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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Orlando-Orange County
3	Expressway Authority; amending ss. 348.751 and
4	348.752, F.S.; renaming the Orlando-Orange County
5	Expressway System as the "Central Florida Expressway
6	System"; revising definitions; making technical
7	changes; amending s. 348.753, F.S.; creating the
8	Central Florida Expressway Authority; providing for
9	the transfer of governance and control, legal rights
10	and powers, responsibilities, terms, and obligations
11	to the authority; providing conditions for the
12	transfer; revising the composition of the governing
13	body of the authority; providing for appointment of
14	officers of the authority and for the expiration of
15	terms of standing board members; revising quorum and
16	voting requirements; conforming terminology and making
17	technical changes; prohibiting a member or the
18	executive director of the authority from personally
19	representing certain persons or entities for a
20	specified time period; prohibiting a retired or
21	terminated member or executive director of the
22	authority from contracting with a business entity
23	under certain circumstances; requiring authority board
24	members, employees, and consultants to make certain
25	annual disclosures; requiring an ethics officer to
26	review such disclosures; requiring the authority code
27	of ethics to include a conflict of interest process;
28	prohibiting authority employees and consultants from
29	serving on the board during their employment or

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30	contract period; requiring the code of ethics to be
31	reviewed and updated at least every 2 years; requiring
32	employees to participate in ongoing ethics education;
33	providing penalties; amending s. 348.754, F.S.;
34	providing that the area served by the authority is
35	within the geopolitical boundaries of Orange,
36	Seminole, Lake, and Osceola Counties; requiring the
37	authority to have prior consent from the Secretary of
38	the Department of Transportation to construct an
39	extension, addition, or improvement to the expressway
40	system in Lake County; extending, to 99 years from 40
41	years, the term of a lease-purchase agreement;
42	limiting the authority's authority to enter into a
43	lease-purchase agreement; limiting the use of certain
44	toll-revenues; providing exceptions; removing the
45	requirement that the route of a project must be
46	approved by a municipality before the right-of-way can
47	be acquired; requiring that the authority encourage
48	the inclusion of local-, small-, minority-, and women-
49	owned businesses in its procurement and contracting
50	opportunities; removing the authority and criteria for
51	an authority to waive payment and performance bonds
52	for certain public works projects that are awarded
53	pursuant to an economic development program;
54	conforming terminology and making technical changes;
55	amending ss. 348.7543, 348.7544, 348.7545, 348.7546,
56	348.7547, 348.755, and 348.756, F.S.; conforming
57	terminology and making technical changes; amending s.
58	348.757, F.S.; providing that upon termination of the
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59	lease-purchase agreement of the former Orlando-Orange
60	County Expressway System, title in fee simple to the
61	former system shall be transferred to the state;
62	conforming terminology and making technical changes;
63	amending ss. 348.758, 348.759, 348.760, 348.761, and
64	348.765, F.S.; conforming terminology and making
65	technical changes; amending s. 348.9953, F.S.;
66	limiting the purpose and powers of the Osceola County
67	Expressway Authority; providing for the termination of
68	the Osceola County Expressway Authority by a specified
69	time period; prohibiting the authority from extending
70	the Poinciana Parkway beyond a specified limit;
71	amending s. 369.317, F.S.; conforming terminology and
72	making technical changes; amending s. 369.324, F.S.;
73	revising the membership of the Wekiva River Basin
74	Commission; conforming terminology; providing criteria
75	for the transfer of the Osceola County Expressway
76	System to the Central Florida Expressway Authority;
77	providing for the repeal of part V of ch. 348, F.S.,
78	when the Osceola County Expressway System is
79	transferred to the Central Florida Expressway
80	Authority; requiring the Central Florida Expressway
81	Authority to reimburse other governmental entities for
82	obligations related to the Osceola County Expressway
83	System; excluding certain obligations and payments of
84	Osceola County regarding the Poinciana Parkway;
85	providing for reimbursement after payment of other
86	obligations; providing a directive to the Division of
87	Law Revision and Information; providing an effective
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88	date.
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90	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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92	Section 1. Section 348.751, Florida Statutes, is amended to
93	read:
94	348.751 Short title.—This part shall be known and may be
95	cited as the " <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway
96	Authority Law."
97	Section 2. Section 348.752, Florida Statutes, is amended to
98	read:
99	348.752 Definitions.— <u>As used in this part</u> The following
100	terms, whenever used or referred to in this law, shall have the
101	following meanings, except in those instances where the context
102	clearly indicates otherwise:
103	(1) The term "agency of the state" means and includes the
104	state and any department of, or corporation, agency, or
105	instrumentality heretofore or hereafter created, designated, or
106	established by, the state.
107	(2) The term "authority" means the body politic and
108	corporate, and agency of the state created by this part.
109	(3) The term "bonds" means and includes the notes, bonds,
110	refunding bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness or
111	obligations, in either temporary or definitive form, which the
112	authority is authorized to issue pursuant to this part.
113	(4) The term "Central Florida Expressway Authority" means
114	the body politic and corporate, and agency of the state created
115	by this part.
116	(5) The term "Central Florida Expressway System" means any

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117	expressway and appurtenant facilities, including all approaches,
118	roads, bridges, and avenues for the expressway and any rapid
119	transit, trams, or fixed guideways located within the right-of-
120	way of an expressway.
121	(4) The term "city" means the City of Orlando.
122	(5) The term "county" means the County of Orange.
123	(6) The term "department" means the Department of
124	Transportation existing under chapters 334-339.
125	(7) The term "expressway" <u>has the same meaning</u> is the same
126	as limited access expressway.
127	(8) The term "federal agency" means and includes the United
128	States, the President of the United States, and any department
129	of, or corporation, agency, or instrumentality heretofore or
130	hereafter created, designated, or established by, the United
131	States.
132	(9) The term "lease-purchase agreement" means the lease-
133	purchase agreements that which the authority is authorized
134	pursuant to this part to enter into with the Department of
135	Transportation pursuant to this part.
136	(10) The term "limited access expressway" means a street or
137	highway <u>specifically</u> especially designed for through traffic,
138	and over, from, or to which, <u>a</u> no person <u>does not</u> shall have the
139	right of easement, use, or access except in accordance with the
140	rules <u>of</u> and regulations promulgated and established by the
141	authority governing its use for the use of such facility. Such
142	highways or streets may be parkways that do not allow traffic
143	\underline{by} , from which trucks, buses, and other commercial vehicles
144	shall be excluded, or they may be freeways open to use by all
145	customary forms of street and highway traffic.

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(11) The term <u>"members" means the governing body of the</u> authority, and the term "member" means <u>an individual who serves</u> on the <u>one of the individuals constituting such</u> governing body of the authority.

(12) The term "Orange County gasoline tax funds" means all the revenue derived from the 80-percent surplus gasoline tax funds accruing in each year to the Department of Transportation for use in Orange County under the provisions of s. 9, Art. XII of the State Constitution, after <u>deducting deduction only of</u> any amounts of said gasoline tax funds <u>previously heretofore</u> pledged by the department or the county for outstanding obligations.

157 (13) The term "Orlando-Orange County Expressway System" 158 means any and all expressways and appurtenant facilities 159 thereto, including, but not limited to, all approaches, roads, 160 bridges, and avenues of access for said expressway or 161 expressways.

162 <u>(13) (14)</u> The term "State Board of Administration" means the 163 body corporate existing under the provisions of s. 4, Art. IV of 164 the State Constitution, or any successor thereto.

165 (14) The term "transportation facilities" means and 166 includes the mobile and fixed assets, and the associated real or 167 personal property or rights, used in the transportation of 168 persons or property by any means of conveyance, and all 169 appurtenances, such as, but not limited to, highways; limited or controlled access lanes, avenues of access, and facilities; 170 171 vehicles; fixed guideway facilities, including maintenance 172 facilities; and administrative and other office space for the 173 exercise by the authority of the powers and obligations granted 174 in this part.

