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The Committee on Appropriations (Massullo) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 126 - 648

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 20.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.23 Department of Transportation.—There is created a Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized agency.

(3) The Legislature finds that the transportation industry



11 is critical to the economic future of this state and that the  
12 competitiveness of the industry in this state depends upon the  
13 development and maintenance of a qualified workforce and  
14 cutting-edge research and innovation. The Legislature further  
15 finds that the transportation industry in this state has varied  
16 and complex workforce needs ranging from technical and  
17 mechanical training to continuing education opportunities for  
18 workers with advanced degrees and certifications. The timely  
19 need also exists for coordinated research and innovation efforts  
20 to promote emerging technologies and innovative construction  
21 methods and tools and to address alternative funding mechanisms.  
22 It is the intent of the Legislature to support programs designed  
23 to address the workforce development needs of the state's  
24 transportation industry.

25 (c) The institute shall report to the department and shall  
26 be composed of members from the University of Florida, the  
27 Florida State University ~~Indian River State College~~, the  
28 University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida,  
29 and Florida International University. The department shall  
30 select a member to serve as the administrative lead of the  
31 institute. The department shall assess the performance of the  
32 administrative lead periodically to ensure accountability and  
33 assess the attainment of performance goals.

34 Section 2. Paragraph (h) of subsection (4) of section  
35 260.0142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

36 260.0142 Florida Greenways and Trails Council; composition;  
37 powers and duties.—

38 (4) The duties of the council include the following:

39 (h) Make recommendations for updating and revising the



40 implementation plan for the Florida Greenways and Trails System,  
41 including, but not limited to, recommendations for  
42 prioritization of regionally significant trails within the  
43 Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network. The council shall  
44 meet within 90 days after the Department of Transportation  
45 submits its report pursuant to s. 339.81(8) to update its  
46 recommendations for prioritization of regionally significant  
47 trails within the network.

48 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
49 311.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

50 311.14 Seaport planning.—

51 (2) Each port shall develop a strategic plan with a 10-year  
52 horizon. Each plan must include the following:

53 (b) An infrastructure development and improvement component  
54 that identifies all projected infrastructure improvements within  
55 the plan area which require improvement, expansion, or  
56 development in order for a port to attain a strategic advantage  
57 for competition with national and international competitors.  
58 This component must provide strategies for obtaining and  
59 maintaining critical infrastructure resources for the port and  
60 its tenants. Such strategies must include long-term contracts,  
61 rights of first refusal regarding the sale or lease of property  
62 storing such resources, and contingency plans for obtaining such  
63 resources. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "critical  
64 infrastructure resources," includes, but is not limited to,  
65 access to electricity, fuel, and water resources.

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67 To the extent feasible, the port strategic plan must be  
68 consistent with the local government comprehensive plans of the



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69 units of local government in which the port is located. Upon  
70 approval of a plan by the port's board, the plan shall be  
71 submitted to the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic  
72 Development Council.

73 Section 4. Section 311.26, Florida Statutes, is created to  
74 read:

75 311.26 Florida seaport maritime industrial base.—The  
76 Department of Transportation shall coordinate with the  
77 Department of Commerce, the ports specified in s. 311.09, and  
78 the Federal Government to identify and prioritize key maritime  
79 components in the supply chain which are essential to  
80 strengthening and expanding this state's maritime industrial  
81 base. The ports shall support projects prioritized by the  
82 Department of Transportation which will directly support the  
83 building and construction, maintenance, and modernization of  
84 commercial vessels, including cargo vessels, and vessels  
85 designed for national defense. Projects must be evaluated by  
86 their estimated return on invested capital, job creation, and  
87 contribution to the economic competitiveness and national  
88 security interests of this state and the United States.  
89 Additional consideration must include the anticipated  
90 enhancement of this state's commercial maritime capabilities.

91 Section 5. Subsection (59) of section 316.003, Florida  
92 Statutes, is amended to read:

93 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when  
94 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively  
95 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context  
96 otherwise requires:

97 (59) PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICE.—An electrically powered



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98 device that:

99 (a) Is operated on sidewalks, ~~and~~ crosswalks, bicycle  
100 lanes, or bicycle paths or on the shoulders of streets,  
101 roadways, or highways, not including limited access facilities,  
102 and intended primarily for transporting property;

103 (b) Has a weight that does not exceed the maximum weight  
104 established by Department of Transportation rule;

105 (c) Operates at ~~Has~~ a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour on  
106 sidewalks and crosswalks and 20 miles per hour on bicycle lanes  
107 or bicycle paths or on the shoulders of streets, roadways, or  
108 highways, not including limited access facilities; and

109 (d) Is equipped with technology to allow for operation of  
110 the device with or without the active control or monitoring of a  
111 natural person.

