~ability to monitor the vehicle's performance and intervene, if~~
204 ~~necessary, unless the vehicle is being tested or demonstrated on~~
205 ~~a closed course. Before the start of testing in this state, the~~
206 ~~entity performing the testing must submit to the department an~~

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207 ~~instrument of insurance, surety bond, or proof of self insurance~~
208 ~~acceptable to the department in the amount of \$5 million.~~

209 ~~(2)~~ The original manufacturer of a vehicle converted by a
210 third party into an autonomous vehicle is ~~shall~~ not be liable
211 in, and shall have a defense to and be dismissed from, any legal
212 action brought against the original manufacturer by any person
213 injured due to an alleged vehicle defect caused by the
214 conversion of the vehicle, or by equipment installed by the
215 converter, unless the alleged defect was present in the vehicle
216 as originally manufactured.

217 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 319.145, Florida
218 Statutes, is amended to read:

219 319.145 Autonomous vehicles.—

220 (1) An autonomous vehicle registered in this state must
221 continue to meet applicable federal standards and regulations
222 for such a motor vehicle. The vehicle must ~~shall~~:

223 (a) Have a system to safely alert the operator if an
224 autonomous technology failure is detected while the autonomous
225 technology is engaged. When an alert is given, the system must:

226 1. Require the operator to take control of the autonomous
227 vehicle; or

228 2. If the operator does not, or is not able to, take
229 control of the autonomous vehicle, be capable of bringing the
230 vehicle to a complete stop ~~Have a means to engage and disengage~~
231 ~~the autonomous technology which is easily accessible to the~~
232 ~~operator.~~

233 (b) Have a means, inside the vehicle, to visually indicate
234 when the vehicle is operating in autonomous mode.

235 ~~(c) Have a means to alert the operator of the vehicle if a~~

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236 ~~technology failure affecting the ability of the vehicle to~~
237 ~~safely operate autonomously is detected while the vehicle is~~
238 ~~operating autonomously in order to indicate to the operator to~~
239 ~~take control of the vehicle.~~

240 (c) ~~(d)~~ Be capable of being operated in compliance with the
241 applicable traffic and motor vehicle laws of this state.

242 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
243 332.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

244 332.08 Additional powers.—

245 (1) In addition to the general powers in ss. 332.01-332.12
246 conferred and without limitation thereof, a municipality that
247 has established or may hereafter establish airports, restricted
248 landing areas, or other air navigation facilities, or that has
249 acquired or set apart or may hereafter acquire or set apart real
250 property for such purposes, is authorized:

251 (c) To lease for a term not exceeding 50 ~~30~~ years such
252 airports or other air navigation facilities, or real property
253 acquired or set apart for airport purposes, to private parties,
254 any municipal or state government or the national government, or
255 any department of either thereof, for operation; to lease or
256 assign for a term not exceeding 50 ~~30~~ years to private parties,
257 any municipal or state government or the national government, or
258 any department of either thereof, for operation or use
259 consistent with the purposes of ss. 332.01-332.12, space, area,
260 improvements, or equipment on such airports; to sell any part of
261 such airports, other air navigation facilities, or real property
262 to any municipal or state government, or the United States or
263 any department or instrumentality thereof, for aeronautical
264 purposes or purposes incidental thereto, and to confer the

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265 privileges of concessions of supplying upon its airports goods,
266 commodities, things, services, and facilities; provided, that in
267 each case in so doing the public is not deprived of its rightful
268 equal and uniform use thereof.