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175	(15) Words importing singular number include the plural
176	number in each case and vice versa, and words importing persons
177	include firms and corporations.
178	Section 3. Section 348.753, Florida Statutes, is amended to
179	read:
180	348.753 <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway
181	Authority
182	(1) There is hereby created and established a body politic
183	and corporate, an agency of the state, to be known as the
184	Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority $_{\cdot au}$
185	hereinafter referred to as "authority."
186	(2)(a) Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the
187	Central Florida Expressway Authority shall assume the governance
188	and control of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority
189	System, including its assets, personnel, contracts, obligations,
190	liabilities, facilities, and tangible and intangible property.
191	Any rights in such property, and other legal rights of the
192	authority, are transferred to the Central Florida Expressway
193	Authority. The Central Florida Expressway Authority shall
194	immediately succeed to and assume the powers, responsibilities,
195	and obligations of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway
196	Authority.
197	(b) The transfer pursuant to this subsection is subject to
198	the terms and covenants provided for the protection of the
199	holders of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority bonds
200	in the lease-purchase agreement and the resolutions adopted in
201	connection with the issuance of the bonds. Further, the transfer
202	does not impair the terms of the contract between the Orlando-
203	Orange County Expressway Authority and the bondholders, does not

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204	act to the detriment of the bondholders, and does not diminish
205	the security for the bonds. After the transfer, the Central
206	Florida Expressway Authority shall operate and maintain the
207	expressway system and any other facilities of the Orlando-Orange
208	County Expressway Authority in accordance with the terms,
209	conditions, and covenants contained in the bond resolutions and
210	lease-purchase agreement securing the bonds of the authority.
211	The Central Florida Expressway Authority shall collect toll
212	revenues and apply them to the payment of debt service as
213	provided in the bond resolution securing the bonds, and shall
214	expressly assume all obligations relating to the bonds to ensure
215	that the transfer will have no adverse impact on the security
216	for the bonds. The transfer does not make the obligation to pay
217	the principal and interest on the bonds a general liability of
218	the Central Florida Expressway Authority or pledge additional
219	expressway system revenues to payment of the bonds. Revenues
220	that are generated by the expressway system and other facilities
221	of the Central Florida Expressway Authority which were pledged
222	by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority to payment of
223	the bonds will remain subject to the pledge for the benefit of
224	the bondholders. The transfer does not modify or eliminate any
225	prior obligation of the department to pay certain costs of the
226	expressway system from sources other than revenues of the
227	expressway system.
228	(3)(2) The governing body of the authority shall consist of
229	nine five members. The chairs of the boards of the county
230	commissions of Seminole, Lake, and Osceola Counties shall each
231	appoint one member, who may be a commission member or chair. The

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Mayor of Orange County shall appoint a member from the Orange

233 County Commission. The Governor shall appoint three citizen 234 members. Of the Governor's appointments, two Three members must 235 shall be citizens of Orange County and one member must be a 236 citizen of either Seminole County, Lake County, or Osceola County, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The eighth 237 238 fourth member must shall be, ex officio, the Mayor of chair of 239 the County Commissioners of Orange County. The ninth member must be the Mayor of the City of Orlando. The executive director of 240 241 Florida Turnpike Enterprise shall serve as a nonvoting advisor 242 to the governing body of the authority, and the fifth member 243 shall be, ex officio, the district secretary of the Department 244 of Transportation serving in the district that contains Orange 245 County. The term of Each appointed member appointed by the 246 Governor shall serve be for 4 years. Each county-appointed member shall serve for 2 years. The terms of standing board 247 248 members expire upon the effective date of this act. Each 249 appointed member shall hold office until his or her successor 250 has been appointed and has qualified. A vacancy occurring during 251 a term must shall be filled only for the balance of the 252 unexpired term. Each appointed member of the authority shall be 253 a person of outstanding reputation for integrity, 254 responsibility, and business ability, but, except as provided in 255 this subsection, a no person who is an officer or employee of a 256 municipality or any city or of Orange county may not in any other capacity shall be an appointed member of the authority. 257 258 Any member of the authority is shall be eligible for 259 reappointment.

260 (4) (3) (a) The authority shall elect one of its members as
 261 chair of the authority. The authority shall also elect <u>one of</u>

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262 its members as vice chair, one of its members as a secretary, 263 and one of its members as a treasurer who may or may not be 264 members of the authority. The chair, vice chair, secretary, and 265 treasurer shall hold such offices at the will of the authority. 266 Five Three members of the authority shall constitute a quorum, 267 and the vote of five three members is shall be necessary for any 268 action taken by the authority. A No vacancy in the authority 269 does not shall impair the right of a quorum of the authority to 270 exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties of the 271 authority.

(b) Upon the effective date of his or her appointment, or as soon thereafter as practicable, each appointed member of the authority shall enter upon his or her duties. <u>Members of the</u> <u>authority may be removed from office by the Governor for</u> misconduct, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office.

(c) Members of the authority are entitled to receive
reimbursement from the authority for travel and other necessary
expenses incurred in connection with the business of the
authority as provided in s. 112.061, but may not draw salaries
or other compensation.

282 (5) (4) (a) The authority may employ an executive secretary, 283 an executive director, its own counsel and legal staff, 284 technical experts, and the such engineers, and such employees that, permanent or temporary, as it requires. The authority may 285 require and may determine the qualifications and fix the 286 compensation of such persons, firms, or corporations, and may 287 288 employ a fiscal agent or agents; , provided, however, that the 289 authority shall solicit sealed proposals from at least three persons, firms, or corporations for the performance of any 290

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291	services as fiscal agents. The authority may delegate to one or
292	more of its agents or employees <u>the</u> such of its power as it
293	deems shall deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this
294	part, subject always to the supervision and control of the
295	authority. Members of the authority may be removed from their
296	office by the Governor for misconduct, malfeasance, misfeasance,
297	or nonfeasance in office.
298	(b) Members of the authority shall be entitled to receive
299	from the authority their travel and other necessary expenses
300	incurred in connection with the business of the authority as
301	provided in s. 112.061, but they shall draw no salaries or other
302	compensation.
303	(6) A member or the executive director of the authority may
304	not:
305	(a) Personally represent another person or entity for
306	compensation before the authority for a period of 2 years
307	following vacation of his or her position.
308	(b) After retirement or termination, have an employment or
309	contractual relationship with a business entity other than an
310	agency as defined in s. 112.312, in connection with a contract
311	in which the member or executive director personally and
312	substantially participated in through decision, approval,
313	disapproval, recommendation, rendering of advice, or
314	investigation while he or she was a member or employee of the
315	authority.
316	(7) The authority's general counsel shall serve as the
317	authority's ethics officer.
318	(8) Authority board members, employees, and consultants who
319	hold positions that may influence authority decisions shall

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320	refrain from engaging in any relationship that may adversely
321	affect their judgment in carrying out authority business. To
322	prevent such conflicts of interest and preserve the integrity
323	and transparency of the authority to the public, the following
324	disclosures must be made annually on a disclosure form:
325	(a) Any relationship a board member, employee, or
326	consultant has which affords a current or future financial
327	benefit to such board member, employee, or consultant, or to a
328	relative or business associate of such board member, employee,
329	or consultant, and which a reasonable person would conclude has
330	the potential to create a prohibited conflict of interest. As
331	used in this subsection, the term "relative" has the same
332	meaning as in s. 112.312.
333	(b) Whether a relative of a board member, employee, or
334	consultant is a registered lobbyist, and if so, the names of the
335	lobbyist's clients. Such names shall be provided in writing to
336	the ethics officer.
337	(c) Any and all interests in real property that a board
338	member, employee, or consultant has, or that a relative,
339	principal, client, or business associate of such board member,
340	employee, or consultant has, if such real property is located
341	within, or within a one-half mile radius of, any actual or
342	prospective authority roadway project. The executive director
343	shall provide a corridor map and a property ownership list
344	reflecting the ownership of all real property within the
345	disclosure area, or an alignment map with a list of associated
346	owners, to all board members, employees, and consultants.
347	(9) The disclosure forms required under subsection (8) must
348	be reviewed by the ethics officer or, if a form is filed by the

