A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Department of Transportation; 3 amending s. 316.3025, F.S.; providing a civil penalty for 4 violation of specified federal requirements relating to a 5 driver's physical qualification to drive a commercial 6 motor vehicle; amending s. 334.03, F.S.; revising 7 definitions for purposes of the Florida Transportation 8 Code; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; revising the powers and 9 duties of the department relating to jurisdictional 10 responsibility and designating facilities; amending s. 11 334.047, F.S.; repealing a provision prohibiting the department from establishing a maximum number of miles of 12 urban principal arterial roads within a district or 13 14 county; amending s. 337.111, F.S.; providing additional 15 forms of security for the cost of removal of monuments or 16 memorials or modifications to an installation site at highway rest areas; removing a provision requiring renewal 17 of a bond; amending s. 337.408, F.S.; revising provisions 18 19 for certain facilities installed within the right-of-way limits of roads; requiring counties and municipalities to 20 21 review installations of benches and transit shelters; 22 providing for removal or relocation of a bench or transit 23 shelter that is not in compliance with applicable 24 regulations; requiring counties and municipalities to 25 indemnify the department from certain claims relating to 26 the installation, removal, or relocation of a noncompliant 27 bench or shelter; authorizing the department to direct a 28 county or municipality to remove or relocate a bus stop,

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bench, transit shelter, waste disposal receptacle, public pay telephone, or modular news rack that is not in compliance with applicable laws or rules; directing the department to remove or relocate such installation and charge the cost to the county or municipality; authorizing the department to deduct the cost from funding available to the municipality or county from the department; removing a provision for the replacement of an unusable transit bus bench that was in service before a certain date; revising the title of chapter 338, F.S.; repealing s. 338.001, F.S., relating to provisions for the Florida Intrastate Highway System Plan; amending s. 338.01, F.S.; including authority of the department in provisions for the establishment limited access facilities; amending s. 339.155, F.S.; revising provisions for statewide transportation planning by the department; providing for federally required transportation planning factors; revising provisions for the Florida Transportation Plan; removing certain reporting requirements; revising requirements for public participation in the planning process; amending s. 339.63, F.S.; providing for inclusion of certain access facilities in the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging Strategic Intermodal System; amending s. 339.64, F.S.; revising provisions for development of the Strategic Intermodal System Plan; removing the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council; creating s. 339.65, F.S.; providing for the department to plan and develop Strategic Intermodal System

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highway corridors; providing for allocations of funds on a specified basis; providing for corridor projects to be included in the department's adopted work program and changes to be a separate part of the tentative work program; amending ss. 163.3180, 288.063, 311.07, 311.09, 316.2122, 336.01, 338.222, 338.223, 338.2275, 338.228, 339.2819, 339.285, 341.8225, 479.01, 479.07, and 479.261, F.S., relating to transportation concurrency, contracts, port facilities, Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council, low-speed vehicles and mini trucks, the county road system, turnpike projects, revenue bonds, Transportation Regional Incentive Program, Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable Transportation, high-speed rail projects, outdoor advertising, sign permits, and the Logo sign program, respectively; revising crossreferences; amending ss. 163.3187, 318.12, 335.02, 338.227, 338.234, 339.62, 341.053, and 403.7211, F.S., relating to comprehensive plans, traffic infractions, standards for lanes, services related to the financing of projects, concessions along the turnpike, components of the Strategic Intermodal System, Intermodal Development Program, and hazardous waste facilities, respectively; revising references to conform to the incorporation of the Florida Intrastate Highway System into the Strategic Intermodal System and to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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85 86 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 87 316.3025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 316.3025 Penalties.-88 89 (3) A civil penalty of \$100 may be assessed for: 90 (b) 91 Each violation of the North American Uniform Driver Out-of-Service Criteria; 92 93 2. A violation of s. 316.302(2)(b) or (c); 3. A violation of 49 C.F.R. s. 392.60; or 94 95 4. A violation of 49 C.F.R. ss. 391.41 or 391.43; or 96 5.4. A violation of the North American Standard Vehicle 97 Out-of-Service Criteria resulting from an inspection of a 98 commercial motor vehicle involved in a crash. Section 2. Section 334.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to 99 100 read: 101 334.03 Definitions.-When used in the Florida 102 Transportation Code, the term: 103  $(1) \frac{(37)}{(37)}$  "511" or "511 services" means three-digit 104 telecommunications dialing to access interactive voice response 105 telephone traveler information services provided in the state as 106 defined by the Federal Communications Commission in FCC Order No. 00-256, July 31, 2000. 107 108 (1) "Arterial road" means a route providing service which is relatively continuous and of relatively high traffic volume, 109 long average trip length, high operating speed, and high 110

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(2) (2) "Bridge" means a structure, including supports, erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water or a highway or railway, and having a track or passageway for carrying traffic as defined in chapter 316 or other moving loads.

- (3) "City street system" means all local roads within a municipality that were under the jurisdiction of that municipality on June 10, 1995; roads constructed by a municipality for that municipality's street system; roads completely within an area annexed by the municipality, unless otherwise provided by mutual consent; and roads transferred to the municipality's jurisdiction after June 10, 1995, by mutual consent with another governmental entity, but not roads so transferred from the municipality's jurisdiction, and all collector roads inside that municipality, which are not in the county road system.
- (4) "Collector road" means a route providing service which is of relatively moderate average traffic volume, moderately average trip length, and moderately average operating speed. Such a route also collects and distributes traffic between local roads or arterial roads and serves as a linkage between land access and mobility needs.
- $\underline{(4)}$  "Commissioners" means the governing body of a county.
- $\underline{(5)}$  "Consolidated metropolitan statistical area" means two or more metropolitan statistical areas that are socially and economically interrelated as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census.

(6) (7) "Controlled access facility" means a street or highway to which the right of access is highly regulated by the governmental entity having jurisdiction over the facility in order to maximize the operational efficiency and safety of the high-volume through traffic utilizing the facility. Owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have a right of access to or from such facility at such points only and in such manner as may be determined by the governmental entity.

- (7) (8) "County road system" means all roads within a county that were under the jurisdiction of that county on June 10, 1995; roads constructed by a county for that county's road system; and roads transferred to the county's jurisdiction after June 10, 1995, by mutual consent with another governmental entity, but, except as otherwise provided by mutual consent, not roads transferred from the county's jurisdiction by mutual consent or roads that are completely within an area annexed by a municipality collector roads in the unincorporated areas of a county and all extensions of such collector roads in the unincorporated areas, all local roads in the unincorporated areas, and all urban minor arterial roads not in the State Highway System.
- (8) (9) "Department" means the Department of Transportation.
- (10) "Florida Intrastate Highway System" means a system of limited access and controlled access facilities on the State Highway System which have the capacity to provide high-speed and high-volume traffic movements in an efficient and safe manner.
  - (9) (11) "Functional classification" means the assignment

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of roads into systems according to the character of service they provide in relation to the total road network using procedures developed by the Federal Highway Administration. Basic functional categories include arterial roads, collector roads, and local roads which may be subdivided into principal, major, or minor levels. Those levels may be additionally divided into rural and urban categories.