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113 A personal delivery device is not considered a vehicle unless  
114 expressly defined by law as a vehicle. A mobile carrier is not  
115 considered a personal delivery device. The Department of  
116 Transportation may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

117 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section  
118 316.008, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is  
119 added to that subsection, to read:

120 316.008 Powers of local authorities.—

121 (7)

122 (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraphs 2. and 3.  
123 ~~subparagraph 2.~~, a personal delivery device may be operated on  
124 sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle lanes, and bicycle paths and on  
125 the shoulders of streets, roadways, and highways, not including  
126 limited access facilities, and a mobile carrier may be operated



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127 on sidewalks and crosswalks within a county or municipality when  
128 such use is permissible under federal law. This subparagraph  
129 ~~paragraph~~ does not restrict a county or municipality from  
130 otherwise adopting regulations for the safe operation of  
131 personal delivery devices and mobile carriers.

132 2. A personal delivery device may not be operated on the  
133 Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network created under s.  
134 339.81 or components of the Florida Greenways and Trails System  
135 created under chapter 260 or in state forests, state parks, or  
136 wildlife management areas.

137 3. A personal delivery device or mobile carrier may not be  
138 operated within a theme park or entertainment complex as defined  
139 in s. 509.013(9), or within an independent special district  
140 created by local act which has boundaries within two contiguous  
141 counties.

142 (c) A county or municipality may not enact, impose, levy,  
143 collect, or enforce a fee for operating personal delivery  
144 devices, except as expressly authorized by state statute.

145 Section 7. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 316.2071,  
146 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (5) and (6) are  
147 added to that section, to read:

148 316.2071 Personal delivery devices and mobile carriers.—

149 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law ~~to the~~  
150 ~~contrary~~, a personal delivery device may operate on sidewalks,  
151 crosswalks, bicycle lanes, and bicycle paths and on the  
152 shoulders of streets, roadways, and highways, not including  
153 limited access facilities, and a ~~or~~ mobile carrier may operate  
154 on sidewalks and crosswalks, subject to s. 316.008(7)(b). A  
155 personal delivery device or mobile carrier operating on a



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156 sidewalk or crosswalk has all the rights and duties applicable  
157 to a pedestrian under the same circumstances. ~~A, except that the~~  
158 ~~personal delivery device or mobile carrier may~~ must not  
159 ~~unreasonably interfere with pedestrians, bicycles, or motor~~  
160 ~~vehicles traffic~~ and must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians  
161 ~~on the sidewalk or crosswalk.~~

162 (3) (a) A personal delivery device ~~and a mobile carrier~~ may  
163 not do any of the following:

164 1. ~~(a)~~ Operate on a sidewalk, crosswalk, bicycle lane, or  
165 bicycle path or on the shoulder of a street, roadway, or highway  
166 unless the personal delivery device meets minimum criteria  
167 established by the Department of Transportation and a human  
168 operator is capable of controlling and monitoring the navigation  
169 and operation of the personal delivery device ~~public highway~~  
170 ~~except to the extent necessary to cross a crosswalk.~~

171 2. Transport hazardous materials as defined in s. 316.003.

172 3. Operate on a limited access facility.

173 (b) A mobile carrier may not do any of the following:

174 1. Operate on a public highway except to the extent  
175 necessary to cross a crosswalk.

176 2. Operate on a sidewalk or crosswalk unless the personal  
177 delivery device operator is actively controlling or monitoring  
178 the navigation and operation of the personal delivery device or  
179 a mobile carrier owner remains within 25 feet of the mobile  
180 carrier.

181 3. ~~(c)~~ Transport hazardous materials as defined in s.  
182 316.003.

183 4. ~~(d)~~ For mobile carriers, Transport persons or animals.

184 (5) A personal delivery device or mobile carrier may not



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185 operate within a theme park or entertainment complex as defined  
186 in s. 509.013(9), or within an independent special district  
187 created by local act which has boundaries within two contiguous  
188 counties.

189 (6) The Department of Transportation may adopt rules to  
190 implement this section.

191 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
192 320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

193 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and  
194 validation stickers generally.—

195 (1)

196 (b)1. Registration license plates bearing a graphic symbol  
197 and the alphanumeric system of identification shall be issued  
198 for a 10-year period. At the end of the 10-year period, upon  
199 renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The department shall  
200 extend the scheduled license plate replacement date from a 6-  
201 year period to a 10-year period. The fee for such replacement is  
202 \$28, \$2.80 of which shall be paid each year before the plate is  
203 replaced, to be credited toward the next \$28 replacement fee.  
204 The fees shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating  
205 Trust Fund. A credit or refund may not be given for any prior  
206 years' payments of the prorated replacement fee if the plate is  
207 replaced or surrendered before the end of the 10-year period,  
208 except that a credit may be given if a registrant is required by  
209 the department to replace a license plate under s.