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349	general counsel, by the executive director.
350	(10) The conflict of interest process shall be outlined in
351	the authority's code of ethics.
352	(11) Authority employees and consultants are prohibited
353	from serving on the governing body of the authority while
354	employed by or under contract with the authority.
355	(12) The code of ethics policy shall be reviewed and
356	updated by the ethics officer and presented for board approval
357	at a minimum of once every 2 years.
358	(13) Employees shall be adequately informed and trained on
359	the code of ethics and shall continually participate in ongoing
360	ethics education.
361	(14) The requirements in subsections (6) through (13) are
362	in addition to the requirements that the members and the
363	executive director of the authority are required to follow under
364	chapter 112.
365	(15) Violations of subsections (6), (8), and (11) are
366	punishable in accordance with s. 112.317.
367	Section 4. Section 348.754, Florida Statutes, is amended
368	to read:
369	348.754 Purposes and powers
370	(1)(a) The authority created and established <u>under</u> by the
371	provisions of this part is hereby granted and <u>has</u> shall have the
372	right to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate,
373	own $_{\prime}$ and lease in the capacity of lessor $_{ au}$ the <u>Central Florida</u>
374	Orlando-Orange County Expressway System <u>,</u> hereinafter referred to
375	as "system." Except as otherwise specifically provided by law,
376	including paragraph (2)(n), the area served by the authority
377	shall be within the geographical boundaries of Orange, Seminole,

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378 Lake, and Osceola Counties.

379 (b) It is the express intention of this part that said 380 authority, In the construction of the Central Florida said 381 Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, the authority may shall 382 be authorized to construct any extensions, additions, or 383 improvements to the said system or appurtenant facilities, 384 including all necessary approaches, roads, bridges, and avenues of access, rapid transit, trams, fixed guideways, thoroughfares, 385 386 and boulevards with any such changes, modifications, or 387 revisions of the said project which are as shall be deemed 388 desirable and proper.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, to ensure the continued financial feasibility of the portion of the Wekiva Parkway to be constructed by the department, the authority may not, without the prior consent of the secretary of the department, construct any extensions, additions, or improvements to the expressway system in Lake County.

396 (2) The authority is hereby granted, and shall have and may
397 exercise all powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or
398 incidental to the implementation carrying out of the stated
399 aforesaid purposes, including, but not without being limited to,
400 the following rights and powers:

401 (a) To sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, complain402 and defend in all courts.

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(b) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.

404 (c) To acquire by donation or otherwise, purchase, hold,
405 lease as lessee, and use any franchise <u>or any</u> property, real,
406 personal, or mixed, or tangible or intangible, or any options

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407 thereof in its own name or in conjunction with others, or 408 interest in those options therein, necessary or desirable to 409 carry for carrying out the purposes of the authority, and to 410 sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any property or 411 interest in the property therein at any time acquired by it. (d) To enter into and make leases for terms not exceeding 412 413 99 years, as either lessee or lessor, in order to carry out the 414 right to lease as specified set forth in this part. 415 (e) To enter into and make lease-purchase agreements with the department for terms not exceeding 99 40 years, or until any 416 bonds secured by a pledge of rentals pursuant to the agreement 417 thereunder, and any refundings pursuant to the agreement 418 419 thereof, are fully paid as to both principal and interest, 420 whichever is longer. The authority is a party to a leasepurchase agreement between the department and the authority 421 422 dated December 23, 1985, as supplemented by a first supplement 423 to the lease-purchase agreement dated November 25, 1986, and a 424 second supplement to the lease-purchase agreement dated October 425 27, 1988. The authority may not enter into other lease-purchase 426 agreements with the department and may not amend the existing 427 agreement in a manner that expands or increases the department's 428 obligations unless the department determines that the agreement 429 or amendment is necessary to permit the refunding of bonds 430 issued before July 1, 2013.

(f) To fix, alter, charge, establish, and collect rates,
fees, rentals, and other charges for the services and facilities
of the <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway System,
which <u>must</u> rates, fees, rentals and other charges shall always
be sufficient to comply with any covenants made with the holders

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436	of any bonds issued pursuant to this part; provided, however,
437	that such right and power may be assigned or delegated $_{m au}$ by the
438	authority $_{m{ au}}$ to the department. <u>Toll revenues attributable to an</u>
439	increase in the toll rates charged on or after the effective
440	date of this act for the use of a portion of the system may not
441	be used to construct or expand a different portion of the system
442	unless a two-thirds majority of the members of the authority
443	votes to approve such use. This requirement does not apply if,
444	and to the extent that:
445	1. Application of the requirement would violate any
446	covenant established in a resolution or trust indenture under
447	which bonds were issued by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway
448	Authority on or before the effective date of this act; or
449	2. Application of the requirement would cause the authority
450	to be unable to meet its obligations under the terms of the
451	memorandum of understanding between the authority and the
452	department as ratified by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway
453	Authority board on February 22, 2012.
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455	Notwithstanding s. 338.165, and except as otherwise prohibited
456	by this part, to the extent revenues of the expressway system
457	exceed amounts required to comply with any covenants made with
458	the holders of bonds issued pursuant to this part, revenues may
459	be used for purposes enumerated in subsection (6), provided the
460	expenditures are consistent with the metropolitan planning
461	organization's adopted long-range plan.
462	(g) To borrow money, make and issue negotiable notes,
463	bonds, refunding bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness or

464 obligations, either in temporary or definitive form, hereinafter

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465 in this chapter sometimes called "bonds" of the authority, for 466 the purpose of financing all or part of the improvement or 467 extension of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County 468 Expressway System, and appurtenant facilities, including all 469 approaches, streets, roads, bridges, and avenues of access for 470 the Central Florida said Orlando-Orange County Expressway System 471 and for any other purpose authorized by this part, said bonds to 472 mature in not exceeding 40 years from the date of the issuance 473 thereof, and to secure the payment of such bonds or any part 474 thereof by a pledge of any or all of its revenues, rates, fees, 475 rentals, or other charges, including all or any portion of the 476 Orange County gasoline tax funds received by the authority 477 pursuant to the terms of any lease-purchase agreement between 478 the authority and the department; and in general to provide for the security of the said bonds and the rights and remedies of 479 480 the holders thereof. Provided, However, that no portion of the 481 Orange County gasoline tax funds may shall be pledged for the 482 construction of any project for which a toll is to be charged 483 unless the anticipated toll is tolls are reasonably estimated by 484 the board of county commissioners, at the date of its resolution 485 pledging the said funds, to be sufficient to cover the principal 486 and interest of such obligations during the period when the said 487 pledge of funds is shall be in effect. The bonds issued under 488 this paragraph must mature not more than 40 years after their 489 issue date.

1. The authority shall reimburse Orange County for any sums expended from <u>the</u> said gasoline tax funds used for the payment of such obligations. Any gasoline tax funds so disbursed <u>must</u> shall be repaid when the authority deems it practicable,

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494 together with interest at the highest rate applicable to any 495 obligations of the authority.

496 2. If, pursuant to this section, In the event the authority 497 funds shall determine to fund or refunds refund any bonds 498 previously theretofore issued by the said authority, or the by 499 said commission before the bonds mature as aforesaid prior to 500 the maturity thereof, the proceeds of such funding or refunding 501 must bonds shall, pending the prior redemption of these the 502 bonds to be funded or refunded, be invested in direct 503 obligations of the United States, and it is the express 504 intention of this part that such outstanding bonds may be funded 505 or refunded by the issuance of bonds pursuant to this part.

(h) To make contracts of every name and nature, including, but not limited to, partnerships providing for participation in ownership and revenues, and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient for <u>conducting</u> the carrying on of its business.

(i) <u>Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(h)</u>, Without limitation of the foregoing, to borrow money and accept grants from, and to enter into contracts, leases, or other transactions with any federal agency, the state, any agency of the state, the County of Orange, the City of Orlando, or with any other public body of the state.

516 (j) To have the power of eminent domain, including the 517 procedural powers granted under both chapters 73 and 74.