(10) (12) "Governmental entity" means a unit of government, or any officially designated public agency or authority of a unit of government, that has the responsibility for planning, construction, operation, or maintenance or jurisdiction over transportation facilities; the term includes the Federal Government, the state government, a county, an incorporated municipality, a metropolitan planning organization, an expressway or transportation authority, a road and bridge district, a special road and bridge district, and a regional governmental unit.

(11) (38) "Interactive voice response" means a software application that accepts a combination of voice telephone input and touch-tone keypad selection and provides appropriate responses in the form of voice, fax, callback, e-mail, and other media.

(12)(13) "Limited access facility" means a street or highway especially designed for through traffic, and over, from, or to which owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons have no right or easement of access, light, air, or view by reason of the fact that their property abuts upon such limited access facility or for any other reason. Such highways

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or streets may be facilities from which trucks, buses, and other commercial vehicles are excluded; or they may be facilities open to use by all customary forms of street and highway traffic.

- (13)(14) "Local governmental entity" means a unit of government with less than statewide jurisdiction, or any officially designated public agency or authority of such a unit of government, that has the responsibility for planning, construction, operation, or maintenance of, or jurisdiction over, a transportation facility; the term includes, but is not limited to, a county, an incorporated municipality, a metropolitan planning organization, an expressway or transportation authority, a road and bridge district, a special road and bridge district, and a regional governmental unit.
- (15) "Local road" means a route providing service which is of relatively low average traffic volume, short average trip length or minimal through-traffic movements, and high land access for abutting property.
- (14) (16) "Metropolitan area" means a geographic region comprising as a minimum the existing urbanized area and the contiguous area projected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period. The boundaries of a metropolitan area may be designated so as to encompass a metropolitan statistical area or a consolidated metropolitan statistical area. If a metropolitan area, or any part thereof, is located within a nonattainment area, the boundaries of the metropolitan area must be designated so as to include the boundaries of the entire nonattainment area, unless otherwise provided by agreement between the applicable metropolitan planning organization and the Governor.

(15)(17) "Metropolitan statistical area" means an area that includes a municipality of 50,000 persons or more, or an urbanized area of at least 50,000 persons as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census, provided that the component county or counties have a total population of at least 100,000.

- (16) (18) "Nonattainment area" means an area designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to federal law, as exceeding national primary or secondary ambient air quality standards for the pollutants carbon monoxide or ozone.
- (17) (19) "Periodic maintenance" means activities that are large in scope and require a major work effort to restore deteriorated components of the transportation system to a safe and serviceable condition, including, but not limited to, the repair of large bridge structures, major repairs to bridges and bridge systems, and the mineral sealing of lengthy sections of roadway.
- $\underline{(18)}$  "Person" means any person described in s. 1.01 or any unit of government in or outside the state.
- (19) (21) "Right of access" means the right of ingress to a highway from abutting land and egress from a highway to abutting land.
- (20) (22) "Right-of-way" means land in which the state, the department, a county, or a municipality owns the fee or has an easement devoted to or required for use as a transportation facility.
- $\underline{(21)}$  "Road" means a way open to travel by the public, including, but not limited to, a street, highway, or alley. The

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term includes associated sidewalks, the roadbed, the right-of-way, and all culverts, drains, sluices, ditches, water storage areas, waterways, embankments, slopes, retaining walls, bridges, tunnels, and viaducts necessary for the maintenance of travel and all ferries used in connection therewith.

- (22) (24) "Routine maintenance" means minor repairs and associated tasks necessary to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system. The term includes: pavement patching; shoulder repair; cleaning and repair of drainage ditches, traffic signs, and structures; mowing; bridge inspection and maintenance; pavement striping; litter cleanup; and other similar activities.
- (23) (25) "State Highway System" means the following, which shall be facilities to which access is regulated:
- (a) the interstate system and all other roads within the state which were under the jurisdiction of the state on June 10, 1995, and roads constructed by an agency of the state for the State Highway System, and roads transferred to the state's jurisdiction after that date by mutual consent with another governmental entity, but not roads so transferred from the state's jurisdiction. Such facilities shall be facilities to which access is regulated.;
- (b) All rural arterial routes and their extensions into and through urban areas;
  - (c) All urban principal arterial routes; and
- (d) The urban minor arterial mileage on the existing State Highway System as of July 1, 1987, plus additional mileage to comply with the 2-percent requirement as described below.

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However, not less than 2 percent of the public road mileage of each urbanized area on record as of June 30, 1986, shall be included as minor arterials in the State Highway System.

Urbanized areas not meeting the foregoing minimum requirement shall have transferred to the State Highway System additional minor arterials of the highest significance in which case the total minor arterials in the State Highway System from any urbanized area shall not exceed 2.5 percent of that area's total public urban road mileage.

(24) (26) "State Park Road System" means roads embraced within the boundaries of state parks and state roads leading to state parks, other than roads of the State Highway System, the county road systems, or the city street systems.

(25)(27) "State road" means a street, road, highway, or other way open to travel by the public generally and dedicated to the public use according to law or by prescription and designated by the department, as provided by law, as part of the State Highway System.

(26) (28) "Structure" means a bridge, viaduct, tunnel, causeway, approach, ferry slip, culvert, toll plaza, gate, or other similar facility used in connection with a transportation facility.

(27) (29) "Sufficiency rating" means the objective rating of a road or section of a road for the purpose of determining its capability to serve properly the actual or anticipated volume of traffic using the road.

(28) (30) "Transportation corridor" means any land area

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designated by the state, a county, or a municipality which is between two geographic points and which area is used or suitable for the movement of people and goods by one or more modes of transportation, including areas necessary for management of access and securing applicable approvals and permits.

Transportation corridors shall contain, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Existing publicly owned rights-of-way;

- (b) All property or property interests necessary for future transportation facilities, including rights of access, air, view, and light, whether public or private, for the purpose of securing and utilizing future transportation rights-of-way, including, but not limited to, any lands reasonably necessary now or in the future for securing applicable approvals and permits, borrow pits, drainage ditches, water retention areas, rest areas, replacement access for landowners whose access could be impaired due to the construction of a future facility, and replacement rights-of-way for relocation of rail and utility facilities.
- (29) (31) "Transportation facility" means any means for the transportation of people or property from place to place which is constructed, operated, or maintained in whole or in part from public funds. The term includes the property or property rights, both real and personal, which have been or may be established by public bodies for the transportation of people or property from place to place.
- (30) (32) "Urban area" means a geographic region comprising as a minimum the area inside the United States Bureau of the

Census boundary of an urban place with a population of 5,000 or more persons, expanded to include adjacent developed areas as provided for by Federal Highway Administration regulations.

