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The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Collins) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 346 - 1661  
and insert:

(b) The mission of the institute is to advance the state's transportation infrastructure and systems through research, education, and engagement for a safer and more efficient, resilient, and innovative movement of people and goods throughout this state.

(c) The institute shall report to the department and shall



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11 be composed of members from the University of Florida, Indian  
12 River State College, the University of Central Florida, the  
13 University of South Florida, and Florida International  
14 University. The department shall select a member to serve as the  
15 administrative lead of the institute. The department shall  
16 assess the performance of the administrative lead periodically  
17 to ensure accountability and assess the attainment of  
18 performance goals.

19 (d) The Secretary of Transportation shall appoint a  
20 representative of the department to serve as the executive  
21 director of the institute. The department shall coordinate with  
22 the members of the institute to adopt policies establishing the  
23 institute's executive committee and mission statement.

24 (e) The institute may award grants in alignment with its  
25 purpose. Such grants may be directed to member and nonmember  
26 institutions that have a proven expertise relevant to the grant,  
27 including not-for-profit organizations and institutions of  
28 higher education.

29 (f) The department may allocate funds to the institute from  
30 the State Transportation Trust Fund. The institute may expend  
31 such funds for the institute's operations and programs to  
32 support research and innovation projects that provide solutions  
33 for this state's transportation needs.

34 (g) The institute shall submit an annual report of  
35 performance metrics to the Secretary of Transportation and the  
36 commission. The report must include, but is not limited to,  
37 expenditures of funds allocated to the institute by the  
38 department, ongoing and proposed research efforts, and the  
39 application and success of past research efforts.



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(4) ~~(3)~~

(b) The secretary may appoint positions at the level of deputy assistant secretary or director which the secretary deems necessary to accomplish the mission and goals of the department, including, but not limited to, the areas of program responsibility provided in this paragraph, each of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary. The secretary may combine, separate, or delete offices as needed in consultation with the Executive Office of the Governor. The department's areas of program responsibility include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

1. Administration.
2. Planning.
3. Supply chain and modal development.
4. Design.
5. Highway operations.
6. Right-of-way.
7. Toll operations.
8. Transportation technology.
9. Information technology ~~systems~~.
10. Motor carrier weight inspection.
11. Work program and budget.
12. Comptroller.
13. Construction.
14. Statewide corridors.
15. Maintenance.
16. Forecasting and performance.
17. Emergency management.
18. Safety.



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19. Materials.

20. Infrastructure and innovation.

21. Permitting.

22. Traffic operations.

23. Operational technology.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 311.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

311.07 Florida seaport transportation and economic development funding.—

(3)

(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



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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(30) which are not otherwise part of the Department of Transportation's adopted work program.

9. Intermodal access projects.

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.

11. Seaport master plan or strategic plan development or updates, including the purchase of data to support such plans.

12. Spaceport or space industry-related planning or construction of facilities on seaport property which are necessary or useful for advancing the space industry in this state and provide an economic benefit to this state.

13. Commercial shipbuilding and manufacturing facilities on seaport property, if such projects provide an economic benefit to the community in which the seaport is located.

Section 3. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 311.09, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

311.09 Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council.—



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(1) The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council is created within the Department of Transportation. The purpose of the council is to support the growth of seaports in this state through review, development, and financing of port transportation and port facilities. The council is composed ~~consists~~ of the following 18 members: the port director, or the port director's designee, of each of the ports of Jacksonville, Port Canaveral, Port Citrus, Fort Pierce, Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Miami, Port Manatee, St. Petersburg, Putnam County, Tampa, Port St. Joe, Panama City, Pensacola, Key West, and Fernandina; the secretary of the Department of Transportation or his or her designee; and the secretary of the Department of Commerce or his or her designee.

(3) The council shall prepare a 5-year Florida Seaport Mission Plan defining the goals and objectives of the council concerning the development of port facilities and an intermodal transportation system consistent with the goals of the Florida Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155. The Florida Seaport Mission Plan shall include specific recommendations for the construction of transportation facilities connecting any port to another transportation mode, the construction of transportation facilities connecting any port to the space and aerospace industries, and ~~for~~ the efficient, cost-effective development of transportation facilities or port facilities for the purpose of enhancing trade, promoting cargo flow, increasing cruise passenger movements, increasing port revenues, and providing economic benefits to the state. The council shall develop a priority list of projects based on these recommendations annually and submit



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the list to the Department of Transportation. The council shall update the 5-year Florida Seaport Mission Plan annually and shall submit the plan no later than February 1 of each year to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Transportation. The council shall develop programs, based on an examination of existing programs in Florida and other states, for the training of ~~minorities~~ and secondary school students in job skills associated with employment opportunities in the maritime industry, and report on progress and recommendations for further action to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives annually. Each port member of the council shall submit a semiannual report related to his or her port's operations and support of the state's economic competitiveness and supply chain. Reports must be submitted to the Department of Transportation and include any information required by the Department of Transportation in consultation with the Department of Commerce. Such reports must include, but are not limited to, all of the following information:

- (a) Bulk break capacity.
- (b) Liquid storage and capacity.
- (c) Fuel storage and capacity.
- (d) Container capacity.
- (e) A description of any supply chain disruption.

Section 4. Subsection (4) is added to section 311.10, Florida Statutes, to read:

311.10 Strategic Port Investment Initiative.—

(4) As a condition of receiving a project grant under any



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program established in this chapter and as a condition of  
receiving state funds as described in s. 215.31, a seaport  
located in any county identified in s. 331.304(1), (5), or (7)  
must include in any agreement with the Department of  
Transportation that the seaport may not convert any planned or  
existing land, facility, or infrastructure designated for cargo  
purposes to any alternative purpose unless the conversion is  
approved by the seaport at a publicly noticed meeting as a  
separate line item on the agenda and with a reasonable  
opportunity for public comment. If the conversion is approved by  
the seaport, express approval must be obtained by the Florida  
Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council and the  
Florida Transportation Commission upon recommendation by the  
funding agency. As used in this subsection, the term "cargo  
purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any facility,  
activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that  
supports spaceport activities.

Section 5. Subsection (83) of section 316.003, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(83) SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT.—Any vehicle not designed or  
used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and  
only incidentally operated or moved over a highway, including,  
but not limited to, ditchdigging apparatus, well-boring  
apparatus, and road construction and maintenance machinery, such  
as asphalt spreaders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders,





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tractors other than truck tractors, ditchers, leveling graders, finishing machines, motor graders, road rollers, scarifiers, earthmoving carryalls and scrapers, power shovels and draglines, mobile and self-propelled cranes and accessory support vehicles, and earthmoving equipment. The term does not include house trailers, dump trucks, truck-mounted transit mixers, ~~cranes or shovels,~~ or other vehicles designed for the transportation of persons or property to which machinery has been attached.