(k) To pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber all or any part of the revenues, rates, fees, rentals, or other charges or receipts of the authority, including all or any portion of the Orange County gasoline tax funds received by the authority pursuant to the terms of any lease-purchase agreement between

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523 the authority and the department, as security for all or any of 524 the obligations of the authority.

(1) To enter into partnership and other agreements respecting ownership and revenue participation in order to facilitate financing and constructing the Western Beltway, or portions thereof.

(m) To do <u>everything</u> all acts and things necessary or convenient for the conduct of its business and the general welfare of the authority, in order to <u>comply with</u> carry out the powers granted to it by this part or any other law.

533 (n) With the consent of the county within whose 534 jurisdiction the following activities occur, the authority shall have the right to construct, operate, and maintain roads, 535 bridges, avenues of access, transportation facilities, 536 thoroughfares, and boulevards outside the jurisdictional 537 538 boundaries of Orange, Seminole, Lake, and Osceola Counties 539 County, together with the right to construct, repair, replace, 540 operate, install, and maintain electronic toll payment systems 541 thereon, with all necessary and incidental powers to accomplish 542 the foregoing.

(3) The authority does not shall have the no power at any 543 544 time or in any manner to pledge the credit or taxing power of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof, 545 546 including any city and any county the City of Orlando and the 547 County of Orange, nor may nor shall any of the authority's 548 obligations be deemed to be obligations of the state or of any 549 political subdivision or agency thereof, nor may nor shall the 550 state or any political subdivision or agency thereof, except the authority, be liable for the payment of the principal of or 551

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552	interest on such obligations.
553	(4) Anything in this part to the contrary notwithstanding,
554	acquisition of right-of-way for a project of the authority which
555	is within the boundaries of any municipality in Orange County
556	shall not be begun unless and until the route of said project
557	within said municipality has been given prior approval by the
558	governing body of said municipality.
559	<u>(4)</u> The authority <u>has</u> shall have no power other than by
560	consent of <u>an affected</u> Orange county or any affected city, to
561	enter into any agreement which would legally prohibit the
562	construction of <u>a</u> any road by the respective county or city
563	Orange County or by any city within Orange County.
564	(5) The authority shall encourage the inclusion of local-,
565	small-, minority-, and women-owned businesses in its procurement
566	and contracting opportunities.
567	(6) (a) The authority may, within the right-of-way of the
568	expressway system, finance or refinance the planning, design,
569	acquisition, construction, extension, rehabilitation, equipping,
570	preservation, maintenance, or improvement of an intermodal
571	facility or facilities, a multimodal corridor or corridors, or
572	any programs or projects that will improve the levels of service
573	on the expressway system Notwithstanding s. 255.05, the Orlando-
574	Orange County Expressway Authority may waive payment and
575	performance bonds on construction contracts for the construction
576	of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a
577	public work, or for repairs on a public building or public work
578	that has a cost of \$500,000 or less and when the project is
579	awarded pursuant to an economic development program for the
580	encouragement of local small businesses that has been adopted by
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581	the governing body of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway
582	Authority pursuant to a resolution or policy.
583	(b) The authority's adopted criteria for participation in
584	the economic development program for local small businesses
585	requires that a participant:
586	1. Be an independent business.
587	2. Be principally domiciled in the Orange County Standard
588	Metropolitan Statistical Area.
589	3. Employ 25 or fewer full-time employees.
590	4. Have gross annual sales averaging \$3 million or less
591	over the immediately preceding 3 calendar years with regard to
592	any construction element of the program.
593	5. Be accepted as a participant in the Orlando-Orange
594	County Expressway Authority's microcontracts program or such
595	other small business program as may be hereinafter enacted by
596	the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.
597	6. Participate in an educational curriculum or technical
598	assistance program for business development that will assist the
599	small business in becoming eligible for bonding.
600	(c) The authority's adopted procedures for waiving payment
601	and performance bonds on projects with values not less than
602	\$200,000 and not exceeding \$500,000 shall provide that payment
603	and performance bonds may only be waived on projects that have
604	been set aside to be competitively bid on by participants in an
605	economic development program for local small businesses. The
606	authority's executive director or his or her designee shall
607	determine whether specific construction projects are suitable
608	for:
609	1. Bidding under the authority's microcontracts program by

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610	registered local small businesses; and
611	2. Waiver of the payment and performance bond.
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613	The decision of the authority's executive director or deputy
614	executive director to waive the payment and performance bond
615	shall be based upon his or her investigation and conclusion that
616	there exists sufficient competition so that the authority
617	receives a fair price and does not undertake any unusual risk
618	with respect to such project.
619	(d) For any contract for which a payment and performance
620	bond has been waived pursuant to the authority set forth in this
621	section, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority shall
622	pay all persons defined in s. 713.01 who furnish labor,
623	services, or materials for the prosecution of the work provided
624	for in the contract to the same extent and upon the same
625	conditions that a surety on the payment bond under s. 255.05
626	would have been obligated to pay such persons if the payment and
627	performance bond had not been waived. The authority shall record
628	notice of this obligation in the manner and location that surety
629	bonds are recorded. The notice shall include the information
630	describing the contract that s. 255.05(1) requires be stated on
631	the front page of the bond. Notwithstanding that s. 255.05(9)
632	generally applies when a performance and payment bond is
633	required, s. 255.05(9) shall apply under this subsection to any
634	contract on which performance or payment bonds are waived and
635	any claim to payment under this subsection shall be treated as a
636	contract claim pursuant to s. 255.05(9).
637	(e) A small business that has been the successful bidder on
638	six projects for which the payment and performance bond was

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639	waived by the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be
640	ineligible to bid on additional projects for which the payment
641	and performance bond is to be waived. The local small business
642	may continue to participate in other elements of the economic
643	development program for local small businesses as long as it is
644	eligible.
645	(f) The authority shall conduct bond eligibility training
646	for businesses qualifying for bond waiver under this subsection
647	to encourage and promote bond eligibility for such businesses.
648	(g) The authority shall prepare a biennial report on the
649	activities undertaken pursuant to this subsection to be
650	submitted to the Orange County legislative delegation. The
651	initial report shall be due December 31, 2010.
652	Section 5. Section 348.7543, Florida Statutes, is amended
653	to read:
654	348.7543 Improvements, bond financing authority for
655	Pursuant to s. 11(f), Art. VII of the State Constitution, the
656	Legislature hereby approves for bond financing by the <u>Central</u>
657	<u>Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority improvements
658	to toll collection facilities, interchanges to the legislatively
659	approved expressway system, and any other facility appurtenant,
660	necessary, or incidental to the approved system. Subject to
661	terms and conditions of applicable revenue bond resolutions and
662	covenants, such costs may be financed in whole or in part by
663	revenue bonds issued pursuant to s. 348.755(1)(a) or (b) whether
664	currently issued or issued in the future, or by a combination of
665	such bonds.
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666 Section 6. Section 348.7544, Florida Statutes, is amended 667 to read:

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668 348.7544 Northwest Beltway Part A, construction authorized; 669 financing.-Notwithstanding s. 338.2275, the Central Florida 670 Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority may is hereby 671 authorized to construct, finance, operate, own, and maintain 672 that portion of the Western Beltway known as the Northwest 673 Beltway Part A, extending from Florida's Turnpike near Ocoee 674 north to U.S. 441 near Apopka, as part of the authority's 20-675 year capital projects plan. This project may be financed with any funds available to the authority for such purpose or revenue 676 677 bonds issued by the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration on behalf of the authority pursuant to s. 11, 678 679 Art. VII of the State Constitution and the State Bond Act, ss. 215.57-215.83. 680

681 Section 7. Section 348.7545, Florida Statutes, is amended 682 to read:

683 348.7545 Western Beltway Part C, construction authorized; 684 financing.-Notwithstanding s. 338.2275, the Central Florida 685 Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority may is authorized to 686 exercise its condemnation powers, construct, finance, operate, 687 own, and maintain that portion of the Western Beltway known as 688 the Western Beltway Part C, extending from Florida's Turnpike 689 near Ocoee in Orange County southerly through Orange and Osceola 690 Counties to an interchange with I-4 near the Osceola-Polk County 691 line, as part of the authority's 20-year capital projects plan. This project may be financed with any funds available to the 692 693 authority for such purpose or revenue bonds issued by the 694 Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration on 695 behalf of the authority pursuant to s. 11, Art. VII of the State 696 Constitution and the State Bond Act, ss. 215.57-215.83. This

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697 project may be refinanced with bonds issued by the authority698 pursuant to s. 348.755(1)(d).