- (33) "Urban minor arterial road" means a route that generally interconnects with and augments an urban principal arterial road and provides service to trips of shorter length and a lower level of travel mobility. The term includes all arterials not classified as "principal" and contain facilities that place more emphasis on land access than the higher system.
- (31) (34) "Urban place" means a geographic region composed of one or more contiguous census tracts that have been found by the United States Bureau of the Census to contain a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile.
- (35) "Urban principal arterial road" means a route that generally serves the major centers of activity of an urban area, the highest traffic volume corridors, and the longest trip purpose and carries a high proportion of the total urban area travel on a minimum of mileage. Such roads are integrated, both internally and between major rural connections.
- (32) (36) "Urbanized area" means a geographic region comprising as a minimum the area inside an urban place of 50,000 or more persons, as designated by the United States Bureau of the Census, expanded to include adjacent developed areas as provided for by Federal Highway Administration regulations. Urban areas with a population of fewer than 50,000 persons which are located within the expanded boundary of an urbanized area are not separately recognized.

Section 3. Subsections (11) and (13) of section 334.044, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 334.044 Department; powers and duties.—The department shall have the following general powers and duties:
- (11) To establish a numbering system for public roads  $\frac{\text{and}}{\text{to}}$  to functionally classify such roads  $\frac{\text{and}}{\text{to}}$  assign  $\frac{\text{descendent}}{\text{descendent}}$ .
- (13) To designate existing and to plan proposed transportation facilities as part of the State Highway System, and to construct, maintain, and operate such facilities.
- Section 4. Section 334.047, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 334.047 Prohibition.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Transportation may not establish a cap on the number of miles in the State Highway System or a maximum number of miles of urban principal arterial roads, as defined in s. 334.03, within a district or county.
- Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 337.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 337.111 Contracting for monuments and memorials to military veterans at rest areas.—The Department of Transportation is authorized to enter into contract with any not-for-profit group or organization that has been operating for not less than 2 years for the installation of monuments and memorials honoring Florida's military veterans at highway rest areas around the state pursuant to the provisions of this section.
  - (4) The group or organization making the proposal shall

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provide a 10-year bond, an annual renewable bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of security as approved by the department's comptroller, for the purpose of securing the cost of removal of the monument and any modifications made to the site as part of the placement of the monument should the Department of Transportation determine it necessary to remove or relocate the monument. Such removal or relocation shall be approved by the committee described in subsection (1). Prior to expiration, the bond shall be renewed for another 10-year period if the memorial is to remain in place.

Section 6. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 337.408, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

337.408 Regulation of <u>bus stops</u>, benches, transit shelters, street light poles, waste disposal receptacles, and modular news racks within rights-of-way.—

(1) Benches or transit shelters, including advertising displayed on benches or transit shelters, may be installed within the right-of-way limits of any municipal, county, or state road, except a limited access highway, provided that such benches or transit shelters are for the comfort or convenience of the general public or are at designated stops on official bus routes and provided that written authorization has been given to a qualified private supplier of such service by the municipal government within whose incorporated limits such benches or transit shelters are installed or by the county government within whose unincorporated limits such benches or transit shelters are installed. A municipality or county may authorize the installation, without public bid, of benches and transit

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shelters together with advertising displayed thereon within the right-of-way limits of such roads. Such installations shall be in compliance with all applicable laws and rules including, without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act. By July 1, 2012, municipalities and counties shall conduct a review of all installations within their respective jurisdictions and relocate or remove, cause to be relocated or removed, or bring into compliance any installation not in compliance with all applicable laws and rules. Municipalities or counties shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the department from any suits, actions, proceedings, claims, losses, costs, charges, expenses, damages, liabilities, attorney fees, and court costs relating to the installation, removal, or relocation. Any contract for the installation of benches or transit shelters or advertising on benches or transit shelters which was entered into before April 8, 1992, without public bidding is ratified and affirmed. Such benches or transit shelters may not interfere with right-of-way preservation and maintenance. Any bench or transit shelter located on a sidewalk within the right-of-way limits of any road on the State Highway System or the county road system shall be located so as to leave at least 36 inches of clearance for pedestrians and persons in wheelchairs. Such clearance shall be measured in a direction perpendicular to the centerline of the road.

(4) The department has the authority to direct the immediate relocation or removal of any <u>bus stop</u>, bench, transit shelter, waste disposal receptacle, public pay telephone, or modular news rack that endangers life or property, or that is

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otherwise not in compliance with applicable laws and rules, except that transit bus benches that were placed in service before April 1, 1992, are not required to comply with bench size and advertising display size requirements established by the department before March 1, 1992. If a municipality or county fails to comply with the department's direction, the department shall remove the noncompliant installation, charge the cost of the removal to the municipality or county, and may deduct or offset such cost from any other funding available to the municipality or county from the department. Any transit bus bench that was in service before April 1, 1992, may be replaced with a bus bench of the same size or smaller, if the bench is damaged or destroyed or otherwise becomes unusable. The department may adopt rules relating to the regulation of bench size and advertising display size requirements. If a municipality or county within which a bench is to be located has adopted an ordinance or other applicable regulation that establishes bench size or advertising display sign requirements different from requirements specified in department rule, the local government requirement applies within the respective municipality or county. Placement of any bench or advertising display on the National Highway System under a local ordinance or regulation adopted under this subsection is subject to approval of the Federal Highway Administration. Section 7. Chapter 338, Florida Statutes, is retitled "LIMITED ACCESS AND TOLL FACILITIES." Section 8. Section 338.001, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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Section 9. Subsections (1) through (6) of section 338.01, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2) through (7), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to that section to read:

- 338.01 Authority to establish and regulate limited access facilities.—
- (1) The department is authorized to establish limited access facilities as provided in s. 335.02. The primary function of such limited access facilities is to allow high-speed and high-volume traffic movements within the state. Access to abutting land is subordinate to this function, and such access must be prohibited or highly regulated.

Section 10. Section 339.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.155 Transportation planning.-

(1) THE FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—The department shall develop and annually update a statewide transportation plan, to be known as the Florida Transportation Plan. The plan shall be designed so as to be easily read and understood by the general public. The purpose of the Florida Transportation Plan is to establish and define the state's long-range transportation goals and objectives to be accomplished over a period of at least 20 years within the context of the State Comprehensive Plan, and any other statutory mandates and authorizations and based upon the prevailing principles of: preserving the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure mobility. The Florida Transportation Plan shall consider the

needs of the entire state transportation system and examine the use of all modes of transportation to effectively and efficiently meet such needs.