210 320.08056(8) (a). With each license plate, a validation sticker  
211 shall be issued showing the owner's birth month, license plate  
212 number, and the year of expiration or the appropriate renewal  
213 period if the owner is not a natural person. The validation



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214 sticker shall be placed on the upper right corner of the license  
215 plate. The license plate and validation sticker shall be issued  
216 based on the applicant's appropriate renewal period. The  
217 registration period is 12 months, the extended registration  
218 period is 24 months, and all expirations occur based on the  
219 applicant's appropriate registration period. Rental vehicles  
220 taxed pursuant to s. 320.08(6)(a) and rental trucks taxed  
221 pursuant to s. 320.08(3)(a)-(c) and (4)(a)-(f) ~~(4)(a)-(d)~~ may  
222 elect a permanent registration period, provided payment of the  
223 appropriate license taxes and fees occurs annually.

224       2. Beginning July 1, 2024, a vehicle registered in  
225 accordance with the International Registration Plan must be  
226 issued a license plate for a 3-year period. At the end of the 3-  
227 year period, upon renewal, the license plate must be replaced.  
228 Each license plate must include a validation sticker showing the  
229 month of expiration. A cab card denoting the declared gross  
230 vehicle weight for each apportioned jurisdiction must be issued  
231 annually. The fee for an original or a renewal cab card is \$28,  
232 which must be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust  
233 Fund. If the license plate is damaged or worn, it may be  
234 replaced at no charge by applying to the department and  
235 surrendering the current license plate.

236       3. In order to retain the efficient administration of the  
237 taxes and fees imposed by this chapter, the 80-cent fee increase  
238 in the replacement fee imposed by chapter 2009-71, Laws of  
239 Florida, is negated as provided in s. 320.0804.

240       Section 9. Section 322.032, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

241       Section 10. Section 322.059, Florida Statutes, is amended  
242 to read:



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243           322.059 Mandatory surrender of suspended driver license and  
244 registration.—A person whose driver license or registration has  
245 been suspended as provided in s. 322.058 must immediately return  
246 his or her driver license and registration to the Department of  
247 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. ~~The department shall~~  
248 ~~invalidate the digital proof of driver license issued pursuant~~  
249 ~~to s. 322.032 for such person.~~ If such person fails to return  
250 his or her driver license or registration, a law enforcement  
251 agent may seize the license or registration while the driver  
252 license or registration is suspended.

253           Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 322.15, Florida  
254 Statutes, is amended to read:

255           322.15 License to be carried and exhibited on demand;  
256 fingerprint to be imprinted upon a citation.—

257           (1) Every licensee shall have his or her driver license,  
258 which must be fully legible with no portion of such license  
259 faded, altered, mutilated, or defaced, in his or her immediate  
260 possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and shall  
261 present or submit the same upon the demand of a law enforcement  
262 officer or an authorized representative of the department. ~~A~~  
263 ~~licensee may present or submit a digital proof of driver license~~  
264 ~~as provided in s. 322.032 in lieu of his or her printed driver~~  
265 ~~license; however, if the law enforcement officer or authorized~~  
266 ~~representative of the department is unable to immediately verify~~  
267 ~~the digital proof of driver license, upon the demand of the law~~  
268 ~~enforcement officer or authorized representative of the~~  
269 ~~department, the licensee must present or submit his or her~~  
270 ~~printed driver license.~~

271           Section 12. Section 324.252, Florida Statutes, is repealed.



272 Section 13. Present paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of  
273 section 330.41, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph  
274 (e), a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, and  
275 paragraph (c) of that subsection is amended, to read:

276 330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

277 (3) REGULATION.—

278 (c)1. Except as otherwise expressly provided, a political  
279 subdivision may not withhold issuance of a business tax receipt,  
280 development permit, or other land use approval to a drone  
281 delivery service on a commercial property or enact or enforce an  
282 ordinance or a resolution that prohibits a drone delivery  
283 service's operation ~~based on the location of its drone port,~~  
284 notwithstanding part II of chapter 163 and chapter 205. A  
285 political subdivision may enforce minimum setback and  
286 landscaping regulations that are generally applicable to  
287 permitted uses in the applicable drone port site's zoning  
288 district. This paragraph may not be construed to authorize a  
289 political subdivision to require additional landscaping as a  
290 condition of approval of a drone delivery service on a  
291 commercial property ~~port~~.

292 2. A drone delivery service may not operate within a theme  
293 park or entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013(9), or  
294 within an independent special district created by local act  
295 which has boundaries within two contiguous counties.

296 (d) The addition of a drone delivery service within the  
297 parking area of a commercial property does not reduce the number  
298 of parking spaces in the parking area for the purpose of  
299 complying with any requirement for a minimum number of parking  
300 spaces.