Section 6. Section 316.0741, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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

316.0745 Uniform signals and devices.—

(7) The Department of Transportation may, upon receipt and investigation of reported noncompliance and after hearing pursuant to 14 days' notice, direct the removal of any purported traffic control device that fails to meet the requirements of this section, wherever the device is located and without regard to assigned responsibility under s. 316.1895. The public agency erecting or installing the same shall immediately bring it into compliance with the requirements of this section or remove said device or signal upon the direction of the Department of Transportation and may not, for a period of 5 years, install any replacement or new traffic control devices paid for in part or in full with revenues raised by the state unless written prior approval is received from the Department of Transportation. Any additional violation by a public body or official shall be cause for the withholding of state funds deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund ~~for traffic control purposes~~ until such public body or official demonstrates to the Department of



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Transportation that it is complying with this section.

Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 316.550, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.550 Operations not in conformity with law; special permits.—

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Department of Transportation may issue a mobile crane special blanket permit for any of the following purposes:

(a) To authorize a mobile crane to operate on and ~~A permit may authorize a self-propelled truck crane operating off the Interstate Highway System while towing to tow~~ a motor vehicle that ~~which~~ does not weigh more than 5,000 pounds if the combined weight of the crane and such motor vehicle does not exceed 95,000 pounds. Notwithstanding s. 320.01(7) or (12), mobile ~~truck~~ cranes that tow another motor vehicle under ~~the provision~~ of this subsection shall be taxed under ~~the provisions of~~ s. 320.08(5) (b) .

(b) To authorize a mobile crane and accessory support vehicles that are up to 12 feet in width, 14 feet 6 inches in height, and 100 feet in length to operate on and off the Interstate Highway System at all hours except as restricted under a local travel-related curfew.

(c) To authorize a mobile crane and accessory support vehicles that, due to their design for special use, exceed the weight limits established in s. 316.535 to operate on and off the Interstate Highway System.

Section 9. Section 330.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

330.27 Definitions, when used in ss. 330.29-330.39.—



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(1) "Air ambulance operation" means a flight with a patient or medical personnel on board for the purpose of medical transportation.

(2) "Aircraft" means a powered or unpowered machine or device capable of atmospheric flight, including, but not limited to, an airplane, an autogyro, a glider, a gyrodyne, a helicopter, a lift and cruise, a multicopter, paramotors, a powered lift, a seaplane, a tiltrotor, an ultralight, and a vectored thrust. The term does not include ~~except~~ a parachute or other such device used primarily as safety equipment.

~~(3)(2)~~ "Airport" means a specific ~~an~~ area of land or water or a structure used for, or intended to be used for, aircraft operations, which may include ~~landing and takeoff of aircraft,~~ including appurtenant areas, buildings, facilities, or rights-of-way necessary to facilitate such use or intended use. The term includes, but is not limited to, airparks, airports, gliderports, heliports, helistops, seaplane bases, ultralight flightparks, vertiports, and vertistops.

(4) "Commercial air tour operation" means a flight conducted for compensation or hire in an aircraft where a purpose of the flight is sightseeing.

(5) "Commuter operation" means any scheduled operation conducted by a person operating an aircraft with a frequency of operations of at least five round trips per week on at least one route between two or more points according to the published flight schedule.

~~(6)(3)~~ "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

~~(7)(4)~~ "Limited airport" means any airport limited exclusively to the specific conditions stated on the site



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approval order or license.

(8) "On-demand operation" means any scheduled passenger-carrying operation for compensation or hire conducted by a person operating an aircraft with a frequency of operations of fewer than five round trips per week on at least one route between two or more points according to the published flight schedule.

(9)~~(5)~~ "Private airport" means an airport, publicly or privately owned, which is not open or available for use by the public, but may be made available to others by invitation of the owner or manager.

(10) "Private airport of public interest" means a private airport engaged in air ambulance operations, commercial air tour operations, commuter operations, on-demand operations, public charter operations, scheduled operations, or supplemental operations.

(11)~~(6)~~ "Public airport" means an airport, publicly or privately owned, which is open for use by the public.

(12) "Public charter operation" means a one-way or round-trip charter flight performed by one or more direct air carriers which is arranged and sponsored by a charter operator.

(13) "Scheduled operation" means any common carriage passenger-carrying operation for compensation or hire conducted by an air carrier or commercial operator for which the certificateholder or its representative offers in advance the departure location, departure time, and arrival location.

(14) "Supplemental operation" means any common carriage operation for compensation or hire conducted with an aircraft for which the departure time, departure location, and arrival



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location are specifically negotiated with the customer or  
customer's representative.

~~(15)(7)~~ "Temporary airport" means an airport at which  
flight operations are conducted under visual flight rules  
established by the Federal Aviation Administration and which is  
used for less than 30 consecutive days with no more than 10  
operations per day.

~~(8) "Ultralight aircraft" means any aircraft meeting the  
criteria established by part 103 of the Federal Aviation  
Regulations.~~

Section 10. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 330.30,  
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

330.30 Approval of airport sites; registration,  
certification, and licensure of airports.—

(2) LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND REGISTRATIONS;  
REQUIREMENTS, RENEWAL, REVOCATION.—

(a) Except as provided in subsection (3), the owner or  
lessee of an airport in this state shall have a public airport  
license, private airport registration, or temporary airport  
registration before the operation of aircraft to or from the  
airport. Application for a license or registration shall be made  
in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

1. For a public airport, upon granting site approval, the  
department shall issue a license after a final airport  
inspection finds the airport to be in compliance with all  
requirements for the license. The license may be subject to any  
reasonable conditions the department deems necessary to protect  
the public health, safety, or welfare.

2. For a private airport, upon granting site approval, the



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department shall provide controlled electronic access to the state aviation facility data system to permit the applicant to complete the registration process. Registration shall be completed upon self-certification by the registrant of operational and configuration data deemed necessary by the department.

3. For a temporary airport, the department must publish notice of receipt of a completed registration application in the next available publication of the Florida Administrative Register and may not approve a registration application less than 14 days after the date of publication of the notice. The department must approve or deny a registration application within 30 days after receipt of a completed application and must issue the temporary airport registration concurrent with the airport site approval. A completed registration application that is not approved or denied within 30 days after the department receives the completed application is considered approved and shall be issued, subject to such reasonable conditions as are authorized by law. An applicant seeking to claim registration by default under this subparagraph must notify the agency clerk of the department, in writing, of the intent to rely upon the default registration provision of this subparagraph and may not take any action based upon the default registration until after receipt of such notice by the agency clerk.

4. A private airport of public interest must obtain a certificate from the department before allowing aircraft operations. The department shall issue a certificate after a final inspection finds the airport to be in compliance with all certificate requirements. The certificate is subject to any



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reasonable conditions the department deems necessary to protect the public. A private airport that was engaged in operations associated with a private airport of public interest on or before July 1, 2025, must obtain a certificate from the department by July 1, 2030.