- (2) SCOPE OF PLANNING PROCESS.—The department shall carry out a transportation planning process in conformance with s. 334.046(1) and 23 U.S.C. s. 135. which provides for consideration of projects and strategies that will:
- (a) Support the economic vitality of the United States, Florida, and the metropolitan areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- (b) Increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
- (c) Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
- (d) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life;
- (e) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes throughout Florida, for people and freight;
  - (f) Promote efficient system management and operation; and
- (g) Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- (3) FORMAT, SCHEDULE, AND REVIEW.—The Florida
  Transportation Plan shall be a unified, concise planning
  document that clearly defines the state's long-range
  transportation goals and objectives and documents the
  department's short-range objectives developed to further such
  goals and objectives. The plan shall:

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(a) Include a glossary that clearly and succinctly defines any and all phrases, words, or terms of art included in the plan, with which the general public may be unfamiliar. and shall consist of, at a minimum, the following components:

- (b) (a) Document A long-range component documenting the goals and long-term objectives necessary to implement the results of the department consistent with department's findings from its examination of the criteria listed in subsection (2) and s. 334.046(1) and 23 U.S.C. s. 135. The long-range component must
- (c) Be developed in cooperation with the metropolitan planning organizations and reconciled, to the maximum extent feasible, with the long-range plans developed by metropolitan planning organizations pursuant to s. 339.175. The plan must also
- (d) Be developed in consultation with affected local officials in nonmetropolitan areas and with any affected Indian tribal governments. The plan must
- (e) Provide an examination of transportation issues likely to arise during at least a 20-year period. The long-range component shall
- (f) Be updated at least once every 5 years, or more often as necessary, to reflect substantive changes to federal or state law.
- (b) A short-range component documenting the short-term objectives and strategies necessary to implement the goals and long-term objectives contained in the long-range component. The short-range component must define the relationship between the

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long-range goals and the short-range objectives, specify those objectives against which the department's achievement of such goals will be measured, and identify transportation strategies necessary to efficiently achieve the goals and objectives in the plan. It must provide a policy framework within which the department's legislative budget request, the strategic information resource management plan, and the work program are developed. The short-range component shall serve as the department's annual agency strategic plan pursuant to s. 186.021. The short-range component shall be developed consistent with available and forecasted state and federal funds. The short-range component shall also be submitted to the Florida Transportation Commission.

- (4) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT.—The department shall develop an annual performance report evaluating the operation of the department for the preceding fiscal year. The report shall also include a summary of the financial operations of the department and shall annually evaluate how well the adopted work program meets the short-term objectives contained in the short-range component of the Florida Transportation Plan. This performance report shall be submitted to the Florida Transportation commission and the legislative appropriations and transportation committees.
  - (4) ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS.—
- (a) Upon request by local governmental entities, the department may in its discretion develop and design transportation corridors, arterial and collector streets, vehicular parking areas, and other support facilities which are

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consistent with the plans of the department for major transportation facilities. The department may render to local governmental entities or their planning agencies such technical assistance and services as are necessary so that local plans and facilities are coordinated with the plans and facilities of the department.

(b) Each regional planning council, as provided for in s. 186.504, or any successor agency thereto, shall develop, as an element of its strategic regional policy plan, transportation goals and policies. The transportation goals and policies must be prioritized to comply with the prevailing principles provided in subsection (2) and s. 334.046(1). The transportation goals and policies shall be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the goals and policies of the metropolitan planning organization and the Florida Transportation Plan. The transportation goals and policies of the regional planning council will be advisory only and shall be submitted to the department and any affected metropolitan planning organization for their consideration and comments. Metropolitan planning organization plans and other local transportation plans shall be developed consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the regional transportation goals and policies. The regional planning council shall review urbanized area transportation plans and any other planning products stipulated in s. 339.175 and provide the department and respective metropolitan planning organizations with written recommendations which the department and the metropolitan planning organizations shall take under advisement. Further, the regional planning councils shall

directly assist local governments which are not part of a metropolitan area transportation planning process in the development of the transportation element of their comprehensive plans as required by s. 163.3177.

- (c) Regional transportation plans may be developed in regional transportation areas in accordance with an interlocal agreement entered into pursuant to s. 163.01 by two or more contiguous metropolitan planning organizations; one or more metropolitan planning organizations and one or more contiguous counties, none of which is a member of a metropolitan planning organization; a multicounty regional transportation authority created by or pursuant to law; two or more contiguous counties that are not members of a metropolitan planning organization; or metropolitan planning organizations comprised of three or more counties.
- (d) The interlocal agreement must, at a minimum, identify the entity that will coordinate the development of the regional transportation plan; delineate the boundaries of the regional transportation area; provide the duration of the agreement and specify how the agreement may be terminated, modified, or rescinded; describe the process by which the regional transportation plan will be developed; and provide how members of the entity will resolve disagreements regarding interpretation of the interlocal agreement or disputes relating to the development or content of the regional transportation plan. Such interlocal agreement shall become effective upon its recordation in the official public records of each county in the regional transportation area.

(e) The regional transportation plan developed pursuant to this section must, at a minimum, identify regionally significant transportation facilities located within a regional transportation area and contain a prioritized list of regionally significant projects. The level-of-service standards for facilities to be funded under this subsection shall be adopted by the appropriate local government in accordance with s. 163.3180(10). The projects shall be adopted into the capital improvements schedule of the local government comprehensive plan pursuant to s. 163.3177(3).

## (5)(6) PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.—

- (a) During the development of the long-range component of the Florida Transportation Plan and prior to substantive revisions, the department shall provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, other affected employee representatives, private providers of transportation, and other known interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the proposed plan or revisions. These opportunities shall include, at a minimum, publishing a notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly and within a newspaper of general circulation within the area of each department district office.
- (b) During development of major transportation improvements, such as those increasing the capacity of a facility through the addition of new lanes or providing new access to a limited or controlled access facility or construction of a facility in a new location, the department

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shall hold one or more hearings prior to the selection of the facility to be provided; prior to the selection of the site or corridor of the proposed facility; and prior to the selection of and commitment to a specific design proposal for the proposed facility. Such public hearings shall be conducted so as to provide an opportunity for effective participation by interested persons in the process of transportation planning and site and route selection and in the specific location and design of transportation facilities. The various factors involved in the decision or decisions and any alternative proposals shall be clearly presented so that the persons attending the hearing may present their views relating to the decision or decisions which will be made.

(c) Opportunity for design hearings:

- 1. The department, prior to holding a design hearing, shall duly notify all affected property owners of record, as recorded in the property appraiser's office, by mail at least 20 days prior to the date set for the hearing. The affected property owners shall be:
- a. Those whose property lies in whole or in part within 300 feet on either side of the centerline of the proposed facility.
- b. Those whom the department determines will be substantially affected environmentally, economically, socially, or safetywise.
- 2. For each subsequent hearing, the department shall publish notice prior to the hearing date in a newspaper of general circulation for the area affected. These notices must be

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published twice, with the first notice appearing at least 15 days, but no later than 30 days, before the hearing.

- 3. A copy of the notice of opportunity for the hearing must be furnished to the United States Department of Transportation and to the appropriate departments of the state government at the time of publication.
- 4. The opportunity for another hearing shall be afforded in any case when proposed locations or designs are so changed from those presented in the notices specified above or at a hearing as to have a substantially different social, economic, or environmental effect.
- 5. The opportunity for a hearing shall be afforded in each case in which the department is in doubt as to whether a hearing is required.
- Section 11. Section 339.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 339.62 System components.—The Strategic Intermodal System shall consist of appropriate components of:
- (1) <u>Highway corridors</u> The Florida Intrastate Highway System established under s. 339.65 s. 338.001.
  - (2) The National Highway System.
  - (3) Airport, seaport, and spaceport facilities.
  - (4) Rail lines and rail facilities.
- (5) Selected intermodal facilities; passenger and freight terminals; and appropriate components of the State Highway System, county road system, city street system, inland waterways, and local public transit systems that serve as existing or planned connectors between the components listed in

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727 subsections (1)-(4).

