

Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/CS/SB 1194 — Transportation

by Rules Committee; Appropriations Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senator Hooper

The bill contains various transportation-related provisions, including the following:

- Authorizes a municipal or county governing body to abandon roads and rights of way dedicated in a recorded residential subdivision plat and to simultaneously convey the municipality's or the county's interest to a community development district under specified conditions.
- Precludes a governmental entity from prohibiting a bid relating to the entity's procurement of certain contractual services from vendors holding specified certificates or licenses.
- Provides that with respect to any port that has received or is eligible to apply for or receive certain state seaport funding, a local ballot initiative or referendum may not restrict maritime commerce in such port based on specified but unlimited factors. These provisions apply retroactively and prospectively, prohibiting, rendering void, and preempting to the state any conflicting initiative or referendum.
- Authorizes on roadways with a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour or higher:
 - Construction equipment in a work zone to display a combination of flashing green, amber, and red lights during periods when workers are present.
 - Flashing lights on vehicles during periods of extremely low visibility.
- Increases the penalties for violations of a prohibition against modification of a motor vehicle exhaust system so that the noise emitted by the motor vehicle is above that emitted by the vehicle as originally manufactured.
- Substitutes an affidavit with an attestation on a form provided by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) as a requirement for an insurance company to receive from the DHSMV a salvage certificate of title or certificate of destruction for motor vehicles and mobile homes.
- Clarifies that the types of vehicles authorized to elect a permanent registration period are rental vehicles, making clear that the authorization does not apply to leased vehicles.
- Requires motor vehicle dealer licensees to deliver to the DHSMV copies of renewed, continued, changed, or new insurance policies, surety bonds, or irrevocable letters of credit within 10 days after any renewal, continuation, change, or new issuance of the same, ensuring continuous insurance coverage.
- Removes a prohibition against the Miami-Dade County metropolitan planning organization (MPO) from assessing fees against governmental-entity members of the MPO.
- Dissolves the inactive Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority and repeals ch. 343, part III, F.S., under which the authority was established.
- Authorizes a mayor to appoint a specified designee to attend a Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) meeting to act in his or her place with full voting rights on all issues, revising quorum requirements for the TBARTA board, revises the organization of the Chair's Coordinating Committee (CCC), removes the requirement for the

TBARTA to provide administrative support and direction to the CCC, and removes obsolete language.

- Increases the number of the Governor’s appointees to the Greater Miami Expressway Authority from three to four, one of which must be member of the Miami-Dade County MPO, and providing for staggered terms.
- Prohibits the Central Florida Expressway Authority from constructing any extensions, additions, or improvements to the Central Florida Expressway System in Lake County without prior consultation with, rather than consent of, the Secretary of Transportation.
- Increases from 40 years to 99 years an existing limitation on the term of a lease into which the Jacksonville Transportation Authority may enter.
- Revises provisions relating to an annual cap on the Florida Department of Transportation’s (FDOT) authorization to enter into contracts for innovative transportation projects.
- Amends financial statement requirements relating to applications for certificates of qualification to bid on contracts for the performance of work for the FDOT under certain construction contracts.
- Excludes certain airports from the prohibition against the same entity performing design and performing construction engineering and inspection services on a project funded by the FDOT and administered by a local governmental entity.
- Substantially revises provisions relating to the State Arbitration Board, which hears claims for additional compensation arising out of construction and maintenance contracts between the FDOT and its contractors.
- Authorizes the FDOT to use surplus toll revenue to support public transportation projects that benefit the operation of high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes on the State Highway System.
- Defines the term “borrow pit” and requires a borrow pit operator to provide a notice of intent to extract to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; prohibits the FDOT, and its contractors and subcontractors, from purchasing or using specified substances extracted from a borrow pit unless conditions relating to compliance with existing statutory requirements and permitting are met; and requires the FDOT, if it determines substances are being obtained and used from a noncompliant borrow pit, to cease accepting any substances within 48 hours.
- Requires the FDOT to create and implement a publicly accessible electronic database for sign permit information; specifies requirements for the database; prohibits the department from furnishing permanent metal permit tags or replacement tags and from enforcing related provisions once the department creates and implements the database.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 21-17; House 75-40