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301 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 332.001, Florida  
302 Statutes, is amended to read:

303 332.001 Aviation; powers and duties of the Department of  
304 Transportation.—

305 (1) It shall be the duty, function, and responsibility of  
306 the Department of Transportation to plan and direct investments  
307 in airport systems in this state to facilitate the efficient  
308 movement of passengers and cargo and to continuously improve the  
309 experience for the flying public and the supply chain of this  
310 state's businesses. In carrying out this duty and  
311 responsibility, the department may assist and advise, cooperate,  
312 and coordinate with the federal, state, local, or private  
313 organizations and individuals in planning such systems of  
314 airports.

315 Section 15. Subsection (10) is added to section 332.006,  
316 Florida Statutes, to read:

317 332.006 Duties and responsibilities of the Department of  
318 Transportation.—The Department of Transportation shall, within  
319 the resources provided to the department:

320 (10) Coordinate with commercial service airports in this  
321 state to review and evaluate policies and programs of the United  
322 States Transportation Security Administration, including, but  
323 not limited to, security screening programs and programs for  
324 veterans and active duty servicemembers and their families, to  
325 improve efficiency in airport operations and the overall  
326 experience of the traveling public.

327 Section 16. Present subsections (4), (5), and (6) of  
328 section 332.0075, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
329 subsections (5), (6), and (7), respectively, and a new



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330 subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

331 332.0075 Commercial service airports; transparency and  
332 accountability; penalty.—

333 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
334 commercial service airport must develop a plan for obtaining and  
335 maintaining critical infrastructure resources for the airport,  
336 its tenants, and the traveling public. Such plans must include  
337 long-term contracts and rights of first refusal regarding the  
338 sale of and contingency plans for such resources. For purposes  
339 of this subsection, the term "critical infrastructure resources"  
340 includes, but is not limited to, access to electricity, fuel,  
341 and water resources.

342 Section 17. Present subsections (1) through (37) of section  
343 334.03, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2)  
344 through (38), respectively, a new subsection (1) is added to  
345 that section, and present subsection (29) of that section is  
346 amended, to read:

347 334.03 Definitions.—When used in the Florida Transportation  
348 Code, the term:

349 (1) "Advanced air mobility corridor connection point" means  
350 any land area or transportation facility, including any  
351 airspace, designated by the department as suitable to support  
352 the efficient movement of people and goods by use as a  
353 connection point for advanced air mobility.

354 (30)-(29) "Transportation corridor" means any advanced air  
355 mobility corridor connection point or any land area designated  
356 by the state, a county, or a municipality which is between two  
357 geographic points and which area is used or suitable for the  
358 movement of people and goods by one or more modes of



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359 transportation, including areas necessary for management of  
360 access and securing applicable approvals and permits.  
361 Transportation corridors, other than advanced air mobility  
362 corridor connection points, shall contain, but are not limited  
363 to, the following:

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

365 (b) All property or property interests necessary for future  
366 transportation facilities, including rights of access, air,  
367 view, and light, whether public or private, for the purpose of  
368 securing and utilizing future transportation rights-of-way,  
369 including, but not limited to, any lands reasonably necessary  
370 now or in the future for securing applicable approvals and  
371 permits, borrow pits, drainage ditches, water retention areas,  
372 rest areas, replacement access for landowners whose access could  
373 be impaired due to the construction of a future facility, and  
374 replacement rights-of-way for relocation of rail and utility  
375 facilities.

376 Section 18. Subsections (5), (20), and (21) of section  
377 334.044, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (40) and  
378 (41) are added to that section, to read:

379 334.044 Powers and duties of the department.—The department  
380 shall have the following general powers and duties:

381 (5) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire property and  
382 materials, including the purchase of promotional items as part  
383 of public information and education campaigns for the promotion  
384 of environmental management, scenic highways, traffic and train  
385 safety awareness, commercial motor vehicle safety, workforce  
386 development, transportation-related economic development  
387 opportunities, advanced air mobility ~~electric vehicle use and~~



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388 ~~charging stations~~, autonomous vehicles, and context  
389 classification for electric vehicles and autonomous vehicles; to  
390 purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire equipment and supplies;  
391 and to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any property that  
392 is no longer needed by the department.

393       (20) To operate and maintain designated research  
394 facilities, to conduct and enter into contracts and agreements  
395 for conducting research studies, and to collect data necessary  
396 for the improvement of the state transportation system.

397       (21) To conduct and enter into contracts and agreements for  
398 conducting research and demonstration projects relative to  
399 innovative transportation technologies.

400       (40) To require local governments to submit applications  
401 for federal funding for projects on state-owned rights-of-way,  
402 roads, bridges, and limited access facilities to the department  
403 for review and approval before submission of such applications  
404 to the Federal Government.