- (6) Other existing or planned corridors that serve a statewide or interregional purpose.
- Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 339.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 339.63 System facilities designated; additions and deletions.—
- (2) The Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging Strategic Intermodal System include <u>four</u> three different types of facilities that each form one component of an interconnected transportation system which types include:
- (a) Existing or planned hubs that are ports and terminals including airports, seaports, spaceports, passenger terminals, and rail terminals serving to move goods or people between Florida regions or between Florida and other markets in the United States and the rest of the world;
- (b) Existing or planned corridors that are highways, rail lines, waterways, and other exclusive-use facilities connecting major markets within Florida or between Florida and other states or nations; and
- (c) Existing or planned intermodal connectors that are highways, rail lines, waterways or local public transit systems serving as connectors between the components listed in paragraphs (a) and (b).
- (d) Existing or planned military access facilities that are highways or rail lines linking Strategic Intermodal System corridors to the state's strategic military installations.

Section 13. Section 339.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.64 Strategic Intermodal System Plan.-

- (1) The department shall develop, in cooperation with metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning councils, local governments, the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council and other transportation providers, a Strategic Intermodal System Plan. The plan shall be consistent with the Florida Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155 and shall be updated at least once every 5 years, subsequent to updates of the Florida Transportation Plan.
- (2) In association with the continued development of the Strategic Intermodal System Plan, the Florida Transportation Commission, as part of its work program review process, shall conduct an annual assessment of the progress that the department and its transportation partners have made in realizing the goals of economic development, improved mobility, and increased intermodal connectivity of the Strategic Intermodal System. The Florida Transportation Commission shall coordinate with the department, the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council, and other appropriate entities when developing this assessment. The Florida Transportation Commission shall deliver a report to the Governor and Legislature no later than 14 days after the regular session begins, with recommendations as necessary to fully implement the Strategic Intermodal System.
- (3) (a) During the development of updates to the Strategic Intermodal System Plan, the department shall provide metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning councils,

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local governments, transportation providers, affected public agencies, and citizens with an opportunity to participate in and comment on the development of the update.

- (b) The department also shall coordinate with federal, regional, and local partners the planning for the Strategic Highway Network and the Strategic Rail Corridor Network transportation facilities that either are included in the Strategic Intermodal System or that provide a direct connection between military installations and the Strategic Intermodal System. In addition, the department shall coordinate with regional and local partners to determine whether the road and other transportation infrastructure that connect military installations to the Strategic Intermodal System, the Strategic Highway Network, or the Strategic Rail Corridor is regionally significant and should be included in the Strategic Intermodal System Plan.
- (4) The Strategic Intermodal System Plan shall include the following:
  - (a) A needs assessment.

- (b) A project prioritization process.
- (c) A map of facilities designated as Strategic Intermodal System facilities; facilities that are emerging in importance and that are likely to become part of the system in the future; and planned facilities that will meet the established criteria.
- (d) A finance plan based on reasonable projections of anticipated revenues, including both 10-year and <u>at least</u> 20-year cost-feasible components.
  - (e) An assessment of the impacts of proposed improvements

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installations that are either located directly on the Strategic Intermodal System or located on the Strategic Highway Network or Strategic Rail Corridor Network. (5) STATEWIDE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.-(a) The Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council is created to advise and make recommendations to the Legislature and the department on policies, planning, and funding of intermodal transportation projects. The council's responsibilities shall include: 1. Advising the department on the policies, planning, and implementation of strategies related to intermodal transportation. 2. Providing advice and recommendations to the Legislature on funding for projects to move goods and people in the most efficient and effective manner for the State of Florida. (b) MEMBERSHIP.-Members of the Statewide Intermodal

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  Transportation Advisory Council shall consist of the following:
- 1. Six intermodal industry representatives selected by the Governor as follows:
- a. One representative from an airport involved in the movement of freight and people from their airport facility to another transportation mode.
- b. One individual representing a fixed-route, local-government transit system.
- c. One representative from an intercity bus company providing regularly scheduled bus travel as determined by federal regulations.

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338	d. One representative from a spaceport.
339	e. One representative from intermodal trucking companies.
340	f. One representative having command responsibilities of a
341	major military installation.
342	2. Three intermodal industry representatives selected by
343	the President of the Senate as follows:
344	a. One representative from major-line railroads.
345	b. One representative from seaports listed in s. 311.09(1)
346	from the Atlantic Coast.
347	c. One representative from an airport involved in the
348	movement of freight and people from their airport facility to
349	another transportation mode.
350	3. Three intermodal industry representatives selected by
351	the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:
352	a. One representative from short-line railroads.
353	b. One representative from seaports listed in s. 311.09(1)
354	from the Gulf Coast.
355	c. One representative from intermodal trucking companies.
356	In no event may this representative be employed by the same
357	company that employs the intermodal trucking company
358	representative selected by the Governor.
359	(c) Initial appointments to the council must be made no
360	later than 30 days after the effective date of this section.
361	1. The initial appointments made by the President of the
362	Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
363	serve terms concurrent with those of the respective appointing
364	officer. Beginning January 15, 2005, and for all subsequent
365	appointments, council members appointed by the President of the

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Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve 2-year terms, concurrent with the term of the respective appointing officer.

- 2. The initial appointees, and all subsequent appointees, made by the Governor shall serve 2-year terms.
- 3. Vacancies on the council shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointments.
- (d) Each member of the council shall be allowed one vote. The council shall select a chair from among its membership.

  Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair, but not less frequently than quarterly. The members of the council shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.
- (e) The department shall provide administrative staff support and shall ensure that council meetings are electronically recorded. Such recordings and all documents received, prepared for, or used by the council in conducting its business shall be preserved pursuant to chapters 119 and 257.
- Section 14. Section 339.65, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
  - 339.65 Strategic Intermodal System highway corridors.—
- (1) The department shall plan and develop Strategic

  Intermodal System highway corridors, including limited and
  controlled access facilities, allowing for high-speed and highvolume traffic movements within the state. The primary function
  of these corridors is to provide such traffic movements. Access
  to abutting land is subordinate to this function, and such
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(2) Strategic Intermodal System highway corridors shall include facilities from the following components of the State Highway System that meet the criteria adopted by the department pursuant to s. 339.63:

(a) Interstate highways.

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- (b) The Florida Turnpike System.
- (C) Interregional and intercity limited access facilities.
- (d) Existing interregional and intercity arterial highways previously upgraded or upgraded in the future to limited access or controlled access facility standards.
- New limited access facilities necessary to complete a balanced statewide system.
- The department shall adhere to the following policy (3) guidelines in the development of Strategic Intermodal System highway corridors:
- Make capacity improvements to existing facilities where feasible to minimize costs and environmental impacts.
- (b) Identify appropriate arterial highways in major transportation corridors for inclusion in a program to bring these facilities up to limited access or controlled access facility standards.
- (c) Coordinate proposed projects with appropriate limited access projects undertaken by expressway authorities and local governmental entities.
- Maximize the use of limited access facility standards when constructing new arterial highways.
- Identify appropriate new limited access highways for inclusion as a part of the Florida Turnpike System.