(b) The department may license a public airport that does not meet standards only if it determines that such exception is justified by unusual circumstances or is in the interest of public convenience and does not endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. Such a license shall bear the designation "special" and shall state the conditions subject to which the license is granted.

(c) A temporary airport license or registration shall be valid for less than 30 days and is not renewable. The department may not approve a subsequent temporary airport registration application for the same general location if the purpose or effect is to evade otherwise applicable airport permitting or licensure requirements.

(d)1. Each public airport license shall expire no later than 1 year after the effective date of the license, except that the expiration date of a license may be adjusted to provide a maximum license period of 18 months to facilitate airport inspections, recognize seasonal airport operations, or improve administrative efficiency.

2. Registration for private airports shall remain valid provided specific elements of airport data, established by the department, are periodically recertified by the airport registrant. The ability to recertify private airport registration data shall be available at all times by electronic



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submittal. A private airport registration that has not been recertified in the 24-month period following the last certification shall expire, unless the registration period has been adjusted by the department for purposes of informing private airport owners of their registration responsibilities or promoting administrative efficiency. The expiration date of the current registration period will be clearly identifiable from the state aviation facility data system.

3. The effective date and expiration date shall be shown on public airport licenses. Upon receiving an application for renewal of an airport license in a form and manner prescribed by the department and receiving a favorable inspection report indicating compliance with all applicable requirements and conditions, the department shall renew the license, subject to any conditions deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

4. The department may require a new site approval for any airport if the license or registration has expired.

5. If the renewal application for a public airport license has not been received by the department or no private airport registration recertification has been accomplished within 15 days after the date of expiration, the department may revoke the airport license or registration.

6. After initial registration, the department may issue a certificate to a private airport of public interest if the airport is found, after a physical inspection, to be in compliance with all certificate requirements. The certificate is subject to any reasonable condition that the department deems necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare. A





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private airport of public interest certificate expires 5 years  
after the effective date of the certificate.

(e) The department may revoke, or refuse to allow or issue, any airport registration or recertification, or any license or license renewal, if it determines:

1. That the site has been abandoned as an airport;
2. That the airport does not comply with the conditions of the license, license renewal, or site approval;
3. That the airport has become either unsafe or unusable for flight operation due to physical or legal changes in conditions that were the subject of approval; or
4. That an airport required to file or update a security plan pursuant to paragraph (f) has failed to do so.

(f)1. After initial licensure, a license of a publicly or privately owned general aviation airport that is open to the public, that has at least one runway greater than 4,999 feet in length, and that does not host scheduled passenger-carrying commercial service operations regulated under 14 C.F.R. part 139 shall not be renewed or reissued unless an approved security plan has been filed with the department, except when the department determines that the airport is working in good faith toward completion and filing of the plan.

2. Security plans required by this paragraph must be developed in accordance with the 2004 Security Planning for General Aviation Airports guidelines published by the Florida Airports Council. Certain administrative data from the approved security plan shall be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement, in a format prescribed by the Department of Law Enforcement, for use in protecting critical infrastructure of



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the state.

3. The department shall not approve a security plan for filing unless it is consistent with Florida Airports Council guidelines.

4. An airport required to file a security plan pursuant to this paragraph shall update its plan at least once every 2 years after the initial filing date and file the updated plan with the department. The department shall review the updated plan prior to approving it for filing to determine whether it is consistent with Florida Airports Council guidelines. No renewal license shall be issued to the airport unless the department approves the updated security plan or determines that the airport is working in good faith to update it.

(4) EXCEPTIONS.—Private airports with 10 or more based aircraft may request to be inspected and licensed by the department. Private airports licensed according to this subsection shall be considered private airports as defined in s. 330.27 ~~s. 330.27(5)~~ in all other respects.

Section 11. Section 331.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331.371 Strategic space infrastructure investment.—

(1) In consultation with Space Florida, the Department of Transportation may fund spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects, as defined in s. 331.303, at up to 100 percent of the project's cost if:

(a) ~~(1)~~ Important access and on-spaceport-territory space transportation capacity improvements are provided;

(b) ~~(2)~~ Capital improvements that strategically position the state to maximize opportunities in international trade are



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achieved;

(c)~~(3)~~ Goals of an integrated intermodal transportation system for the state are achieved; and

(d)~~(4)~~ Feasibility and availability of matching funds through federal, local, or private partners are demonstrated.

(2) (a) In consultation with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation may fund infrastructure projects, and projects associated with critical infrastructure facilities as defined in s. 692.201, within or outside of a spaceport territory as long as the project supports aerospace or launch support facilities within an adjacent spaceport territory boundary.

(b) The Department of Transportation, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Environmental Protection shall coordinate in funding projects under this subsection to optimize the use of available funds.

Section 12. Section 332.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

332.003 Florida Airport Development and Accountability Assistance Act; short title.—Sections 332.003–332.007 may be cited as the “Florida Airport Development and Accountability Assistance Act.”

Section 13. Section 332.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

332.005 Restrictions on authority of Department of Transportation.—

(1) This act specifically prohibits the Department of Transportation from regulating commercial air carriers operating within the state pursuant to federal authority and regulations;



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from participating in or exercising control in the management and operation of a sponsor's airport, except when officially requested by the sponsor; or from expanding the design or operational capability of the department in the area of airport and aviation consultants' contract work, other than to provide technical assistance as requested.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding subsection (1), upon the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor in preparation for or in response to a natural disaster, airports shall, at no cost to the state, provide the Department of Transportation with the opportunity to use any property that is not within the air navigation facility as defined in s. 332.01(4) for the staging of equipment and personnel to support emergency preparedness and response operations.

(b) After 60 days of use under paragraph (a), any further use of airport property by the Department of Transportation must be conducted pursuant to a written agreement between the airport and the department.

Section 14. Section 332.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

332.006 Duties and responsibilities of the Department of Transportation.—The Department of Transportation shall, within the resources provided to the department ~~pursuant to chapter 216:~~

(1) Provide coordination and assistance for the development of a viable aviation system in this state. To support the system, a statewide aviation system plan shall be developed and periodically updated which summarizes 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year airport and aviation needs within the state. The statewide



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aviation system plan shall be consistent with the goals of the Florida Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155. The statewide aviation system plan shall not preempt local airport master plans adopted in compliance with federal and state requirements.

(2) Advise and assist the Governor in all aviation matters.

(3) Upon request, assist airport sponsors, both financially and technically, in airport master planning.

(4) Upon request, provide financial and technical assistance to public agencies which operate public-use airports by making department personnel and department-owned facilities and equipment available on a cost-reimbursement basis to such agencies for special needs of limited duration. The requirement relating to reimbursement of personnel costs may be waived by the department in those cases in which the assistance provided by its personnel was of a limited nature or duration.

(5) Participate in research and development programs relating to airports.

(6) Administer department participation in the program of aviation and airport grants as provided for in ss. 332.003-332.007.