699 Section 8. Section 348.7546, Florida Statutes, is amended 700 to read:

348.7546 Wekiva Parkway, construction authorized;
financing.-

703 (1) The Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway 704 Authority may is authorized to exercise its condemnation powers 705 and to construct, finance, operate, own, and maintain those 706 portions of the Wekiva Parkway which are identified by agreement 707 between the authority and the department and which are included 708 as part of the authority's long-range capital improvement plan. 709 The "Wekiva Parkway" means any limited access highway or 710 expressway constructed between State Road 429 and Interstate 4 711 specifically incorporating the corridor alignment recommended by 712 Recommendation 2 of the Wekiva River Basin Area Task Force final 713 report dated January 15, 2003, and the recommendations of the SR 714 429 Working Group which were adopted January 16, 2004. This 715 project may be financed with any funds available to the 716 authority for such purpose or revenue bonds issued by the 717 authority under s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution and s. 718 348.755(1)(b). This section does not invalidate the exercise by 719 the authority of its condemnation powers or the acquisition of 720 any property for the Wekiva Parkway before July 1, 2012.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to ensure that funds are available to the department for its portion of the Wekiva Parkway, beginning July 1, 2012, the authority shall repay the expenditures by the department for costs of operation and maintenance of the <u>Central</u>

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726 Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System in accordance 727 with the terms of the memorandum of understanding between the 728 authority and the department as ratified by the authority board 729 on February 22, 2012, which requires the authority to pay the 730 department \$10 million on July 1, 2012, and \$20 million on each 731 successive July 1 until the department has been fully reimbursed 732 for all costs of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System which were paid, advanced, or reimbursed to 733 734 the authority by the department, with a final payment in the 735 amount of the balance remaining. Notwithstanding any other law 736 to the contrary, the funds paid to the department pursuant to 737 this subsection must shall be allocated by the department for 738 construction of the Wekiva Parkway.

(3) The department's obligation to construct its portions of the Wekiva Parkway is contingent upon the timely payment by the authority of the annual payments required of the authority and receipt of all required environmental permits and approvals by the Federal Government.

744 Section 9. Section 348.7547, Florida Statutes, is amended 745 to read:

746 348.7547 Maitland Boulevard Extension and Northwest Beltway 747 Part A Realignment construction authorized; financing.-748 Notwithstanding s. 338.2275, the Central Florida Orlando-Orange 749 County Expressway Authority may is hereby authorized to exercise 750 its condemnation powers, construct, finance, operate, own, and 751 maintain the portion of State Road 414 known as the Maitland 752 Boulevard Extension and the realigned portion of the Northwest 753 Beltway Part A as part of the authority's long-range capital 754 improvement plan. The Maitland Boulevard Extension extends will

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755 extend from the current terminus of State Road 414 at U.S. 441 756 west to State Road 429 in west Orange County. The realigned 757 portion of the Northwest Beltway Part A runs will run from the 758 point at or near where the Maitland Boulevard Extension connects 759 will connect with State Road 429 and proceeds will proceed to 760 the west and then north resulting in the northern terminus of 761 State Road 429 moving farther west before reconnecting with U.S. 762 441. However, under no circumstances may shall the realignment 763 of the Northwest Beltway Part A conflict with or contradict with 764 the alignment of the Wekiva Parkway as defined in s. 348.7546. 765 This project may be financed with any funds available to the 766 authority for such purpose or revenue bonds issued by the 767 authority under s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution and s. 768 348.755(1)(b).

769 Section 10. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 348.755, 770 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

348.755 Bonds of the authority.-

(2) Any such resolution that authorizes or resolutions
authorizing any bonds issued under this section hereunder may
contain provisions that must which shall be part of the contract
with the holders of such bonds, relating as to:

(a) The pledging of all or any part of the revenues, rates,
fees, rentals, (including all or any portion of the Orange
County gasoline tax funds received by the authority pursuant to
the terms of any lease-purchase agreement between the authority
and the department, or any part thereof), or other charges or
receipts of the authority, derived by the authority, from the
<u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway System.

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(b) The completion, improvement, operation, extension,

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maintenance, repair, lease or lease-purchase agreement of <u>the</u>
said system, and the duties of the authority and others,
including the department, with reference thereto.

(c) Limitations on the purposes to which the proceeds of
the bonds, then or thereafter to be issued, or of any loan or
grant by the United States or the state may be applied.

(d) The fixing, charging, establishing, and collecting of
rates, fees, rentals, or other charges for use of the services
and facilities of the <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County
Expressway System or any part thereof.

(e) The setting aside of reserves or sinking funds or
repair and replacement funds and the regulation and disposition
thereof.

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(f) Limitations on the issuance of additional bonds.

(g) The terms and provisions of any lease-purchase agreement, deed of trust or indenture securing the bonds, or under which the same may be issued.

(h) Any other or additional agreements with the holders ofthe bonds which the authority may deem desirable and proper.

803 (3) The authority may employ fiscal agents as provided by 804 this part or the State Board of Administration of Florida may 805 upon request of the authority act as fiscal agent for the 806 authority in the issuance of any bonds that which may be issued 807 pursuant to this part, and the State Board of Administration may 808 upon request of the authority take over the management, control, 809 administration, custody, and payment of any or all debt services 810 or funds or assets now or hereafter available for any bonds 811 issued pursuant to this part. The authority may enter into any 812 deeds of trust, indentures or other agreements with its fiscal

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813 agent, or with any bank or trust company within or without the 814 state, as security for such bonds, and may, under such 815 agreements, sign and pledge all or any of the revenues, rates, 816 fees, rentals or other charges or receipts of the authority, 817 including all or any portion of the Orange County gasoline tax 818 funds received by the authority pursuant to the terms of any 819 lease-purchase agreement between the authority and the 820 department, thereunder. Such deed of trust, indenture, or other 821 agreement may contain such provisions as are customary in such 822 instruments, or, as the authority may authorize, including but 823 without limitation, provisions as to:

(a) The completion, improvement, operation, extension,
maintenance, repair, and lease of, or lease-purchase agreement
relating to the <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway
System, and the duties of the authority and others including the
department, with reference thereto.

(b) The application of funds and the safeguarding of fundson hand or on deposit.

831 (c) The rights and remedies of the trustee and the holders832 of the bonds.

(d) The terms and provisions of the bonds or theresolutions authorizing the issuance of same.

835 Section 11. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 348.756,836 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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348.756 Remedies of the bondholders.-

(3) <u>When a Any trustee is when appointed pursuant to</u>
subsection (1) as aforesaid, or is acting under a deed of trust,
indenture, or other agreement, and whether or not all bonds have
been declared due and payable, <u>the trustee is shall be</u> entitled

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842 as of right to the appointment of a receiver, who may enter upon 843 and take possession of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County 844 Expressway System or the facilities or any part of the system or 845 facilities or parts thereof, the rates, fees, rentals, or other 846 revenues, charges, or receipts that from which are, or may be, 847 applicable to the payment of the bonds so in default, and 848 subject to and in compliance with the provisions of any lease-849 purchase agreement between the authority and the department 850 operate and maintain the same, for and on behalf of and in the 851 name of, the authority, the department, and the bondholders, and 852 collect and receive all rates, fees, rentals, and other charges 853 or receipts or revenues arising therefrom in the same manner as 854 the authority or the department might do, and shall deposit all 855 such moneys in a separate account and apply the same in such 856 manner as the court directs shall direct. In any suit, action, 857 or proceeding by the trustee, the fees, counsel fees, and 858 expenses of the trustee, and the said receiver, if any, and all 859 costs and disbursements allowed by the court must shall be a 860 first charge on any rates, fees, rentals, or other charges, 861 revenues, or receipts, derived from the Central Florida Orlando-862 Orange County Expressway System, or the facilities or services or any part of the system or facilities or parts thereof, 863 864 including payments under any such lease-purchase agreement as aforesaid which said rates, fees, rentals, or other charges, 865 revenues, or receipts shall or may be applicable to the payment 866 867 of the bonds that are so in default. The Such trustee has shall, 868 in addition to the foregoing, have and possess all of the powers 869 necessary or appropriate for the exercise of any functions 870 specifically set forth in this section herein or incident to the

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representation of the bondholders in the enforcement and protection of their rights.