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(f) To the maximum extent feasible, ensure that proposed projects are consistent with approved local government comprehensive plans of the local jurisdictions in which such facilities are to be located and with the transportation improvement program of any metropolitan planning organization in which such facilities are to be located.

- (4) The department shall develop and maintain a plan of Strategic Intermodal System highway corridor projects that are anticipated to be let to contract for construction within a time period of at least 20 years. The plan shall also identify when segments of the corridor will meet the standards and criteria developed pursuant to subsection (5).
- (5) The department shall establish the standards and criteria for the functional characteristics and design of facilities proposed as part of Strategic Intermodal System highway corridors.
- (6) For the purposes of developing the proposed Strategic Intermodal System highway corridors, beginning in fiscal year 2003-2004 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the minimum amount allocated shall be based on the fiscal year 2003-2004 allocation of \$450 million adjusted annually by the change in the Consumer Price Index for the prior fiscal year compared to the Consumer Price Index for fiscal year 2003-2004.
- (7) Any project to be constructed as part of a Strategic Intermodal System highway corridor shall be included in the department's adopted work program. Any Strategic Intermodal System highway corridor projects that are added to or deleted from the previous adopted work program, or any modification to

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Strategic Intermodal System highway corridor projects contained in the previous adopted work program, shall be specifically identified and submitted as a separate part of the tentative work program.

Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section 163.3180, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3180 Concurrency.-

- (12) (a) A development of regional impact may satisfy the transportation concurrency requirements of the local comprehensive plan, the local government's concurrency management system, and s. 380.06 by payment of a proportionate-share contribution for local and regionally significant traffic impacts, if:
- 1. The development of regional impact which, based on its location or mix of land uses, is designed to encourage pedestrian or other nonautomotive modes of transportation;
- 2. The proportionate-share contribution for local and regionally significant traffic impacts is sufficient to pay for one or more required mobility improvements that will benefit a regionally significant transportation facility;
- 3. The owner and developer of the development of regional impact pays or assures payment of the proportionate-share contribution; and
- 4. If the regionally significant transportation facility to be constructed or improved is under the maintenance authority of a governmental entity, as defined by s. 334.03(12), other than the local government with jurisdiction over the development of regional impact, the developer is required to enter into a

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binding and legally enforceable commitment to transfer funds to the governmental entity having maintenance authority or to otherwise assure construction or improvement of the facility.

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The proportionate-share contribution may be applied to any transportation facility to satisfy the provisions of this subsection and the local comprehensive plan, but, for the purposes of this subsection, the amount of the proportionateshare contribution shall be calculated based upon the cumulative number of trips from the proposed development expected to reach roadways during the peak hour from the complete buildout of a stage or phase being approved, divided by the change in the peak hour maximum service volume of roadways resulting from construction of an improvement necessary to maintain the adopted level of service, multiplied by the construction cost, at the time of developer payment, of the improvement necessary to maintain the adopted level of service. For purposes of this subsection, "construction cost" includes all associated costs of the improvement. Proportionate-share mitigation shall be limited to ensure that a development of regional impact meeting the requirements of this subsection mitigates its impact on the transportation system but is not responsible for the additional cost of reducing or eliminating backlogs. This subsection also applies to Florida Quality Developments pursuant to s. 380.061 and to detailed specific area plans implementing optional sector plans pursuant to s. 163.3245.

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Section 16. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section 163.3187, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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163.3187 Amendment of adopted comprehensive plan.-

- (1) Amendments to comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to this part may be made not more than two times during any calendar year, except:
- (k) A local comprehensive plan amendment directly related to providing transportation improvements to enhance life safety on controlled access major arterial highways identified in the <a href="Strategic Intermodal System">Strategic Intermodal System</a> Florida Intrastate Highway System, in counties as defined in s. 125.011, where such roadways have a high incidence of traffic accidents resulting in serious injury or death. Any such amendment shall not include any amendment modifying the designation on a comprehensive development plan land use map nor any amendment modifying the allowable densities or intensities of any land.
- Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 288.063, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.063 Contracts for transportation projects.-

(3) With respect to any contract executed pursuant to this section, the term "transportation project" means a transportation facility as defined in s. 334.03(31) which is necessary in the judgment of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to facilitate the economic development and growth of the state. Except for applications received prior to July 1, 1996, such transportation projects shall be approved only as a consideration to attract new employment opportunities to the state or expand or retain employment in existing companies operating within the state, or to allow for the construction or expansion of a state or federal correctional

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1034 facility in a county with a population of 75,000 or less that 1035 creates new employment opportunities or expands or retains 1036 employment in the county. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and 1037 Economic Development shall institute procedures to ensure that 1038 small and minority businesses have equal access to funding 1039 provided under this section. Funding for approved transportation 1040 projects may include any expenses, other than administrative 1041 costs and equipment purchases specified in the contract, 1042 necessary for new, or improvement to existing, transportation 1043 facilities. Funds made available pursuant to this section may 1044 not be expended in connection with the relocation of a business 1045 from one community to another community in this state unless the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development determines 1046 1047 that without such relocation the business will move outside this 1048 state or determines that the business has a compelling economic 1049 rationale for the relocation which creates additional jobs. 1050 Subject to appropriation for projects under this section, any 1051 appropriation greater than \$10 million shall be allocated to 1052 each of the districts of the Department of Transportation to 1053 ensure equitable geographical distribution. Such allocated funds 1054 that remain uncommitted by the third quarter of the fiscal year 1055 shall be reallocated among the districts based on pending 1056 project requests. 1057 Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 1058 311.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1059 311.07 Florida seaport transportation and economic 1060 development funding .-

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(b) Projects eligible for funding by grants under the program are limited to the following port facilities or port transportation projects:

- 1. Transportation facilities within the jurisdiction of the port.
- 2. The dredging or deepening of channels, turning basins, or harbors.
- 3. The construction or rehabilitation of wharves, docks, structures, jetties, piers, storage facilities, cruise terminals, automated people mover systems, or any facilities necessary or useful in connection with any of the foregoing.
- 4. The acquisition of vessel tracking systems, container cranes, or other mechanized equipment used in the movement of cargo or passengers in international commerce.
  - 5. The acquisition of land to be used for port purposes.
- 6. The acquisition, improvement, enlargement, or extension of existing port facilities.
- 7. Environmental protection projects which are necessary because of requirements imposed by a state agency as a condition of a permit or other form of state approval; which are necessary for environmental mitigation required as a condition of a state, federal, or local environmental permit; which are necessary for the acquisition of spoil disposal sites and improvements to existing and future spoil sites; or which result from the funding of eligible projects listed in this paragraph.
- 8. Transportation facilities as defined in s.  $334.03\frac{(31)}{(31)}$  which are not otherwise part of the Department of Transportation's adopted work program.

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9. Seaport intermodal access projects identified in the 5-year Florida Seaport Mission Plan as provided in s. 311.09(3).