(7) Develop, promote, and distribute supporting information and educational services, including, but not limited to, educational services with a focus on retention and growth of the aviation industry workforce.

(8) Encourage the maximum allocation of federal funds to local airport projects in this state.

(9) Support the development of land located within the boundaries of airports for the purpose of industrial or other



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uses compatible with airport operations with the objective of assisting airports in this state to become fiscally self-supporting. Such assistance may include providing state moneys on a matching basis to airport sponsors for capital improvements, including, but not limited to, fixed-base operation facilities, parking areas, industrial park utility systems, and road and rail transportation systems which are on airport property.

Section 15. Subsection (5), paragraph (a) of subsection (7), and subsections (8) and (9) of section 332.007, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and airport programs and projects; state plan.—

(2)

(c) Each commercial service airport as defined in s. 332.0075 shall establish and maintain a comprehensive airport infrastructure program to ensure the ongoing preservation of airport infrastructure and facilities in safe and serviceable condition. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "airport infrastructure" means the facilities, systems, and structural components of an airport necessary for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Beginning November 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each commercial service airport shall provide a certification to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, that it has established and maintains a comprehensive airport infrastructure program. The comprehensive airport infrastructure program report, and related documents and records, must be open to inspection by the



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department and maintained by the airport for at least 5 years.  
The comprehensive airport infrastructure program must, at a  
minimum, include all of the following:

1. Identification of airport infrastructure subject to  
inspection and the schedule for the completion of such  
inspections, taking into consideration the age, type, intended  
use, and criticality of the infrastructure to undisrupted  
commercial or cargo operations.

2. A preventative maintenance program for routine  
maintenance of airport infrastructure, for both commercial and  
cargo operations.

3. A plan to complete any necessary repairs to, or  
rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure,  
including prioritization and anticipated timeframe for  
completion of the work.

4. A progress report of inspections and their outcomes,  
preventative maintenance, and previously identified repair to,  
or rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure.  
The progress report must include any changes in timeline for  
completion, changes in cost estimates, and reasons any  
inspection, preventative maintenance, or repair or  
rehabilitation did not take place.

(5) Only those projects or programs provided for in this  
act that will contribute to the implementation of the state  
aviation system plan, that are consistent with the energy policy  
of the state as defined in s. 339.08(6)(a), that are consistent  
with and will contribute to the implementation of any airport  
master plan or layout plan, and that are consistent, to the  
maximum extent feasible, with the approved local government



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comprehensive plans of the units of government in which the airport is located are eligible for the expenditure of state funds in accordance with fund participation rates and priorities established herein.

(7) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds in addition to aviation fuel tax revenues, the department may participate in the capital cost of eligible public airport and aviation discretionary capacity improvement projects. The annual legislative budget request shall be based on the funding required for discretionary capacity improvement projects in the aviation and airport work program.

(a) The department shall provide priority funding in support of:

1. Terminal and parking expansion projects that increase capacity at airports providing commercial service in counties with a population of 500,000 or less.

2. Land acquisition which provides additional capacity at the qualifying international airport or at that airport's supplemental air carrier airport.

~~3.2.~~ Runway and taxiway projects that add capacity or are necessary to accommodate technological changes in the aviation industry.

~~4.3.~~ Airport access transportation projects that improve direct airport access and are approved by the airport sponsor.

~~5.4.~~ International terminal projects that increase international gate capacity.

6. Projects that improve safety and efficiency of airport operations.

7. Emerging technology projects, workforce development





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projects, and projects that benefit the strategic intermodal system through intermodal connectivity.

(8) The department may also fund eligible projects performed by not-for-profit organizations and postsecondary education institutions as defined in s. 1008.47 which support the training of pilots, air traffic control personnel, or aircraft maintenance technical personnel ~~that represent a majority of public airports in this state.~~ Eligible projects may include activities associated with aviation master planning, professional education, safety and security planning, enhancing economic development and efficiency at airports in this state, or other planning efforts to improve the viability and safety of airports in this state. Programs that support the transition of honorably discharged military personnel to the aviation industry are also eligible projects under this subsection. The department may provide matching funds for eligible projects funded by the Department of Commerce.

(9) The department may fund strategic airport investment projects at up to 100 percent of the project's cost if:

(a) Important access and on-airport capacity improvements are provided;

(b) Capital improvements that strategically position the state to maximize opportunities in tourism, international trade, logistics, and the aviation industry are provided;

(c) Goals of an integrated intermodal transportation system for the state are achieved; and

(d) Feasibility and availability of matching funds through federal, local, or private partners are demonstrated.

Section 16. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of subsection (1),



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subsection (2), and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 332.0075, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of that section, to read:

332.0075 Commercial service airports; transparency and accountability; penalty.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Commercial service airport" means an airport providing commercial service, including large, medium, small, and nonhub airports as classified ~~a primary airport as defined in 49 U.S.C. s. 47102 which is classified as a large, medium, or small hub airport~~ by the Federal Aviation Administration.

(b) "Consent agenda" means an agenda which consists of items voted on collectively or as a group and which does not provide the opportunity for public comment on each such item before approval or disapproval by the governing body.

(d) "Governing body" means the governing body of the county, municipality, or special district that operates a commercial service airport. The term also includes an appointed board or oversight entity serving as the governing body for purposes of a commercial service airport on behalf of a county, municipality, or special district.

(2) Each governing body shall establish and maintain a website to post information relating to the operation of a commercial service airport. The information must remain posted on the website for 5 years or for the entirety of the period during which the document is actively in use, whichever is longer, and must include all of the following, ~~including:~~

(a) All published notices of meetings and published meeting agendas of the governing body.



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(b) The official minutes of each meeting of the governing body, which must ~~shall~~ be posted within 7 business days after the date of the meeting in which the minutes were approved.

(c) The approved budget for the commercial service airport for the current fiscal year, which shall be posted within 7 business days after the date of adoption. Budgets must remain on the website for 5 ~~2~~ years after the conclusion of the fiscal year for which they were adopted.

(d) Copies of the current airport master plan and the immediately preceding airport master plan for the commercial service airport and a link to the current airport master plan ~~for the commercial service airport~~ on the commercial service airport's website.

(e) A link to all financial and statistical reports for the commercial service airport on the Federal Aviation Administration's website.

(f) Any contract or contract amendment for the purchase of commodities or contractual services executed by or on behalf of the commercial service airport in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY FIVE, which must ~~shall~~ be posted no later than 7 business days after the commercial service airport executes the contract or contract amendment. However, a contract or contract amendment may not reveal information made confidential or exempt by law. Each commercial service airport must redact confidential or exempt information from each contract or contract amendment before posting a copy on its website.

(g) Position and rate information for each employee of the commercial service airport, including, at a minimum, the



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employee's position title, position description, and annual or hourly salary. This information must ~~shall~~ be updated quarterly ~~annually~~.