405       (41) Notwithstanding any other law, to acquire, own,  
406 construct, or operate, or any combination thereof, one or more  
407 airports as defined in s. 330.27 for the purpose of supporting  
408 advanced air mobility. The department may adopt rules to  
409 implement this subsection.

410       Section 19. Section 334.64, Florida Statutes, is created to  
411 read:

412       334.64 Department to serve as primary point of contact for  
413 LiDAR procurement.—Notwithstanding s. 20.255(9), the department  
414 shall serve as the primary point of contact for statewide  
415 topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost sharing related to  
416 statewide geographic information systems and geospatial data



417 sharing. The department may provide these services to other  
418 state and local governmental entities by entering into an  
419 interagency agreement consistent with chapter 216.  
420 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any  
421 charter, ordinance, statute, or special law, all state agencies  
422 and local governmental entities conducting programs or  
423 exercising powers relating to topographic aerial LiDAR mapping  
424 are authorized to enter into an interagency agreement with the  
425 department for the provision by the department of topographic  
426 aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing services, and to  
427 delegate such authority to conduct programs or exercise powers  
428 relating to topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-  
429 sharing services to the department pursuant to such interagency  
430 agreements. The department may adopt rules to implement this  
431 section.

432 Section 20. Paragraphs (a) and (i) of subsection (3) and  
433 paragraphs (b), (d), and (r) of subsection (7) of section  
434 337.401, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

435 337.401 Use of right-of-way for utilities subject to  
436 regulation; permit; fees.—

437 (3)(a) Because of the unique circumstances applicable to  
438 providers of communications services, including, but not limited  
439 to, the circumstances described in paragraph (e) and the fact  
440 that federal and state law require the nondiscriminatory  
441 treatment of providers of telecommunications services, and  
442 because of the desire to promote competition among providers of  
443 communications services, it is the intent of the Legislature  
444 that municipalities and counties treat providers of  
445 communications services in a nondiscriminatory and competitively



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446 neutral manner when imposing rules or regulations governing the  
447 placement or maintenance of communications facilities in the  
448 public roads or rights-of-way. Rules or regulations imposed by a  
449 municipality or county relating to providers of communications  
450 services placing or maintaining communications facilities in its  
451 roads or rights-of-way must be generally applicable to all  
452 providers of communications services, taking into account the  
453 distinct engineering, construction, operation, maintenance,  
454 public works, and safety requirements of the provider's  
455 facilities, and, notwithstanding any other law, may not require  
456 a provider of communications services to apply for or enter into  
457 an individual license, franchise, or other agreement with the  
458 municipality or county as a condition of placing or maintaining  
459 communications facilities in its roads or rights-of-way. In  
460 addition to other reasonable rules or regulations that a  
461 municipality or county may adopt relating to the placement or  
462 maintenance of communications facilities in its roads or rights-  
463 of-way under this subsection or subsection (7), a municipality  
464 or county may require a provider of communications services that  
465 places or seeks to place facilities in its roads or rights-of-  
466 way to register with the municipality or county. To register, a  
467 provider of communications services may be required only to  
468 provide its name; the name, address, and telephone number of a  
469 contact person for the registrant; the number of the  
470 registrant's current certificate of authorization issued by the  
471 Florida Public Service Commission, the Federal Communications  
472 Commission, or the Department of State; a statement of whether  
473 the registrant is a pass-through provider as defined in  
474 subparagraph (6)(a)1.; the registrant's federal employer



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475 identification number; and any required proof of insurance or  
476 self-insuring status adequate to defend and cover claims. A  
477 municipality or county may not require a registrant to renew a  
478 registration more frequently than every 5 years but may require  
479 during this period that a registrant update the registration  
480 information provided under this subsection within 90 days after  
481 a change in such information. A municipality or county may not  
482 require the registrant to provide an inventory of communications  
483 facilities, maps, locations of such facilities, or other  
484 information by a registrant as a condition of registration,  
485 renewal, or for any other purpose; provided, however, that a  
486 municipality or county may require as part of a permit  
487 application that the applicant identify at-grade communications  
488 facilities within 50 feet of the proposed installation location  
489 for the placement of at-grade communications facilities. A  
490 municipality or county may not require that a provider locate or  
491 perform a survey of any facilities except its own or any right-  
492 of-way boundary when requesting a permit consistent with chapter  
493 556. If the owner of a facility fails to locate their facilities  
494 as required under chapter 556, a provider must use reasonable  
495 care and detection equipment or other acceptable means to avoid  
496 damaging existing underground facilities. A municipality or  
497 county may not require a provider to pay any fee, cost, or other  
498 charge for registration or renewal thereof. A municipality or  
499 county may not limit the number of permits in any way, including  
500 by project size or by limiting the number of open permits or  
501 applications, provided that the permit is closed out within 45  
502 days after the provider's completion of work. A municipality or  
503 county may require the submission or maintenance of a bond or



