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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Lee moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 221 - 268

and insert:

10. Within 1 year after the department advertises for bids for construction of an interchange within a corridor, local governments that have the interchange within their jurisdictions shall review the applicable task force report and their local comprehensive plans adopted under chapter 163 to determine if the area in and around the interchange contains appropriate land uses and natural resource protections. To facilitate this review



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12 process, the department shall notify affected local governments
13 of any advertisement for bids for such interchange construction
14 projects.

15 (4)(a) Project construction in any corridor identified in
16 subsection (2) is not eligible for funding until submission of
17 the final report of the corridor task force for that corridor
18 required in subsection (3) and completion of 30 percent of the
19 design phase of any project within a corridor identified in
20 subsection (2), except for project phases that are under
21 construction or for which project alignment has been determined.

22 (b) Subject to the economic and environmental feasibility
23 statement requirements of s. 338.223, projects may be funded
24 through turnpike revenue bonds or right-of-way and bridge
25 construction bonds or financing by the Florida Department of
26 Transportation Financing Corporation; by advances from the State
27 Transportation Trust Fund; with funds obtained through the
28 creation of public-private partnerships; or any combination
29 thereof. The department also may accept donations of land for
30 use as transportation rights-of-way or to secure or use
31 transportation rights-of-way for such projects in accordance
32 with s. 337.25. To the extent legally available, any toll
33 revenues from the turnpike system not required for payment of
34 principal, interest, reserves, or other required deposits for
35 bonds; costs of operations and maintenance; other contractual
36 obligations; or system improvement project costs must be used to
37 repay advances received from the State Transportation Trust
38 Fund.

39 (c)1. Projects undertaken under this section are subject to
40 the department's delegated responsibilities under s. 334.044(34)



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41 for environmental review, consultation, or other action required
42 under any federal environmental law applicable to review or
43 approval of such projects. For projects that do not receive
44 federal aid or projects that do not require federal action, the
45 department must perform a project evaluation that considers the
46 following:

- 47 a. Project purpose and need;
- 48 b. An alternatives analysis;
- 49 c. Existing conditions of the project area and potential
50 impacts or enhancements the project may have on social,
51 economic, cultural, natural, and connectivity issues and
52 resources;
- 53 d. Anticipated permits identified during the project
54 development and environmental study;
- 55 e. Opportunities for stakeholder and regulatory agency
56 coordination; and
- 57 f. Public and agency comments and coordination.

58 2. At a minimum, for projects constructed under this
59 section, decisions on matters such as corridor configuration,
60 project alignment, and interchange locations must be determined
61 in accordance with applicable department rules, policies, and
62 procedures.

63 3. To the maximum extent feasible, corridor configuration,
64 project alignment, and interchange locations shall be designed
65 so that project rights-of-way are not located within
66 conservation lands acquired under the Preservation 2000 Act as
67 established in s. 259.101, the Florida Forever program as
68 established in s. 259.105, primary springs protection zones, and
69 farmland preservation areas designated within local



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70 comprehensive plans adopted under chapter 163.

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73 And the title is amended as follows:

74 Delete lines 32 - 47

75 and insert:

76 Legislature by a specified date; requiring certain
77 local governments, within a specified period, to
78 review the applicable task force report and their
79 local comprehensive plans to determine if the area in
80 and around the interchange contains appropriate land
81 uses and natural resource protections; requiring the
82 department to notify affected local governments of any
83 advertisement for bids for such interchange
84 construction projects; providing specified
85 requirements that must be met before project
86 construction in any identified corridor is eligible
87 for funding; providing exceptions to such
88 requirements; authorizing sources of funding for the
89 projects; authorizing the department to accept certain
90 donations of land for the projects; requiring that
91 certain toll revenues from the turnpike system be used
92 to repay advances received from the State
93 Transportation Trust Fund; providing requirements for
94 the department relating to certain delegated
95 responsibilities; requiring the department to perform
96 a specified project evaluation on certain projects;
97 requiring that certain decisions on projects be
98 determined in accordance with applicable department



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99 rules, policies, and procedures; providing design
100 requirements for corridor configuration, project
101 alignment, and interchange locations; authorizing the