269 Section 9. Section 338.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to
270 read:

271 338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required;
272 exemptions; signage required.—

273 (1) A person may not use any toll facility without payment
274 of tolls, except employees of the agency operating the toll
275 project when using the toll facility on official state business,
276 state military personnel while on official military business,
277 handicapped persons as provided in this section, persons exempt
278 from toll payment by the authorizing resolution for bonds issued
279 to finance the facility, and persons exempt on a temporary basis
280 where use of such toll facility is required as a detour route.
281 Any law enforcement officer operating a marked official vehicle
282 is exempt from toll payment when on official law enforcement
283 business. Any person operating a fire vehicle when on official
284 business or a rescue vehicle when on official business is exempt
285 from toll payment. Any person participating in the funeral
286 procession of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in
287 the line of duty is exempt from toll payment. The secretary or
288 the secretary's designee may suspend the payment of tolls on a
289 toll facility when necessary to assist in emergency evacuation.
290 The failure to pay a prescribed toll constitutes a noncriminal
291 traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided
292 in s. 318.18. The department may adopt rules relating to the
293 payment, collection, and enforcement of tolls, as authorized in

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294 this chapter and chapters 316, 318, 320, and 322, including, but
295 not limited to, rules for the implementation of video or other
296 image billing and variable pricing. With respect to toll
297 facilities managed by the department, the revenues of which are
298 not pledged to repayment of bonds, the department may by rule
299 allow the use of such facilities by public transit vehicles or
300 by vehicles participating in a funeral procession for an active-
301 duty military service member without the payment of tolls.

302 (2) Any person driving an automobile or other vehicle
303 belonging to the Department of Military Affairs used for
304 transporting military personnel, stores, and property, when
305 properly identified, shall, together with any such conveyance
306 and military personnel and property of the state in his or her
307 charge, be allowed to pass free through all tollgates and over
308 all toll bridges and ferries in this state.

309 (3) Any handicapped person who has a valid driver license,
310 who operates a vehicle specially equipped for use by the
311 handicapped, and who is certified by a physician licensed under
312 chapter 458 or chapter 459 or by comparable licensing in another
313 state or by the Adjudication Office of the United States
314 Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor as being
315 severely physically disabled and having permanent upper limb
316 mobility or dexterity impairments which substantially impair the
317 person's ability to deposit coins in toll baskets, shall be
318 allowed to pass free through all tollgates and over all toll
319 bridges and ferries in this state. A person who meets the
320 requirements of this subsection shall, upon application, be
321 issued a vehicle window sticker by the Department of
322 Transportation.

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323 (4) A copy of this section shall be posted at each toll
324 bridge and on each ferry.

325 (5) The Department of Transportation shall provide
326 envelopes for voluntary payments of tolls by those persons
327 exempted from the payment of tolls pursuant to this section. The
328 department shall accept any voluntary payments made by exempt
329 persons.

330 (6) Personal identifying information held by the Department
331 of Transportation, a county, a municipality, or an expressway
332 authority for the purpose of paying, prepaying, or collecting
333 tolls and associated administrative charges due for the use of
334 toll facilities is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
335 of the State Constitution. This exemption applies to such
336 information held by the Department of Transportation, a county,
337 a municipality, or an expressway authority before, on, or after
338 the effective date of the exemption. This subsection is subject
339 to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s.
340 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2019, unless
341 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
342 Legislature.

343 (7) A toll facility must ensure the presence of signage
344 notifying drivers if cash payment of the applicable toll at such
345 facility is not an available option.

346 Section 10. Subsection (4) of section 338.165, Florida
347 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (11) is added to that
348 section, to read:

349 338.165 Continuation of tolls.—

350 (4) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, pursuant
351 to s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution, and subject to the

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352 requirements of subsection (2), the Department of Transportation
353 may request the Division of Bond Finance to issue bonds secured
354 by toll revenues collected on the Alligator Alley ~~and~~ the
355 Sunshine Skyway Bridge, ~~the Beeline East Expressway, the Navarre~~
356 ~~Bridge, and the Pinellas Bayway~~ to fund transportation projects
357 located within the county or counties in which the project is
358 located and contained in the adopted work program of the
359 department.