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504 other financial instrument as set out in this section but may  
505 not require a cash deposit or other escrow, payment, or exaction  
506 as a condition of issuing a permit. It is the intent of the  
507 Legislature that the placement, operation, maintenance,  
508 upgrading, and extension of communications facilities not be  
509 unreasonably interrupted or delayed through the permitting or  
510 other local regulatory process. Except as provided in this  
511 chapter or otherwise expressly authorized by chapter 202,  
512 chapter 364, or chapter 610, a municipality or county may not  
513 adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, or requirement as to  
514 the placement or operation of communications facilities in a  
515 right-of-way by a communications services provider authorized by  
516 state or local law to operate in a right-of-way; regulate any  
517 communications services; or impose or collect any tax, fee,  
518 cost, charge, or exaction for the placement of communications  
519 facilities or the provision of communications services over the  
520 communications services provider's communications facilities in  
521 a right-of-way.

522 (i) Except as expressly provided in this section, this  
523 section does not modify the authority of municipalities and  
524 counties to levy the tax authorized in chapter 202 or the duties  
525 of providers of communications services under ss. 337.402-  
526 337.404. This section does not apply to ~~building permits,~~ pole  
527 attachments, ~~or~~ private roads, private easements, ~~and~~ private  
528 rights-of-way, or building permits unrelated to the placement of  
529 communications facilities.

530 (7)

531 (b) As used in this section ~~subsection~~, the term:

532 1. "Antenna" means communications equipment that transmits



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533 or receives electromagnetic radio frequency signals used in  
534 providing wireless services.

535 2. "Applicable codes" means uniform building, fire,  
536 electrical, plumbing, or mechanical codes adopted by a  
537 recognized national code organization or local amendments to  
538 those codes enacted solely to address threats of destruction of  
539 property or injury to persons, and includes the National  
540 Electric Safety Code and the 2017 edition of the Florida  
541 Department of Transportation Utility Accommodation Manual.

542 3. "Applicant" means a person who submits an application  
543 and is a wireless provider.

544 4. "Application" means a request submitted by an applicant  
545 to an authority for a permit to collocate small wireless  
546 facilities, ~~or to~~ place a new utility pole used to support a  
547 small wireless facility, or place other communications  
548 facilities. An authority's permit application form or process  
549 must include all required permissions, however designated,  
550 required by the authority to grant a permit to place  
551 communications facilities, including, but not limited to, right-  
552 of-way occupancy, building permits, electrical permits, or  
553 historic review.

554 5. "Authority" means a county or municipality having  
555 jurisdiction and control of the rights-of-way of any public  
556 road. The term does not include the Department of  
557 Transportation. Rights-of-way under the jurisdiction and control  
558 of the department are excluded from this subsection.

559 6. "Authority utility pole" means a utility pole owned by  
560 an authority in the right-of-way. The term does not include a  
561 utility pole owned by a municipal electric utility, a utility



562 pole used to support municipally owned or operated electric  
563 distribution facilities, or a utility pole located in the right-  
564 of-way within:

565 a. A retirement community that:

566 (I) Is deed restricted as housing for older persons as  
567 defined in s. 760.29(4) (b);

568 (II) Has more than 5,000 residents; and

569 (III) Has underground utilities for electric transmission  
570 or distribution.

571 b. A municipality that:

572 (I) Is located on a coastal barrier island as defined in s.  
573 161.053(1) (b)3.;

574 (II) Has a land area of less than 5 square miles;

575 (III) Has less than 10,000 residents; and

576 (IV) Has, before July 1, 2017, received referendum approval  
577 to issue debt to finance municipal-wide undergrounding of its  
578 utilities for electric transmission or distribution.

579 7. "Collocate" or "collocation" means to install, mount,  
580 maintain, modify, operate, or replace one or more wireless  
581 facilities on, under, within, or adjacent to a wireless support  
582 structure or utility pole. The term does not include the  
583 installation of a new utility pole or wireless support structure  
584 in the public rights-of-way.

585 ~~8. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.~~

586 ~~9.~~ "Micro wireless facility" means a small wireless  
587 facility having dimensions no larger than 24 inches in length,  
588 15 inches in width, and 12 inches in height and an exterior  
589 antenna, if any, no longer than 11 inches.