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- 10. Construction or rehabilitation of port facilities as defined in s. 315.02, excluding any park or recreational facilities, in ports listed in s. 311.09(1) with operating revenues of \$5 million or less, provided that such projects create economic development opportunities, capital improvements, and positive financial returns to such ports.
- Section 19. Subsection (7) of section 311.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 311.09 Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council.—
- The Department of Transportation shall review the list of projects approved by the council for consistency with the Florida Transportation Plan and the department's adopted work program. In evaluating the consistency of a project, the department shall determine whether the transportation impact of the proposed project is adequately handled by existing stateowned transportation facilities or by the construction of additional state-owned transportation facilities as identified in the Florida Transportation Plan and the department's adopted work program. In reviewing for consistency a transportation facility project as defined in s. 334.03 + (31) which is not otherwise part of the department's work program, the department shall evaluate whether the project is needed to provide for projected movement of cargo or passengers from the port to a state transportation facility or local road. If the project is needed to provide for projected movement of cargo or passengers,

the project shall be approved for consistency as a consideration to facilitate the economic development and growth of the state in a timely manner. The Department of Transportation shall identify those projects which are inconsistent with the Florida Transportation Plan and the adopted work program and shall notify the council of projects found to be inconsistent.

Section 20. Section 316.2122, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2122 Operation of a low-speed vehicle or mini truck on certain roadways.—The operation of a low-speed vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(42) or a mini truck as defined in s. 320.01(45) on any road as defined in s. 334.03(15) or (33) is authorized with the following restrictions:

- (1) A low-speed vehicle or mini truck may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. This does not prohibit a low-speed vehicle or mini truck from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.
- (2) A low-speed vehicle must be equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, taillamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers.
- (3) A low-speed vehicle or mini truck must be registered and insured in accordance with s. 320.02 and titled pursuant to chapter 319.
- (4) Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or mini truck must have in his or her possession a valid driver's license.

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(5) A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles or mini trucks on any road under its jurisdiction if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

- (6) The Department of Transportation may prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles or mini trucks on any road under its jurisdiction if it determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.
- Section 21. Section 318.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 318.12 Purpose.—It is the legislative intent in the adoption of this chapter to decriminalize certain violations of chapter 316, the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; chapter 320, Motor Vehicle Licenses; chapter 322, Drivers' Licenses; chapter 338, Limited Access Florida Intrastate Highway System and Toll Facilities; and chapter 1006, Support of Learning, thereby facilitating the implementation of a more uniform and expeditious system for the disposition of traffic infractions.
- Section 22. Subsection (3) of section 335.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 335.02 Authority to designate transportation facilities and rights-of-way and establish lanes; procedure for redesignation and relocation; application of local regulations.—
- (3) The department may establish standards for lanes on the State Highway System, including the <u>Strategic Intermodal</u>

  <u>System highway corridors</u> <u>Florida Intrastate Highway System</u>

  established pursuant to s. <u>339.65</u> <u>338.001</u>. In determining the

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number of lanes for any regional corridor or section of highway on the State Highway System to be funded by the department with state or federal funds, the department shall evaluate all alternatives and seek to achieve the highest degree of efficient mobility for corridor users. In conducting the analysis, the department must give consideration to the following factors consistent with sound engineering principles:

- (a) Overall economic importance of the corridor as a trade or tourism corridor.
- (b) Safety of corridor users, including the importance of the corridor for evacuation purposes.
- (c) Cost-effectiveness of alternative methods of increasing the mobility of corridor users.
  - (d) Current and projected traffic volumes on the corridor.
  - (e) Multimodal alternatives.

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- (f) Use of intelligent transportation technology in increasing the efficiency of the corridor.
- (g) Compliance with state and federal policies related to clean air, environmental impacts, growth management, livable communities, and energy conservation.
- (h) Addition of special use lanes, such as exclusive truck lanes, high-occupancy-vehicle toll lanes, and exclusive interregional traffic lanes.
- (i) Availability and cost of rights-of-way, including associated costs, and the most effective use of existing rights-of-way.
- 1200 (j) Regional economic and transportation objectives, where 1201 articulated.

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(k) The future land use plan element of local government comprehensive plans, as appropriate, including designated urban infill and redevelopment areas.

- (1) The traffic circulation element, if applicable, of local government comprehensive plans, including designated transportation corridors and public transportation corridors.
- (m) The approved metropolitan planning organization's long-range transportation plan, as appropriate.

This subsection does not preclude a number of lanes in excess of lanes, but an additional factor that must be considered before the department may determine that the number of lanes should be more than 10 is the capacity to accommodate in the future alternative forms of transportation within existing or potential rights-of-way.

Section 23. Section 336.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

336.01 Designation of county road system.—The county road system shall be as defined in s.  $334.03\frac{(8)}{(8)}$ .

Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 338.222, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

338.222 Department of Transportation sole governmental entity to acquire, construct, or operate turnpike projects; exception.—

(2) The department may contract with any local governmental entity as defined in s. 334.03(13)(14) for the design, right-of-way acquisition, or construction of any turnpike project which the Legislature has approved. Local

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governmental entities may negotiate with the department for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of any section of the turnpike project within areas of their respective jurisdictions or within counties with which they have interlocal agreements.

Section 25. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 338.223, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

338.223 Proposed turnpike projects.-

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- (b) Any proposed turnpike project or improvement shall be developed in accordance with the Florida Transportation Plan and the work program pursuant to s. 339.135. Turnpike projects that add capacity, alter access, affect feeder roads, or affect the operation of the local transportation system shall be included in the transportation improvement plan of the affected metropolitan planning organization. If such turnpike project does not fall within the jurisdiction of a metropolitan planning organization, the department shall notify the affected county and provide for public hearings in accordance with s. 339.155(5)(6)(c).
- Section 26. Subsection (4) of section 338.227, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 338.227 Turnpike revenue bonds.-
  - (4) The Department of Transportation and the Department of Management Services shall create and implement an outreach program designed to enhance the participation of minority persons and minority business enterprises in all contracts entered into by their respective departments for services

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related to the financing of department projects for the Strategic Intermodal System Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.64 Florida Intrastate Highway System Plan. These services shall include, but not be limited to, bond counsel and bond underwriters.

Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 338.2275, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

338.2275 Approved turnpike projects.-

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The department is authorized to use turnpike revenues, the State Transportation Trust Fund moneys allocated for turnpike projects pursuant to s. 339.65 s. 338.001, federal funds, and bond proceeds, and shall use the most cost-efficient combination of such funds, in developing a financial plan for funding turnpike projects. The department must submit a report of the estimated cost for each ongoing turnpike project and for each planned project to the Legislature 14 days before the convening of the regular legislative session. Verification of economic feasibility and statements of environmental feasibility for individual turnpike projects must be based on the entire project as approved. Statements of environmental feasibility are not required for those projects listed in s. 12, chapter 90-136, Laws of Florida, for which the Project Development and Environmental Reports were completed by July 1, 1990. All required environmental permits must be obtained before the department may advertise for bids for contracts for the construction of any turnpike project.