360 (11) The department's Pinellas Bayway System may be
361 transferred by the department and become part of the turnpike
362 system under the Florida Turnpike Enterprise Law. The transfer
363 does not affect the rights of the parties, or their successors
364 in interest, under the settlement agreement and final judgment
365 in *Leonard Lee Ratner, Esther Ratner, and Leeco Gas and Oil Co.*
366 *v. State Road Department of the State of Florida*, No. 67-1081
367 (Fla. 2nd Cir. Ct. 1968). Upon transfer of the Pinellas Bayway
368 System to the turnpike system, the department shall also
369 transfer to the Florida Turnpike Enterprise the funds deposited
370 in the reserve account established by chapter 85-364, Laws of
371 Florida, as amended by chapters 95-382 and 2014-223, Laws of
372 Florida, which funds shall be used by the Florida Turnpike
373 Enterprise solely to help fund the costs of repair or
374 replacement of the transferred facilities.

375 Section 11. Chapter 85-364, Laws of Florida, as amended by
376 chapters 95-382 and section 48 of 2014-223, Laws of Florida, is
377 repealed.

378 Section 12. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and subsections
379 (5) and (6) of section 338.231, Florida Statutes, are amended to
380 read:

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381 338.231 Turnpike tolls, fixing; pledge of tolls and other
382 revenues.—The department shall at all times fix, adjust, charge,
383 and collect such tolls and amounts for the use of the turnpike
384 system as are required in order to provide a fund sufficient
385 with other revenues of the turnpike system to pay the cost of
386 maintaining, improving, repairing, and operating such turnpike
387 system; to pay the principal of and interest on all bonds issued
388 to finance or refinance any portion of the turnpike system as
389 the same become due and payable; and to create reserves for all
390 such purposes.

391 (3)

392 (c) Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law to the
393 contrary, any prepaid toll account of any kind which has
394 remained inactive for 10 ~~3~~ years shall be presumed unclaimed and
395 its disposition shall be handled by the Department of Financial
396 Services in accordance with all applicable provisions of chapter
397 717 relating to the disposition of unclaimed property, and the
398 prepaid toll account shall be closed by the department.

399 ~~(5) In each fiscal year while any of the bonds of the~~
400 ~~Broward County Expressway Authority series 1984 and series 1986~~
401 ~~A remain outstanding, the department is authorized to pledge~~
402 ~~revenues from the turnpike system to the payment of principal~~
403 ~~and interest of such series of bonds and the operation and~~
404 ~~maintenance expenses of the Sawgrass Expressway, to the extent~~
405 ~~gross toll revenues of the Sawgrass Expressway are insufficient~~
406 ~~to make such payments. The terms of an agreement relative to the~~
407 ~~pledge of turnpike system revenue will be negotiated with the~~
408 ~~parties of the 1984 and 1986 Broward County Expressway Authority~~
409 ~~lease purchase agreements, and subject to the covenants of those~~

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410 ~~agreements. The agreement must establish that the Sawgrass~~
411 ~~Expressway is subject to the planning, management, and operating~~
412 ~~control of the department limited only by the terms of the~~
413 ~~lease purchase agreements. The department shall provide for the~~
414 ~~payment of operation and maintenance expenses of the Sawgrass~~
415 ~~Expressway until such agreement is in effect. This pledge of~~
416 ~~turnpike system revenues is subordinate to the debt service~~
417 ~~requirements of any future issue of turnpike bonds, the payment~~
418 ~~of turnpike system operation and maintenance expenses, and~~
419 ~~subject to any subsequent resolution or trust indenture relating~~
420 ~~to the issuance of such turnpike bonds.~~

421 (5)~~(6)~~ The use and disposition of revenues pledged to bonds
422 are subject to ss. 338.22-338.241 and such regulations as the
423 resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or such trust
424 agreement may provide.