590 ~~9.10.~~ "Small wireless facility" means a wireless facility



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591 that meets the following qualifications:

592 a. Each antenna associated with the facility is located  
593 inside an enclosure of no more than 6 cubic feet in volume or,  
594 in the case of antennas that have exposed elements, each antenna  
595 and all of its exposed elements could fit within an enclosure of  
596 no more than 6 cubic feet in volume; and

597 b. All other wireless equipment associated with the  
598 facility is cumulatively no more than 28 cubic feet in volume.  
599 The following types of associated ancillary equipment are not  
600 included in the calculation of equipment volume: electric  
601 meters, concealment elements, telecommunications demarcation  
602 boxes, ground-based enclosures, grounding equipment, power  
603 transfer switches, cutoff switches, vertical cable runs for the  
604 connection of power and other services, and utility poles or  
605 other support structures.

606 ~~10.11.~~ "Utility pole" means a pole or similar structure  
607 that is used in whole or in part to provide communications  
608 services or for electric distribution, lighting, traffic  
609 control, signage, or a similar function. The term includes the  
610 vertical support structure for traffic lights but does not  
611 include a horizontal structure to which signal lights or other  
612 traffic control devices are attached and does not include a pole  
613 or similar structure 15 feet in height or less unless an  
614 authority grants a waiver for such pole.

615 ~~11.12.~~ "Wireless facility" means equipment at a fixed  
616 location which enables wireless communications between user  
617 equipment and a communications network, including radio  
618 transceivers, antennas, wires, coaxial or fiber-optic cable or  
619 other cables, regular and backup power supplies, and comparable



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620 equipment, regardless of technological configuration, and  
621 equipment associated with wireless communications. The term  
622 includes small wireless facilities. The term does not include:

623 a. The structure or improvements on, under, within, or  
624 adjacent to the structure on which the equipment is collocated;

625 b. Wireline backhaul facilities; or

626 c. Coaxial or fiber-optic cable that is between wireless  
627 structures or utility poles or that is otherwise not immediately  
628 adjacent to or directly associated with a particular antenna.

629 ~~12.13.~~ "Wireless infrastructure provider" means a person  
630 who has been certificated under chapter 364 to provide  
631 telecommunications service or under chapter 610 to provide cable  
632 or video services in this state, or that person's affiliate, and  
633 who builds or installs wireless communication transmission  
634 equipment, wireless facilities, or wireless support structures  
635 but is not a wireless services provider.

636 ~~13.14.~~ "Wireless provider" means a wireless infrastructure  
637 provider or a wireless services provider.

638 ~~14.15.~~ "Wireless services" means any services provided  
639 using licensed or unlicensed spectrum, whether at a fixed  
640 location or mobile, using wireless facilities.

641 ~~15.16.~~ "Wireless services provider" means a person who  
642 provides wireless services.

643 ~~16.17.~~ "Wireless support structure" means a freestanding  
644 structure, such as a monopole, a guyed or self-supporting tower,  
645 or another existing or proposed structure designed to support or  
646 capable of supporting wireless facilities. The term does not  
647 include a utility pole, pedestal, or other support structure for  
648 ground-based equipment not mounted on a utility pole and less



649 than 5 feet in height.

650 (d) An authority may require a registration process and  
651 permit fees in accordance with subsection (3). An authority  
652 shall accept applications for permits and shall process and  
653 issue permits subject to the following requirements:

654 1. An authority may not directly or indirectly require an  
655 applicant to perform services unrelated to the collocation for  
656 which approval is sought, such as in-kind contributions to the  
657 authority, including reserving fiber, conduit, or pole space for  
658 the authority.

659 2. An applicant may not be required to provide more  
660 information to obtain a permit than is necessary to demonstrate  
661 the applicant's compliance with applicable codes for the  
662 placement of small wireless facilities in the locations  
663 identified in the application. An applicant may not be required  
664 to provide inventories, maps, or locations of communications  
665 facilities in the right-of-way other than as necessary to avoid  
666 interference with other at-grade or aerial facilities located at  
667 the specific location proposed for a small wireless facility or  
668 within 50 feet of such location.

669 3. An authority may not:

670 a. Require the placement of small wireless facilities on  
671 any specific utility pole or category of poles;

672 b. Require the placement of multiple antenna systems on a  
673 single utility pole;

674 c. Require a demonstration that collocation of a small  
675 wireless facility on an existing structure is not legally or  
676 technically possible as a condition for granting a permit for  
677 the collocation of a small wireless facility on a new utility