(5)(a) Each November 1, the governing body of each commercial service airport shall submit the following information to the department:

1. Its approved budget for the current fiscal year.
2. Any financial reports submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration during the previous calendar year.
3. A link to its website.
4. A statement, verified as provided in s. 92.525, that it has complied with part III of chapter 112, chapter 287, and this section.
5. The most recent copies of its strategic plans.
6. Contracts related to any financial awards received through federally funded grant programs for the preceding year.

(c) A commercial service airport shall:

1. Notify the department within 48 hours after receiving a communication or directive from a federal agency relating to public health testing or the transfer of unauthorized aliens into this state.

2. Notify the department as soon as is reasonably possible, but no later than 48 hours, after the discovery of a potential cybersecurity breach or other occurrence impacting the traveling public, a disruption in state aviation operations directly impacting multiple airports within this state, or an incident occurring on airport property which requires coordination with multiple local, state, or federal agencies.

Section 17. Section 332.15, Florida Statutes, is created to



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read:

332.15 Advanced air mobility.—The Department of Transportation shall:

(1) Address the need for vertiports, advanced air mobility, and other advances in aviation technology in the statewide aviation system plan required under s. 332.006(1) and, as appropriate, in the department's work program.

(2) Designate a subject matter expert on advanced air mobility within the department to serve as a resource for local jurisdictions navigating advances in aviation technology.

(3) Conduct a review of airport hazard zone regulations.

(4) In coordination with the Department of Commerce, provide coordination and assistance for the development of a viable advanced air mobility system plan in this state. The department shall incorporate the plan into the statewide aviation system plan required under s. 332.006(1) to identify and develop statewide corridors of need and opportunities for industry growth.

Section 18. Subsection (5) of section 334.044, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (37), (38), and (39) are added to that section, to read:

334.044 Powers and duties of the department.—The department shall have the following general powers and duties:

(5) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire property and materials, including the purchase of promotional items as part of public information and education campaigns for the promotion of environmental management, scenic highways, traffic and train safety awareness, ~~alternatives to single-occupant vehicle travel~~, commercial motor vehicle safety, workforce development,



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electric vehicle use and charging stations, autonomous vehicles, and context classification design for electric vehicles and autonomous vehicles; to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire equipment and supplies; and to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any property that is no longer needed by the department.

(37) Notwithstanding s. 287.022 or s. 287.025, to directly enter into insurance contracts with local, national, or international insurance companies for the purchase of insurance coverage that the department is contractually and legally required to provide.

(38) Notwithstanding s. 287.14, to purchase or acquire heavy equipment and motor vehicles for roadway operations and emergency response purposes regardless of whether the department exchanges or ceases to operate any department-owned heavy equipment or motor vehicles.

(39) To adopt rules for the purpose of compliance with 49 C.F.R. part 26 and any other applicable federal law.

Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 334.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

334.045 Transportation performance and productivity standards; development; measurement; application.—

(1) The Florida Transportation Commission shall develop and adopt measures for evaluating the performance and productivity of the department. The measures may be both quantitative and qualitative and must, to the maximum extent practical, assess those factors that are within the department's control. The measures must, at a minimum, assess performance in the following areas:



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(a) Production;  
(b) Finance and administration;  
(c) Preservation of the current state system;  
(d) Safety of the current state system;  
(e) Capacity improvements: highways and all public transportation modes; and  
(f) The business development program established under s. 337.027 ~~Disadvantaged business enterprise and minority business programs.~~

Section 20. Subsection (3) is added to section 334.27, Florida Statutes, to read:

334.27 Governmental transportation entities; property acquired for transportation purposes; limitation on soil or groundwater contamination liability.—

(3) A parking authority established under the laws of this state or any of its counties, municipalities, or political subdivisions shall have full power to conduct business; to operate, manage, and control facilities; and to provide services to contiguous geographical boundaries of such counties, municipalities, or political subdivisions that originally chartered such authority. The parking authority may engage in activities outside of its chartering jurisdiction upon entering into an interlocal agreement with the governing body of the affected contiguous county, municipality, or political subdivision, as applicable.

Section 21. Section 334.62, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

334.62 Florida Transportation Academy.—The Legislature finds that the growth and sustainability of the transportation



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industry workforce is vital to the continued success and efficiency of the state's supply chain and economic competitiveness. In order to prioritize the continued need for transportation industry workforce development programs, the Florida Transportation Academy is established within the department. In order to support, promote, and sustain workforce development efforts in the transportation sector, the department may do all of the following:

(1) Coordinate with the Department of Corrections to identify and create certification and training opportunities for nonviolent, scheduled-release inmates and create a notification process between the Department of Corrections and the department for nonviolent inmates with imminent scheduled-release dates who are expected to seek employment upon release.

(2) Coordinate with the Department of Juvenile Justice and its educational partners to create certification and training opportunities for eligible youth.

(3) Coordinate with veterans' organizations to encourage veterans with honorable military discharge to pursue employment opportunities within the transportation industry, including, but not limited to, employment as pilots, mechanics, and air traffic controllers.

(4) Coordinate with the Department of Commerce, CareerSource Florida, Inc., and regional business organizations, within and outside of the transportation industry, to further understand recruitment and retention needs and job-seeker pipelines.

(5) Coordinate with the American Council of Engineering Companies and the Florida Transportation Builders Association to





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optimize workforce recruitment and retention and assess future needs across the transportation industry in this state.

Section 22. Present paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 335.182, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c) and amended, and a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, to read:

335.182 Regulation of connections to roads on State Highway System; definitions.—

(3) As used in this act, the term:

(b) "Modification of an existing connection" means the relocation, alteration, or closure of the connection.

(c) ~~(b)~~ "Significant change" means:

1. A change in the use of the property, including the development of land, structures, or facilities;~~7~~ or

2. An expansion of the size of the property, structures, or facilities causing an increase in the trip generation of the property exceeding 25 percent more trip generation, ~~either peak hour or daily,~~ and exceeding 100 vehicles per day more than the existing use.

Section 23. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 335.187, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

335.187 Unpermitted connections; existing access permits; nonconforming permits; modification and revocation of permits.—

(3) The department may issue a nonconforming access permit if denying after finding that to deny an access permit would leave the property without a reasonable means of access to the State Highway System. The department may specify limits on the maximum vehicular use of the connection and may condition ~~be conditioned on~~ the availability of future alternative means of



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access for which access permits can be obtained.

(4) After written notice and the opportunity for a hearing, as provided for in s. 120.60, the department may modify or revoke an access permit issued after July 1, 1988, by requiring modification ~~Relocation, alteration, or closure~~ of an existing connection if:

(a) A significant change occurs in the use, design, or traffic flow of the connection; or

(b) It would jeopardize the safety of the public or have a negative impact upon the operational characteristics of the highway.

Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 337.027, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.027 Authority to implement a business development program.—

(2) For purposes of this section, the term "small business" means a business with yearly average gross receipts of less than \$25 ~~\$15~~ million for road and bridge contracts and less than \$10 ~~\$6.5~~ million for professional and nonprofessional services contracts. A business' average gross receipts is determined by averaging its annual gross receipts over the last 3 years, including the receipts of any affiliate as defined in s. 337.165.

Section 25. Subsection (6) of section 337.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined design and construction contracts; progress payments; records; requirements of vehicle registration.—



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(6)(a) If the secretary determines that an emergency in regard to the restoration or repair of any state transportation facility exists such that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, the provisions for competitive bidding do not apply; and the department may enter into contracts for restoration or repair without giving opportunity for competitive bidding on such contracts. Within 30 days after such determination and contract execution, the head of the department shall file with the Executive Office of the Governor a written statement of the conditions and circumstances constituting such emergency.

(b) If the secretary determines that delays on a contract for maintenance exist due to administrative challenges, bid protests, defaults or terminations and the further delay would reduce safety on the transportation facility or seriously hinder the department's ability to preserve the state's investment in that facility, competitive bidding provisions may be waived and the department may enter into a contract for maintenance on the facility. However, contracts for maintenance executed under the provisions of this paragraph shall be interim in nature and shall be limited in duration to a period of time not to exceed the length of the delay necessary to complete the competitive bidding process and have the contract in place.

(c) When the department determines that it is in the best interest of the public for reasons of public concern, economy, improved operations, or safety, and only when circumstances dictate rapid completion of the work, the department may, up to the amount of \$500,000, enter into contracts for construction



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and maintenance without advertising and receiving competitive bids. The department may enter into such contracts only upon a determination that the work is necessary for one of the following reasons:

1. To ensure timely completion of projects or avoidance of undue delay for other projects;

2. To accomplish minor repairs or construction and maintenance activities for which time is of the essence and for which significant cost savings would occur; or

3. To accomplish nonemergency work necessary to ensure avoidance of adverse conditions that affect the safe and efficient flow of traffic.

The department shall make a good faith effort to obtain two or more quotes, if available, from qualified contractors before entering into any contract. The department shall give consideration to small disadvantaged business enterprise participation. However, when the work exists within the limits of an existing contract, the department shall make a good faith effort to negotiate and enter into a contract with the prime contractor on the existing contract.

Section 26. Section 337.125, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 27. Section 337.135, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 28. Section 337.139, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 337.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—



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(1)(a) A surety bond shall be required of the successful bidder in an amount equal to the awarded contract price. However, the department may choose, in its discretion and applicable only to multiyear maintenance contracts, to allow for incremental annual contract bonds that cumulatively total the full, awarded, multiyear contract price; ~~The department may also choose,~~ in its discretion and applicable only to phased design-build contracts under s. 337.11(7)(b), to allow the issuance of multiple contract performance and payment bonds in succession to align with each phase of the contract to meet the bonding requirement in this subsection; and, at the discretion of the Secretary of Transportation and notwithstanding any bonding requirement under s. 337.18, to require a surety bond in an amount that is less than the awarded contract price.

1. The department may waive the requirement for all or a portion of a surety bond if:

a. The contract price is \$250,000 or less and the department determines that the project is of a noncritical nature and that nonperformance will not endanger public health, safety, or property;

b. The prime contractor is a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or for the other severely handicapped under s. 413.036(2); or

c. The prime contractor is using a subcontractor that is a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or for the other severely handicapped under s. 413.036(2). However, the department may not waive more than the amount of the subcontract.

2. If the department determines that it is in the best



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1055 interests of the department to reduce the bonding requirement  
1056 for a project and that to do so will not endanger public health,  
1057 safety, or property, the department may waive the requirement of  
1058 a surety bond in an amount equal to the awarded contract price  
1059 for a project having a contract price of \$250 million or more  
1060 and, in its place, may set a surety bond amount that is a  
1061 portion of the total contract price and provide an alternate  
1062 means of security for the balance of the contract amount that is  
1063 not covered by the surety bond or provide for incremental surety  
1064 bonding and provide an alternate means of security for the  
1065 balance of the contract amount that is not covered by the surety  
1066 bond. Such alternative means of security may include letters of  
1067 credit, United States bonds and notes, parent company  
1068 guarantees, and cash collateral. The department may require  
1069 alternate means of security if a surety bond is waived. The  
1070 surety on such bond shall be a surety company authorized to do  
1071 business in the state. All bonds shall be payable to the  
1072 department and conditioned for the prompt, faithful, and  
1073 efficient performance of the contract according to plans and  
1074 specifications and within the time period specified, and for the  
1075 prompt payment of all persons defined in s. 713.01 furnishing  
1076 labor, material, equipment, and supplies for work provided in  
1077 the contract; however, whenever an improvement, demolition, or  
1078 removal contract price is \$25,000 or less, the security may, in  
1079 the discretion of the bidder, be in the form of a cashier's  
1080 check, bank money order of any state or national bank, certified  
1081 check, or postal money order. The department shall adopt rules  
1082 to implement this subsection. Such rules shall include  
1083 provisions under which the department shall refuse to accept



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bonds on contracts when a surety wrongfully fails or refuses to settle or provide a defense for claims or actions arising under a contract for which the surety previously furnished a bond.

Section 30. Subsection (3) of section 337.251, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.251 Lease of property for joint public-private development and areas above or below department property.—

(3) A proposal must be selected by the department based on competitive bidding, except that the department may consider other relevant factors specified in the request for proposals. The department may consider such factors as the value of property exchanges, the cost of construction, and other recurring costs for the benefit of the department by the lessee in lieu of direct revenue to the department if such other factors are of equal value including innovative proposals to involve small ~~minority~~ businesses. The department may name a board of advisers which may be composed of accountants, real estate appraisers, design engineers, or other experts experienced in the type of development proposed. The board of advisers shall review the feasibility of the proposals, recommend acceptance or rejection of each proposal, and rank each feasible proposal in the order of technical feasibility and benefit provided to the department. The board of advisers shall be reasonably compensated for the services provided and all department costs for evaluating the proposals shall be reimbursed from a proposal application fee to be set by the department and paid by the applicants. The board of advisers shall not be subject to selection under the provisions of chapter 287.