873 (4) Nothing in This section or any other section of this 874 part does not shall authorize any receiver appointed pursuant 875 hereto for the purpose, subject to and in compliance with the 876 provisions of any lease-purchase agreement between the authority 877 and the department, of operating and maintaining the Central 878 Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System or any 879 facilities or part of the system or facilities or parts thereof, 880 to sell, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any of the 881 assets of whatever kind and character belonging to the 882 authority. It is the intention of this part to limit The powers 883 of the such receiver, subject to and in compliance with the 884 provisions of any lease-purchase agreement between the authority 885 and the department, are limited to the operation and maintenance 886 of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, 887 or any facility, or part or parts thereof, as the court may 888 direct, in the name and for and on behalf of the authority, the 889 department, and the bondholders, and no holder of bonds on the 890 authority nor any trustee, has shall ever have the right in any 891 suit, action, or proceeding at law or in equity, to compel a 892 receiver, nor may shall any receiver be authorized or any court 893 be empowered to direct the receiver to sell, assign, mortgage, 894 or otherwise dispose of any assets of whatever kind or character 895 belonging to the authority.

896 Section 12. Subsections (1) through (7) of section 348.757, 897 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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348.757 Lease-purchase agreement.-

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(1) In order to effectuate the purposes of this part and as

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900 authorized by this part, The authority may enter into a lease-901 purchase agreement with the department relating to and covering 902 the <u>former</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway System.

903 (2) The Such lease-purchase agreement must shall provide for the leasing of the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway 904 905 System, by the authority, as lessor, to the department, as 906 lessee, must shall prescribe the term of such lease and the 907 rentals to be paid thereunder, and must shall provide that upon the completion of the faithful performance thereunder and the 908 909 termination of the such lease-purchase agreement, title in fee 910 simple absolute to the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway 911 System as then constituted shall be transferred in accordance 912 with law by the authority, to the state and the authority shall 913 deliver to the department such deeds and conveyances as shall be 914 necessary or convenient to vest title in fee simple absolute in 915 the state.

916 (3) The Such lease-purchase agreement may include such 917 other provisions, agreements, and covenants that as the 918 authority and the department deem advisable or required, 919 including, but not limited to, provisions as to the bonds to be 920 issued under, and for the purposes of, this part, the 921 completion, extension, improvement, operation, and maintenance 922 of the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway System and the 923 expenses and the cost of operation of the said authority, the 924 charging and collection of tolls, rates, fees, and other charges 925 for the use of the services and facilities of the system 926 thereof, the application of federal or state grants or aid that 927 which may be made or given to assist the authority in the completion, extension, improvement, operation, and maintenance 928

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929 of the <u>former Orlando-Orange County</u> Orlando Expressway System, 930 which the authority is hereby authorized to accept and apply to 931 such purposes, the enforcement of payment and collection of 932 rentals and any other terms, provisions, or covenants necessary, 933 incidental, or appurtenant to the making of and full performance 934 under <u>the such</u> lease-purchase agreement.

935 (4) The department as lessee under the such lease-purchase 936 agreement, may is hereby authorized to pay as rentals under the 937 agreement thereunder any rates, fees, charges, funds, moneys, 938 receipts, or income accruing to the department from the operation of the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway System 939 940 and the Orange County gasoline tax funds and may also pay as 941 rentals any appropriations received by the department pursuant 942 to any act of the Legislature of the state heretofore or hereafter enacted; provided, however, this part or the that 943 944 nothing herein nor in such lease-purchase agreement is not 945 intended to and does not nor shall this part or such lease-946 purchase agreement require the making or continuance of such 947 appropriations, and nor shall any holder of bonds issued 948 pursuant to this part does not ever have any right to compel the 949 making or continuance of such appropriations.

950 (5) A No pledge of the said Orange County gasoline tax 951 funds as rentals under a such lease-purchase agreement may not 952 shall be made without the consent of the County of Orange 953 evidenced by a resolution duly adopted by the board of county 954 commissioners of said county at a public hearing held pursuant 955 to due notice thereof published at least once a week for 3 956 consecutive weeks before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in Orange County. The Said resolution, among other 957

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958 things, must shall provide that any excess of the said pledged 959 gasoline tax funds which is not required for debt service or 960 reserves for the such debt service for any bonds issued by the 961 said authority shall be returned annually to the department for 962 distribution to Orange County as provided by law. Before making 963 any application for a such pledge of gasoline tax funds, the 964 authority shall present the plan of its proposed project to the 965 Orange County planning and zoning commission for its comments 966 and recommendations.

967 (6) The Said department may shall have power to covenant in 968 any lease-purchase agreement that it will pay all or any part of 969 the cost of the operation, maintenance, repair, renewal, and 970 replacement of the said system, and any part of the cost of 971 completing the said system to the extent that the proceeds of 972 bonds issued therefor are insufficient, from sources other than 973 the revenues derived from the operation of the said system and 974 the said Orange County gasoline tax funds. The said department 975 may also agree to make such other payments from any moneys 976 available to the said commission, the said county, or the said 977 city in connection with the construction or completion of the 978 said system as shall be deemed by the said department to be fair 979 and proper under any such covenants heretofore or hereafter 980 entered into.

981 (7) <u>The said system must shall</u> be a part of the state road 982 system and <u>the said</u> department <u>may is hereby authorized</u>, upon 983 the request of the authority, to expend out of any funds 984 available for the purpose <u>the such moneys</u>, and to use <u>such of</u> 985 its engineering and other forces, as may be necessary and 986 desirable in the judgment of said department, for the operation

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987 of the said authority and for traffic surveys, borings, surveys, 988 preparation of plans and specifications, estimates of cost, and 989 other preliminary engineering and other studies; provided, 990 however, that the aggregate amount of moneys expended for the 991 said purposes by the said department do shall not exceed the sum 992 of \$375,000. 993 Section 13. Section 348.758, Florida Statutes, is amended 994 to read: 995 348.758 Appointment of department as may be appointed agent 996 of authority for construction.-The department may be appointed 997 by the said authority as its agent for the purpose of 998 constructing improvements and extensions to the Central Florida 999 Orlando-Orange County Expressway System and for its the 1000 completion thereof. In such event, the authority shall provide 1001 the department with complete copies of all documents, 1002 agreements, resolutions, contracts, and instruments relating 1003 thereto and shall request the department to do such construction 1004 work, including the planning, surveying, and actual construction 1005 of the completion, extensions, and improvements to the Central 1006 Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System and shall 1007 transfer to the credit of an account of the department in the 1008 State Treasury of the state the necessary funds, therefor and 1009 the department may shall thereupon be authorized, empowered and directed to proceed with such construction and to use the said 1010 1011 funds for such purpose in the same manner that it is now 1012 authorized to use the funds otherwise provided by law for the its use in construction of roads and bridges. 1013

1014 Section 14. Section 348.759, Florida Statutes, is amended 1015 to read:

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348.759 Acquisition of lands and property.-

1017 (1) For the purposes of this part, the Central Florida 1018 Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority may acquire private 1019 or public property and property rights, including rights of 1020 access, air, view, and light, by gift, devise, purchase, or condemnation by eminent domain proceedings, as the authority 1021 1022 deems may deem necessary for any of the purposes of this part, including, but not limited to, any lands reasonably necessary 1023 for securing applicable permits, areas necessary for management 1024 1025 of access, borrow pits, drainage ditches, water retention areas, 1026 rest areas, replacement access for landowners whose access is 1027 impaired due to the construction of a facility, and replacement 1028 rights-of-way for relocated rail and utility facilities; for 1029 existing, proposed, or anticipated transportation facilities on 1030 the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway System or 1031 in a transportation corridor designated by the authority; or for 1032 the purposes of screening, relocation, removal, or disposal of 1033 junkyards and scrap metal processing facilities. The authority 1034 may shall also have the power to condemn any material and 1035 property necessary for such purposes.