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Section 28. Section 338.228, Florida Statutes, is amended

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338.228 Bonds not debts or pledges of credit of state.-Turnpike revenue bonds issued under the provisions of ss. 338.22-338.241 are not debts of the state or pledges of the faith and credit of the state. Such bonds are payable exclusively from revenues pledged for their payment. All such bonds shall contain a statement on their face that the state is not obligated to pay the same or the interest thereon, except from the revenues pledged for their payment, and that the faith and credit of the state is not pledged to the payment of the principal or interest of such bonds. The issuance of turnpike revenue bonds under the provisions of ss. 338.22-338.241 does not directly, indirectly, or contingently obligate the state to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatsoever, or to make any appropriation for their payment. Except as provided in ss. 338.001, 338.223, and 338.2275, and 339.65, no state funds shall be used on any turnpike project or to pay the principal or interest of any bonds issued to finance or refinance any portion of the turnpike system, and all such bonds shall contain a statement on their face to this effect.

Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 338.234, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

338.234 Granting concessions or selling along the turnpike system; immunity from taxation.—

(2) The effectuation of the authorized purposes of the Strategic Intermodal System, created under ss. 339.61-339.65, Florida Intrastate Highway System and Florida Turnpike Enterprise, created under this chapter, is for the benefit of the people of the state, for the increase of their commerce and

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prosperity, and for the improvement of their health and living conditions; and, because the system and enterprise perform essential government functions in effectuating such purposes, neither the turnpike enterprise nor any nongovernment lessee or licensee renting, leasing, or licensing real property from the turnpike enterprise, pursuant to an agreement authorized by this section, are required to pay any commercial rental tax imposed under s. 212.031 on any capital improvements constructed, improved, acquired, installed, or used for such purposes.

Section 30. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 339.2819, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.2819 Transportation Regional Incentive Program.-

- (1) There is created within the Department of Transportation a Transportation Regional Incentive Program for the purpose of providing funds to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in regional transportation areas created pursuant to s. 339.155(4)(5).
- (3) The department shall allocate funding available for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program to the districts based on a factor derived from equal parts of population and motor fuel collections for eligible counties in regional transportation areas created pursuant to s. 339.155(4)(5).
- Section 31. Subsection (6) of section 339.285, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 339.285 Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable Transportation.—
- (6) Preference shall be given to bridge projects located on corridors that connect to the Strategic Intermodal System,

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created under s. 339.64, and that have been identified as regionally significant in accordance with s.  $339.155\underline{(4)}(5)(c)$ , 1344 (d), and (e).

Section 32. Subsection (2) of section 341.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

341.053 Intermodal Development Program; administration; eligible projects; limitations.—

- (2) In recognition of the department's role in the economic development of this state, the department shall develop a proposed intermodal development plan to connect Florida's airports, deepwater seaports, rail systems serving both passenger and freight, and major intermodal connectors to the Strategic Intermodal System highway corridors Florida Intrastate Highway System facilities as the primary system for the movement of people and freight in this state in order to make the intermodal development plan a fully integrated and interconnected system. The intermodal development plan must:
- (a) Define and assess the state's freight intermodal network, including airports, seaports, rail lines and terminals, intercity bus lines and terminals, and connecting highways.
- (b) Prioritize statewide infrastructure investments, including the acceleration of current projects, which are found by the Freight Stakeholders Task Force to be priority projects for the efficient movement of people and freight.
- (c) Be developed in a manner that will assure maximum use of existing facilities and optimum integration and coordination of the various modes of transportation, including both government-owned and privately owned resources, in the most

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1370 cost-effective manner possible.

Section 33. Subsection (2) of section 341.8225, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

341.8225 Department of Transportation sole governmental entity to acquire, construct, or operate high-speed rail projects; exception.—

- (2) Local governmental entities, as defined in s. 334.03(13)(14), may negotiate with the department for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of any component of the high-speed rail system within areas of their respective jurisdictions or within counties with which they have interlocal agreements.
- Section 34. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 403.7211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 403.7211 Hazardous waste facilities managing hazardous wastes generated offsite; federal facilities managing hazardous waste.—
- (2) The department shall not issue any permit under s. 403.722 for the construction, initial operation, or substantial modification of a facility for the disposal, storage, or treatment of hazardous waste generated offsite which is proposed to be located in any of the following locations:
- (a) Any area where life-threatening concentrations of hazardous substances could accumulate at any residence or residential subdivision as the result of a catastrophic event at the proposed facility, unless each such residence or residential subdivision is served by at least one arterial road or urban minor arterial road, as determined under the procedures

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referenced in s. 334.03(9) defined in s. 334.03, which provides safe and direct egress by land to an area where such life—threatening concentrations of hazardous substances could not accumulate in a catastrophic event. Egress by any road leading from any residence or residential subdivision to any point located within 1,000 yards of the proposed facility is unsafe for the purposes of this paragraph. In determining whether egress proposed by the applicant is safe and direct, the department shall also consider, at a minimum, the following factors:

- 1. Natural barriers such as water bodies, and whether any road in the proposed evacuation route is impaired by a natural barrier such as a water body;
- 2. Potential exposure during egress and potential increases in the duration of exposure;
- 3. Whether any road in a proposed evacuation route passes in close proximity to the facility; and
- 4. Whether any portion of the evacuation route is inherently directed toward the facility.

For the purposes of this subsection, all distances shall be measured from the outer limit of the active hazardous waste management area. "Substantial modification" includes: any physical change in, change in the operations of, or addition to a facility which could increase the potential offsite impact, or risk of impact, from a release at that facility; and any change in permit conditions which is reasonably expected to lead to greater potential impacts or risks of impacts, from a release at

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that facility. "Substantial modification" does not include a change in operations, structures, or permit conditions which does not substantially increase either the potential impact from, or the risk of, a release. Physical or operational changes to a facility related solely to the management of nonhazardous waste at the facility shall not be considered a substantial modification. The department shall, by rule, adopt criteria to determine whether a facility has been substantially modified.

"Initial operation" means the initial commencement of operations at the facility.

Section 35. Subsection (27) of section 479.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

479.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(27) "Urban area" has the same meaning as defined in s. 334.03(29).

Section 36. Subsection (1) of section 479.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

479.07 Sign permits.-

(1) Except as provided in ss. 479.105(1)(e) and 479.16, a person may not erect, operate, use, or maintain, or cause to be erected, operated, used, or maintained, any sign on the State Highway System outside an urban area, as defined in s. 334.03(32), or on any portion of the interstate or federal-aid primary highway system without first obtaining a permit for the sign from the department and paying the annual fee as provided in this section. As used in this section, the term "on any portion of the State Highway System, interstate, or federal-aid primary system" means a sign located within the controlled area

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which is visible from any portion of the main-traveled way of such system.

Section 37. Subsection (5) of section 479.261, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

479.261 Logo sign program.—

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At a minimum, permit fees for businesses that participate in the program must be established in an amount sufficient to offset the total cost to the department for the program, including contract costs. The department shall provide the services in the most efficient and cost-effective manner through department staff or by contracting for some or all of the services. The department shall adopt rules that set reasonable rates based upon factors such as population, traffic volume, market demand, and costs for annual permit fees. However, annual permit fees for sign locations inside an urban area, as defined in s.  $334.03 \cdot (32)$ , may not exceed \$3,500, and annual permit fees for sign locations outside an urban area, as defined in s. 334.03 + (32), may not exceed \$2,000. After recovering program costs, the proceeds from the annual permit fees shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund and used for transportation purposes.

Section 38. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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