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Section 31. Section (2) of section 337.401, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.401 Use of right-of-way for utilities subject to regulation; permit; fees.—

(2)(a) The authority may grant to any person who is a resident of this state, or to any corporation which is organized under the laws of this state or licensed to do business within this state, the use of a right-of-way for the utility in accordance with such rules or regulations as the authority may adopt. A utility may not be installed, located, or relocated unless authorized by a written permit issued by the authority. However, for public roads or publicly owned rail corridors under the jurisdiction of the department, a utility relocation schedule and relocation agreement may be executed in lieu of a written permit. The permit must require the permitholder to be responsible for any damage resulting from the issuance of such permit. The authority may initiate injunctive proceedings as provided in s. 120.69 to enforce provisions of this subsection or any rule or order issued or entered into pursuant thereto. A permit application required under this subsection by a county or municipality having jurisdiction and control of the right-of-way of any public road must be processed and acted upon in accordance with the timeframes provided in subparagraphs (7)(d)7., 8., and 9.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a municipality may not prohibit, or require a permit for, the installation of a public sewer transmission line placed and maintained within and under publicly dedicated rights-of-way as part of a septic-to-sewer conversion where the work is being performed under permits





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issued by the Department of Transportation pursuant to this chapter and the Department of Environmental Protection, or its delegate, pursuant to chapter 403.

Section 32. Subsection (4) of section 337.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.406 Unlawful use of state transportation facility right-of-way; penalties.—

(4)(a) Camping is prohibited on any portion of the right-of-way of the State Highway System ~~that is within 100 feet of a bridge, causeway, overpass, or ramp.~~

(b) This subsection does not apply to a person who has acquired the appropriate permits and is actively navigating the federally designated Florida National Scenic Trail recognized by the state in s. 260.012(6).

Section 33. 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 small ~~minority persons and minority~~ business enterprises in all contracts entered into by their respective departments for services related to the financing of department projects for the Strategic Intermodal System Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.64. These services ~~shall~~ include, but are not limited to, bond counsel and bond underwriters.

Section 34. Subsection (6) is added to section 339.08, Florida Statutes, to read:

339.08 Use of moneys in State Transportation Trust Fund.—



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(6) (a) As used in this subsection, the term "energy policy of the state" means the energy policy described in s. 377.601 and includes any intended or actual measure, obligation, target, or timeframe related to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions.

(b) The department may not expend any state funds as described in s. 215.31 to support a project or program of any of the following entities if such entities adopt or promote energy policy goals inconsistent with the energy policy of the state:

1. A public transit provider as defined in s. 341.031(1).

2. An authority created pursuant to chapter 343, chapter 348, or chapter 349.

3. A public-use airport as defined in s. 332.004.

4. A port listed in s. 311.09(1).

Section 35. Section 339.0805, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 36. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 339.2821, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.2821 Economic development transportation projects.—

(3)

(b) The department must ensure that it is supportive of small businesses as defined in s. 337.027(2) ~~small and minority businesses have equal access to participate in transportation projects funded pursuant to this section.~~

(4) A contract between the department and a governmental body for a transportation project must:

(c) Require that the governmental body provide the department with progress reports. Each progress report must contain:



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1. A narrative description of the work completed and whether the work is proceeding according to the transportation project schedule;

2. A description of each change order executed by the governmental body;

3. A budget summary detailing planned expenditures compared to actual expenditures; and

4. The identity of each small ~~or minority~~ business used as a contractor or subcontractor.

Section 37. Section 339.287, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 38. Subsections (3) and (7) of section 339.651, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.651 Strategic Intermodal System supply chain demands.—

(3) The department may ~~shall~~ make up to \$20 million available each year ~~for fiscal years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028,~~ from the existing work program ~~revenues,~~ to fund projects that meet the public purpose of providing increased capacity and enhanced capabilities to move and store construction aggregate. Applicants eligible for project funding under this section are seaports listed in s. 311.09 and rail lines and rail facilities.

~~(7) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2028.~~

Section 39. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 341.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

341.051 Administration and financing of public transit and intercity bus service programs and projects.—

(6) ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.—

(b) If funds are allocated to projects that qualify for the New Starts Transit Program in the current fiscal year and a project will not be ready for production by June 30, those funds



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must ~~The remaining unallocated New Starts Transit Program funds~~  
~~as of June 30, 2024, shall~~ be reallocated for the purpose of the  
Strategic Intermodal System within the State Transportation  
Trust Fund for the next fiscal year. ~~This paragraph expires June~~  
~~30, 2026.~~

For purposes of this section, the term "net operating costs"  
means all operating costs of a project less any federal funds,  
fares, or other sources of income to the project.

Section 40. Subsection (5) of section 348.754, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

348.754 Purposes and powers.—

(5) The authority shall encourage the inclusion of local  
and small ~~local-, small-, minority-, and women-owned~~ businesses  
in its procurement and contracting opportunities.

Section 41. Subsection (2) of section 349.03, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

349.03 Jacksonville Transportation Authority.—

(2) The governing body of the authority shall be composed  
~~consist~~ of seven members. Four ~~Three~~ members shall be appointed  
by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Of the four members  
appointed by the Governor, one must be a resident of Duval  
County and three must be residents of Clay County, St. Johns  
County, or Nassau County. Three members shall be appointed by  
the mayor of the City of Jacksonville subject to confirmation by  
the council of the City of Jacksonville. ~~The seventh member~~  
~~shall be the district secretary of the Department of~~  
~~Transportation serving in the district that contains the City of~~  
~~Jacksonville. Except for the seventh member,~~ Members appointed



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by the mayor of the City of Jacksonville must ~~shall~~ be residents  
and qualified electors of Duval County.

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And the title is amended as follows:

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and insert:

Research Institute; specifying the purpose and mission  
of the institute; requiring the institute to report to  
the department; providing for membership of the  
institute; requiring the department to select a member  
to serve as the administrative lead of the institute;  
requiring the Secretary of Transportation to appoint a  
representative of the department to serve as the  
executive director of the institute; requiring the  
department to coordinate with the members of the  
institute to adopt certain policies; authorizing the  
institute to award certain grants; authorizing the  
department to allocate funds to the institute from the  
State Transportation Trust Fund; authorizing the  
institute to expend funds for certain operations and  
programs; requiring the institute to submit an annual  
report to the Secretary of Transportation and the  
commission; revising the department's areas of program  
responsibility; amending s. 311.07, F.S.; providing  
that certain spaceport and space industry-related  
facility projects and commercial shipbuilding and  
manufacturing facility projects are eligible for grant  
funding under the Florida Seaport Transportation and



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1287 Economic Development Program; amending s. 311.09,  
1288 F.S.; revising the purpose of the Florida Seaport  
1289 Transportation and Economic Development Council;  
1290 requiring that the Florida Seaport Mission Plan  
1291 include certain recommendations; requiring each port  
1292 member of the council to submit a certain semiannual  
1293 report to the department; amending s. 311.10, F.S.;  
1294 requiring seaports located in specified counties to  
1295 include certain statements in any agreement with the  
1296 department as a condition of receiving certain grants  
1297 or state funds; requiring that express approval for  
1298 certain seaport conversions be obtained by specified  
1299 entities upon recommendation by the funding agency;  
1300 defining the term "cargo purposes"; amending s.  
1301 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
1302 "special mobile equipment"; repealing s. 316.0741,  
1303 F.S., relating to high-occupancy-vehicle lanes;  
1304 amending s. 316.0745, F.S.; deleting language limiting  
1305 the state funds that may be withheld due to certain  
1306 violations by a public body or official to state funds  
1307 for traffic control purposes; providing that such  
1308 violations are cause for the withholding of state  
1309 funds deposited in the State Transportation Trust  
1310 Fund; amending s. 316.550, F.S.; authorizing the  
1311 Department of Transportation to issue a mobile crane  
1312 special blanket permit for certain purposes; amending  
1313 s. 330.27, F.S.; revising definitions and defining  
1314 terms; amending s. 330.30, F.S.; requiring a private  
1315 airport of public interest to obtain a certain