425 Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section
426 339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

427 339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

428 (7) LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—Each M.P.O. must
429 develop a long-range transportation plan that addresses at least
430 a 20-year planning horizon. The plan must include both long-
431 range and short-range strategies and must comply with all other
432 state and federal requirements. The prevailing principles to be
433 considered in the long-range transportation plan are: preserving
434 the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's
435 economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure
436 mobility. The long-range transportation plan must be consistent,
437 to the maximum extent feasible, with future land use elements
438 and the goals, objectives, and policies of the approved local

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439 government comprehensive plans of the units of local government
440 located within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. Each M.P.O. is
441 encouraged to consider strategies that integrate transportation
442 and land use planning to provide for sustainable development and
443 reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The approved long-range
444 transportation plan must be considered by local governments in
445 the development of the transportation elements in local
446 government comprehensive plans and any amendments thereto. The
447 long-range transportation plan must, at a minimum:

448 (c) Assess capital investment and other measures necessary
449 to:

450 1. Ensure the preservation of the existing metropolitan
451 transportation system including requirements for the operation,
452 resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of major roadways
453 and requirements for the operation, maintenance, modernization,
454 and rehabilitation of public transportation facilities; and

455 2. Make the most efficient use of existing transportation
456 facilities to relieve vehicular congestion, improve safety, and
457 maximize the mobility of people and goods. Such efforts must
458 include, but are not limited to, consideration of infrastructure
459 and technological improvements necessary to accommodate advances
460 in vehicle technology, such as autonomous technology and other
461 developments.

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463 In the development of its long-range transportation plan, each
464 M.P.O. must provide the public, affected public agencies,
465 representatives of transportation agency employees, freight
466 shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private
467 providers of transportation, representatives of users of public

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468 transit, and other interested parties with a reasonable
469 opportunity to comment on the long-range transportation plan.
470 The long-range transportation plan must be approved by the
471 M.P.O.

472 Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 339.2818, Florida
473 Statutes, is amended to read:

474 339.2818 Small County Outreach Program.—

475 (2)~~(a)~~ For the purposes of this section, the term "small
476 county" means any county that has a population of 170,000
477 ~~150,000~~ or less as determined by the most recent official
478 estimate pursuant to s. 186.901.

479 ~~(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the 2015-2016 fiscal~~
480 ~~year, for purposes of this section, the term "small county"~~
481 ~~means any county that has a population of 165,000 or less as~~
482 ~~determined by the most recent official estimate pursuant to s.~~
483 ~~186.901. This paragraph expires July 1, 2016.~~

484 Section 15. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (3) of
485 section 339.64, Florida Statutes, and paragraph (a) of
486 subsection (4) of that section is amended, to read:

487 339.64 Strategic Intermodal System Plan.—

488 (3)

489 (c) The department shall coordinate with federal, regional,
490 and local partners, as well as industry representatives, to
491 consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary
492 to accommodate advances in vehicle technology, such as
493 autonomous technology and other developments, in Strategic
494 Intermodal System facilities.

495 (4) The Strategic Intermodal System Plan shall include the
496 following:

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497 (a) A needs assessment that must include, but is not
498 limited to, consideration of infrastructure and technological
499 improvements necessary to accommodate advances in vehicle
500 technology, such as autonomous technology and other
501 developments.

502 Section 16. Section 341.0532, Florida Statutes, is
503 repealed.

504 Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 348.565, Florida
505 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
506 section, to read:

507 348.565 Revenue bonds for specified projects.—The existing
508 facilities that constitute the Tampa-Hillsborough County
509 Expressway System are hereby approved to be refinanced by
510 revenue bonds issued by the Division of Bond Finance of the
511 State Board of Administration pursuant to s. 11(f), Art. VII of
512 the State Constitution and the State Bond Act or by revenue
513 bonds issued by the authority pursuant to s. 348.56(1)(b). In
514 addition, the following projects of the Tampa-Hillsborough
515 County Expressway Authority are approved to be financed or
516 refinanced by the issuance of revenue bonds in accordance with
517 this part and s. 11(f), Art. VII of the State Constitution:

518 (3) Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway System widening,
519 and any extensions thereof.

520 (5) Capital projects that the authority is authorized to
521 acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip, operate, and maintain
522 pursuant to this part, including, without limitation, s.
523 348.54(15), provided that any financing of such projects does
524 not pledge the full faith and credit of the state.

525 Section 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.