1036 (2) The right of eminent domain herein conferred shall be
1037 exercised by the authority shall exercise the right of eminent
1038 domain in the manner provided by law.

(3) When the authority acquires property for a transportation facility or in a transportation corridor, it is not subject to any liability imposed by chapter 376 or chapter 403 for preexisting soil or groundwater contamination due solely to its ownership. This section does not affect the rights or liabilities of any past or future owners of the acquired

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1045 property and nor does not it affect the liability of any 1046 governmental entity for the results of its actions which create 1047 or exacerbate a pollution source. The authority and the 1048 Department of Environmental Protection may enter into 1049 interagency agreements for the performance, funding, and 1050 reimbursement of the investigative and remedial acts necessary 1051 for property acquired by the authority. 1052 Section 15. Section 348.760, Florida Statutes, is amended 1053 to read: 1054 348.760 Cooperation with other units, boards, agencies, and 1055 individuals.-A Express authority and power is hereby given and 1056 granted any county, municipality, drainage district, road and 1057 bridge district, school district or any other political 1058 subdivision, board, commission, or individual in, or of, the 1059 state may to make and enter into with the authority, contracts, 1060 leases, conveyances, partnerships, or other agreements pursuant 1061 to within the provisions and purposes of this part. The 1062 authority may is hereby expressly authorized to make and enter 1063 into contracts, leases, conveyances, partnerships, and other 1064 agreements with any political subdivision, agency, or 1065 instrumentality of the state and any and all federal agencies, 1066 corporations, and individuals, for the purpose of carrying out 1067 the provisions of this part or with the consent of the Seminole County Expressway Authority, for the purpose of carrying out and 1068 1069 implementing part VIII of this chapter.

1070 Section 16. Section 348.761, Florida Statutes, is amended 1071 to read:

1072348.761 Covenant of the state.—The state pledges does1073hereby pledge to, and agrees, with any person, firm or

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1074 corporation, or federal or state agency subscribing to, or 1075 acquiring the bonds to be issued by the authority for the 1076 purposes of this part that the state will not limit or alter the 1077 rights that are hereby vested in the authority and the 1078 department until all issued bonds and interest at any time 1079 issued, together with the interest thereon, are fully paid and 1080 discharged insofar as the pledge same affects the rights of the 1081 holders of bonds issued pursuant to this part hereunder. The 1082 state does further pledge to, and agree, with the United States 1083 that in the event any federal agency constructs or contributes 1084 shall construct or contribute any funds for the completion, 1085 extension, or improvement of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange 1086 County Expressway System, or any part or portion of the system 1087 thereof, the state will not alter or limit the rights and powers 1088 of the authority and the department in any manner that which 1089 would be inconsistent with the continued maintenance and 1090 operation of the Central Florida Orlando-Orange County 1091 Expressway System or the completion, extension, or improvement 1092 of the system thereof, or that which would be inconsistent with 1093 the due performance of any agreements between the authority and 1094 any such federal agency, and the authority and the department 1095 shall continue to have and may exercise all powers herein 1096 granted in this part, so long as the powers are same shall be 1097 necessary or desirable for the carrying out of the purposes of 1098 this part and the purposes of the United States in the 1099 completion, extension, or improvement of the Central Florida 1100 Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, or any part of the 1101 system or portion thereof.

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Section 17. Section 348.765, Florida Statutes, is amended

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348.765 This part complete and additional authority.-

addition and supplemental to the existing powers of the said board and the department, and this part may shall not be construed as repealing any of the provisions, of any other law, general, special, or local, but to supersede such other laws in the exercise of the powers provided in this part, and to provide a complete method for the exercise of the powers granted in this part. The extension and improvement of the Central Florida said Orlando-Orange County Expressway System, and the issuance of bonds pursuant to this part hereunder to finance all or part of the cost of the system thereof, may be accomplished upon compliance with the provisions of this part without regard to or necessity for compliance with the provisions, limitations, or restrictions contained in any other general, special, or local law, including, but not limited to, s. 215.821, and no approval of any bonds issued under this part by the qualified electors or qualified electors who are freeholders in the state or in the said County of Orange, or in the said City of Orlando, or in any other political subdivision of the state, is shall be required for the issuance of such bonds pursuant to this part.

(2) This part does shall not be deemed to repeal, rescind, or modify any other law or laws relating to the said State Board of Administration, the said Department of Transportation, or the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration, but supersedes any shall be deemed to and shall supersede such other law that is or laws as are inconsistent with the provisions of this part, including, but not limited to, s.

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1132 215.821.

1133 Section 18. Section 348.9953, Florida Statutes, is amended 1134 to read:

1135 348.9953 Purposes and powers.-The purposes and powers of 1136 the authority are shall be the same as those identified in the 1137 Florida Expressway Authority Act, except that such purposes and 1138 powers may only be exercised with respect to the Poinciana 1139 Parkway. The Osceola County Expressway Authority may exist only until the earlier of December 31, 2016, or the completion of 1140 1141 construction of the Poinciana Parkway, a limited access facility 1142 of approximately 9 miles in length in Osceola County with its 1143 northwestern terminus at the intersection of County Road 54 and 1144 US 17/US 92 and its southeastern terminus at the current 1145 intersection of Rhododendron and Cypress Parkway, described in 1146 the Osceola County Expressway Authority May 8, 2012, Master 1147 Plan. The authority's expressway system shall be limited to the 1148 Poinciana Parkway, as it is described in the Osceola County 1149 Expressway Authority May 8, 2012, Master Plan, together with 1150 such changes, modifications, or revisions of the project that 1151 are deemed desirable and proper. The authority, however, may not 1152 extend the Poinciana Parkway beyond the project limits described 1153 in the Osceola County Expressway Authority May 8, 2012, Master 1154 Plan. In implementing this act, the authority shall institute 1155 procedures to encourage the awarding of contracts for 1156 professional services and construction to certified minority 1157 business enterprises as defined in s. 288.703. The authority 1158 shall develop and implement activities to encourage the 1159 participation of certified minority business enterprises in the 1160 contracting process.

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1161 Section 19. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 369.317, 1162 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1163 369.317 Wekiva Parkway.-(6) The Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway 1164 1165 Authority is hereby granted the authority to act as a third-1166 party acquisition agent, pursuant to s. 259.041 on behalf of the 1167 Board of Trustees or chapter 373 on behalf of the governing board of the St. Johns River Water Management District, for the 1168 1169 acquisition of all necessary lands, property and all interests in property identified herein, including fee simple or less-1170 1171 than-fee simple interests. The lands subject to this authority 1172 are identified in paragraph 10.a., State of Florida, Office of 1173 the Governor, Executive Order 03-112 of July 1, 2003, and in 1174 Recommendation 16 of the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force created by 1175 Executive Order 2002-259, such lands otherwise known as 1176 Neighborhood Lakes, a 1,587+/-acre parcel located in Orange and 1177 Lake Counties within Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34 of Township 19 South, Range 28 East, and Sections 3, 4, 5, and 9 of Township 20 1178 1179 South, Range 28 East; Seminole Woods/Swamp, a 5,353+/-acre 1180 parcel located in Lake County within Section 37, Township 19 South, Range 28 East; New Garden Coal; a 1,605+/-acre parcel in 1181 1182 Lake County within Sections 23, 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 19 1183 South, Range 28 East; Pine Plantation, a 617+/-acre tract 1184 consisting of eight individual parcels within the Apopka City 1185 limits. The Department of Transportation, the Department of 1186 Environmental Protection, the St. Johns River Water Management 1187 District, and other land acquisition entities shall participate and cooperate in providing information and support to the third-1188 1189 party acquisition agent. The land acquisition process authorized

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1190 by this paragraph shall begin no later than December 31, 2004. 1191 Acquisition of the properties identified as Neighborhood Lakes, 1192 Pine Plantation, and New Garden Coal, or approval as a 1193 mitigation bank shall be concluded no later than December 31, 1194 2010. Department of Transportation and Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority funds expended to purchase an 1195 1196 interest in those lands identified in this subsection shall be 1197 eligible as environmental mitigation for road construction related impacts in the Wekiva Study Area. If any of the lands 1198 identified in this subsection are used as environmental 1199 1200 mitigation for road-construction-related impacts incurred by the 1201 Department of Transportation or Central Florida Orlando-Orange 1202 County Expressway Authority, or for other impacts incurred by 1203 other entities, within the Wekiva Study Area or within the 1204 Wekiva parkway alignment corridor, and if the mitigation offsets 1205 these impacts, the St. Johns River Water Management District and 1206 the Department of Environmental Protection shall consider the 1207 activity regulated under part IV of chapter 373 to meet the 1208 cumulative impact requirements of s. 373.414(8)(a).