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1316 certificate from the department before allowing  
1317 aircraft operations; requiring certain private  
1318 airports to obtain a certain certificate from the  
1319 department by a specified date; amending s. 331.371,  
1320 F.S.; authorizing the department, in consultation with  
1321 the Department of Commerce and the Department of  
1322 Environmental Protection, to fund certain  
1323 infrastructure projects and projects associated with  
1324 certain critical infrastructure projects; requiring  
1325 such departments to coordinate in funding certain  
1326 projects for a specified purpose; amending s. 332.003,  
1327 F.S.; revising a short title; amending s. 332.005,  
1328 F.S.; requiring airports to provide the Department of  
1329 Transportation with the opportunity to use certain  
1330 airport property for a specified purpose during a  
1331 declared state of emergency; requiring that such use  
1332 be conducted pursuant to a written agreement after a  
1333 certain period of use; amending s. 332.006, F.S.;  
1334 deleting a requirement that the department meet  
1335 certain duties and responsibilities within the  
1336 resources provided pursuant to a specified chapter;  
1337 providing duties and responsibilities of the  
1338 department relating to certain educational services;  
1339 amending s. 332.007, F.S.; requiring commercial  
1340 service airports to establish and maintain a certain  
1341 program; defining the term "airport infrastructure";  
1342 requiring that such airports provide a certain annual  
1343 certification to the department; requiring that a  
1344 certain program report be open to department



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inspection and maintained for a specified period;  
providing requirements for such program; revising the  
list of projects for which the department must provide  
priority funding; authorizing the department to fund  
eligible projects performed by certain organizations  
and postsecondary education institutions; providing  
that certain programs are eligible projects;  
authorizing the department to provide certain matching  
funds; revising the circumstances in which the  
department may fund strategic airport investment  
projects; amending s. 332.0075, F.S.; revising  
definitions; requiring that certain information remain  
posted on a governing body's website for a certain  
period; revising the information that must be included  
on such website; requiring the quarterly, rather than  
annual, update of certain information; revising  
information that the governing body of a commercial  
service airport must submit to the department  
annually; requiring a commercial service airport to  
provide certain notifications to the department;  
creating s. 332.15, F.S.; requiring the department to  
address certain needs in the statewide aviation system  
plan and the department's work program, designate a  
certain subject matter expert, conduct a specified  
review, and, in coordination with the Department of  
Commerce, provide certain coordination and assistance  
for the development of a viable advanced air mobility  
system plan; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; revising the  
powers and duties of the department; amending s.





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1374 334.045, F.S.; requiring certain measures developed  
1375 and adopted by the Florida Transportation Commission  
1376 to assess performance in a specified business  
1377 development program, instead of disadvantaged business  
1378 enterprise and minority business programs; amending s.  
1379 334.27, F.S.; providing powers of certain parking  
1380 authorities; authorizing parking authorities to engage  
1381 in certain activities upon entering into an interlocal  
1382 agreement with certain political subdivisions;  
1383 creating s. 334.62, F.S.; providing legislative  
1384 findings; establishing the Florida Transportation  
1385 Academy within the department; authorizing the  
1386 department to coordinate with certain entities for  
1387 specified purposes; amending s. 335.182, F.S.;  
1388 defining the term "modification of an existing  
1389 connection"; revising the definition of the term  
1390 "significant change"; amending s. 335.187, F.S.;  
1391 authorizing the department to modify or revoke certain  
1392 access permits by requiring modification of an  
1393 existing connection in certain circumstances; amending  
1394 s. 337.027, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
1395 "small business"; amending s. 337.11, F.S.; requiring  
1396 the department to give consideration to small business  
1397 participation, instead of disadvantaged business  
1398 enterprise participation; repealing s. 337.125, F.S.,  
1399 relating to socially and economically disadvantaged  
1400 business enterprises and notice requirements;  
1401 repealing s. 337.135, F.S., relating to socially and  
1402 economically disadvantaged business enterprises and



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1403 punishment for false representation; repealing s.  
1404 337.139, F.S., relating to efforts to encourage  
1405 awarding contracts to disadvantaged business  
1406 enterprises; amending s. 337.18, F.S.; authorizing the  
1407 Secretary of Transportation to require a surety bond  
1408 in an amount that is less than the awarded contract  
1409 price; amending s. 337.251, F.S.; revising factors  
1410 that may be considered by the department when  
1411 selecting certain proposals; amending s. 337.401,  
1412 F.S.; prohibiting a municipality from prohibiting, or  
1413 requiring a permit for, the installation of certain  
1414 public sewer transmission lines; amending s. 337.406,  
1415 F.S.; prohibiting camping on any portion of the right-  
1416 of-way of the State Highway System; providing  
1417 applicability; amending s. 338.227, F.S.; revising the  
1418 purpose for which the department and the Department of  
1419 Management Services shall create and implement a  
1420 certain outreach program; amending s. 339.08, F.S.;  
1421 defining the term "energy policy of the state";  
1422 prohibiting the department from expending state funds  
1423 to support projects or programs of certain entities in  
1424 certain circumstances; repealing s. 339.0805, F.S.,  
1425 relating to funds to be expended with certified  
1426 disadvantaged business enterprises, a construction  
1427 management development program, and a bond guarantee  
1428 program; amending s. 339.2821, F.S.; requiring the  
1429 department to ensure that it is supportive of small  
1430 businesses, rather than ensuring that small and  
1431 minority businesses have equal access to participation



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1432 in certain transportation projects; repealing s.  
1433 339.287, F.S., relating to electric vehicle charging  
1434 stations and infrastructure plan development; amending  
1435 s. 339.651, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring,  
1436 the department to make a certain amount available from  
1437 the existing work program to fund certain projects  
1438 annually; deleting the scheduled repeal of provisions  
1439 relating to Strategic Intermodal System supply chain  
1440 demands; amending s. 341.051, F.S.; providing for the  
1441 reallocation of certain funds; deleting the scheduled  
1442 repeal of provisions providing for the reallocation of  
1443 certain funds; amending s. 348.754, F.S.; revising the  
1444 types of businesses the Central Florida Expressway  
1445 Authority is required to encourage the inclusion of in  
1446 certain opportunities; amending s. 349.03, F.S.;  
1447 revising membership requirements for the governing  
1448 body of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority;  
1449 amending