1209 (a) Acquisition of the land described in this section is 1210 required to provide right-of-way for the Wekiva Parkway, a 1211 limited access roadway linking State Road 429 to Interstate 4, 1212 an essential component in meeting regional transportation needs 1213 to provide regional connectivity, improve safety, accommodate projected population and economic growth, and satisfy critical 1214 1215 transportation requirements caused by increased traffic volume growth and travel demands. 1216

1217 (b) Acquisition of the lands described in this section is1218 also required to protect the surface water and groundwater

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1219 resources of Lake, Orange, and Seminole counties, otherwise 1220 known as the Wekiva Study Area, including recharge within the 1221 springshed that provides for the Wekiva River system. Protection 1222 of this area is crucial to the long term viability of the Wekiva 1223 River and springs and the central Florida region's water supply. Acquisition of the lands described in this section is also 1224 1225 necessary to alleviate pressure from growth and development 1226 affecting the surface and groundwater resources within the 1227 recharge area.

(c) Lands acquired pursuant to this section that are needed for transportation facilities for the Wekiva Parkway shall be determined not necessary for conservation purposes pursuant to ss. 253.034(6) and 373.089(5) and shall be transferred to or retained by the <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority or the Department of Transportation upon reimbursement of the full purchase price and acquisition costs.

1235 (7) The Department of Transportation, the Department of 1236 Environmental Protection, the St. Johns River Water Management 1237 District, Central Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway 1238 Authority, and other land acquisition entities shall cooperate 1239 and establish funding responsibilities and partnerships by 1240 agreement to the extent funds are available to the various 1241 entities. Properties acquired with Florida Forever funds shall 1242 be in accordance with s. 259.041 or chapter 373. The Central 1243 Florida Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority shall acquire 1244 land in accordance with this section of law to the extent funds 1245 are available from the various funding partners, but shall not 1246 be required nor assumed to fund the land acquisition beyond the 1247 agreement and funding provided by the various land acquisition

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1248	entities.
1249	Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 369.324, Florida
1250	Statutes, is amended to read:
1251	369.324 Wekiva River Basin Commission.—
1252	(1) The Wekiva River Basin Commission is created to monitor
1253	and ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the
1254	Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee for the Wekiva Study
1255	Area. The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall
1256	provide staff support to the commission with funding assistance
1257	from the Department of Economic Opportunity. The commission
1258	shall be comprised of a total of $\underline{18}$ $\underline{19}$ members appointed by the
1259	Governor, 9 of whom shall be voting members and $9 \ 10$ shall be ad
1260	hoc nonvoting members. The voting members shall include:
1261	(a) One member of each of the Boards of County
1262	Commissioners for Lake, Orange, and Seminole Counties.
1263	(b) One municipal elected official to serve as a
1264	representative of the municipalities located within the Wekiva
1265	Study Area of Lake County.
1266	(c) One municipal elected official to serve as a
1267	representative of the municipalities located within the Wekiva
1268	Study Area of Orange County.
1269	(d) One municipal elected official to serve as a
1270	representative of the municipalities located within the Wekiva
1271	Study Area of Seminole County.
1272	(e) One citizen representing an environmental or
1273	conservation organization, one citizen representing a local
1274	property owner, a land developer, or an agricultural entity, and
1275	one at-large citizen who shall serve as chair of the council.
1276	(f) The ad hoc nonvoting members shall include one

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1277	representative from each of the following entities:
1278	1. St. Johns River Management District.
1279	2. Department of Economic Opportunity.
1280	3. Department of Environmental Protection.
1281	4. Department of Health.
1282	5. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
1283	6. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
1284	7. Department of Transportation.
1285	8. MetroPlan Orlando.
1286	9. <u>Central Florida</u> Orlando-Orange County Expressway
1287	Authority.
1288	10. Seminole County Expressway Authority.
1289	Section 21. (1) While the governing body of the authority,
1290	upon the effective date of this act, has one or more members
1291	from Osceola County as provided in s. 348.753(3), Florida
1292	Statutes, and the authority has the purposes and powers
1293	described in s. 348.754, Florida Statutes, regarding Osceola
1294	County, the Osceola County Expressway Authority shall continue
1295	for the duration permitted in this section solely for the
1296	purpose of planning and construction of the Poinciana Parkway,
1297	which facility is owned by Osceola County and leased to the
1298	Osceola County Expressway Authority, as provided and permitted
1299	in this subsection. Upon the earlier of December 31, 2016, or
1300	the completion of construction of the Poinciana Parkway, a
1301	limited access facility of approximately 9 miles in length in
1302	Osceola County with its northwestern terminus at the
1303	intersection of County Road 54 and US 17/US 92 and its
1304	southeastern terminus at the current intersection of
1305	Rhododendron and Cypress Parkway, described in the Osceola
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1306	County Expressway Authority May 8, 2012, Master Plan, all
1307	powers, governance, and control of the Osceola County Expressway
1308	System, created pursuant to part V, chapter 348, Florida
1309	Statutes, are transferred to the Central Florida Expressway
1310	Authority, and the assets; liabilities; facilities; tangible and
1311	intangible property, and any rights in such property; any rights
1312	in or benefits of contract; and any other legal rights and
1313	obligations of the Osceola County Expressway Authority are
1314	<code>transferred</code> to the Central Florida Expressway Authority. Part V
1315	of chapter 348, Florida Statutes, consisting of ss. 348.9950-
1316	348.9961, is repealed on the same date that the Osceola County
1317	Expressway System is transferred to the Central Florida
1318	Expressway Authority.
1319	(2) The Central Florida Expressway Authority shall comply
1320	with any and all obligations of any other governmental entities
1321	incurred on behalf of the Osceola County Expressway System,
1322	excluding any obligations of Osceola County with respect to
1323	acquisition, development, construction, operations, and
1324	maintenance of the Poinciana Parkway, and excluding any payment
1325	or other obligations of Osceola County under any bonds issued or
1326	other debt originally incurred by Osceola County or the Osceola
1327	County Expressway Authority for the purpose of financing the
1328	planning or construction of the Poinciana Parkway, which shall
1329	remain the obligations of Osceola County. Payment obligations
1330	transferred to the Central Florida Expressway Authority shall be
1331	made from revenues available for such purpose after payment of
1332	all amounts required:
1333	(a) Otherwise by law;
1334	(b) By the terms of any resolution authorizing the issuance

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1335	of bonds by the authority, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway
1336	Authority, or the Osceola County Expressway Authority;
1337	(c) By the terms of any resolution under which bonds are
1338	issued by Osceola County for the purpose of constructing
1339	improvements to the Osceola County Expressway System; and
1340	(d) By the terms of the memorandum of understanding between
1341	the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and the
1342	department as ratified by the board of the Orlando-Orange County
1343	Expressway Authority on February 22, 2012.
1344	Section 22. The Division of Law Revision and Information is
1345	directed to replace the phrase "the effective date of this act"
1346	wherever it occurs in this act with the date the act becomes a
1347	law.
1348	Section 23. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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