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678 pole except as provided in paragraph (i);  
679       d. Require compliance with an authority's provisions  
680 regarding placement of communications facilities, including  
681 small wireless facilities or ~~a~~ new utility poles ~~pole~~ used to  
682 support ~~a~~ small wireless facilities, facility in rights-of-way  
683 under the control of the department unless the authority has  
684 received a delegation from the department for the location of  
685 the small wireless facility or utility pole;~~;~~ or require such  
686 compliance as a condition to receive a permit that is ancillary  
687 to the permit for collocation of a small wireless facility,  
688 including an electrical permit;  
689       e. Require a meeting before filing an application;  
690       f. Require direct or indirect public notification or a  
691 public meeting for the placement of communication facilities in  
692 the right-of-way;  
693       g. Limit the size or configuration of a small wireless  
694 facility or any of its components, if the small wireless  
695 facility complies with the size limits in this subsection;  
696       h. Prohibit the installation of a new utility pole used to  
697 support the collocation of a small wireless facility if the  
698 installation otherwise meets the requirements of this  
699 subsection; ~~or~~  
700       i. Require that any component of a small wireless facility  
701 be placed underground except as provided in paragraph (i); or  
702       j. Require compliance with provisions regarding the  
703 placement of communications facilities, including small wireless  
704 facilities or new utility poles used to support small wireless  
705 facilities, in rights-of-way not owned and controlled by the  
706 authority and public utility easements that are within areas not



707 owned and controlled by the authority unless a permit delegation  
708 agreement exists between the authority and the owner of the  
709 right-of-way or area that contains the public utility easement.

710 4. Subject to paragraph (r), an authority may not limit the  
711 placement, by minimum separation distances, of small wireless  
712 facilities, utility poles on which small wireless facilities are  
713 or will be collocated, or other at-grade communications  
714 facilities. However, within 14 days after the date of filing the  
715 application, an authority may request that the proposed location  
716 of a small wireless facility be moved to another location in the  
717 right-of-way and placed on an alternative authority utility pole  
718 or support structure or placed on a new utility pole. The  
719 authority and the applicant may negotiate the alternative  
720 location, including any objective design standards and  
721 reasonable spacing requirements for ground-based equipment, for  
722 30 days after the date of the request. At the conclusion of the  
723 negotiation period, if the alternative location is accepted by  
724 the applicant, the applicant must notify the authority of such  
725 acceptance and the application shall be deemed granted for any  
726 new location for which there is agreement and all other  
727 locations in the application. If an agreement is not reached,  
728 the applicant must notify the authority of such nonagreement and  
729 the authority must grant or deny the original application within  
730 90 days after the date the application was filed. A request for  
731 an alternative location, an acceptance of an alternative  
732 location, or a rejection of an alternative location must be in  
733 writing and provided by electronic mail.

734 5. An authority shall limit the height of a small wireless  
735 facility to 10 feet above the utility pole or structure upon



736 which the small wireless facility is to be collocated. Unless  
737 waived by an authority, the height for a new utility pole is  
738 limited to the tallest existing utility pole as of July 1, 2017,  
739 located in the same right-of-way, other than a utility pole for  
740 which a waiver has previously been granted, measured from grade  
741 in place within 500 feet of the proposed location of the small  
742 wireless facility. If there is no utility pole within 500 feet,  
743 the authority shall limit the height of the utility pole to 50  
744 feet.

745         6. The installation by a communications services provider  
746 of a utility pole in the public rights-of-way, other than a  
747 utility pole used to support a small wireless facility, is  
748 subject to authority rules or regulations governing the  
749 placement of utility poles in the public rights-of-way.

750         7. Within 14 days after receiving an application, an  
751 authority must determine and notify the applicant by electronic  
752 mail as to whether the application is complete. If an  
753 application is deemed incomplete, the authority must  
754 specifically identify the missing information. An application is  
755 deemed complete if the authority fails to provide notification  
756 to the applicant within 14 days.

757         8. An application must be processed on a nondiscriminatory  
758 basis. A complete application is deemed approved if an authority  
759 fails to approve or deny the application within 60 days after  
760 receipt of the application. If an authority does not use the 30-  
761 day negotiation period provided in subparagraph 4., the parties  
762 may mutually agree to extend the 60-day application review  
763 period. The authority shall grant or deny the application at the  
764 end of the extended period. A permit issued pursuant to an



765 approved application shall remain effective for 1 year unless  
766 extended by the authority.

767 9. An authority must notify the applicant of approval or  
768 denial by electronic mail. An authority shall approve a complete  
769 application unless it does not meet the authority's applicable  
770 codes. If the application is denied, the authority must specify  
771 in writing the basis for denial, including the specific code  
772 provisions on which the denial was based, and send the  
773 documentation to the applicant by electronic mail on the day the  
774 authority denies the application. The applicant may cure the  
775 deficiencies identified by the authority and resubmit the  
776 application within 30 days after notice of the denial is sent to  
777 the applicant. The authority shall approve or deny the revised  
778 application within 30 days after receipt or the application is  
779 deemed approved. The review of a revised application is limited  
780 to the deficiencies cited in the denial. If an authority  
781 provides for administrative review of the denial of an  
782 application, the review must be complete and a written decision  
783 issued within 45 days after a written request for review is  
784 made. A denial must identify the specific code provisions on  
785 which the denial is based. If the administrative review is not  
786 complete within 45 days, the authority waives any claim  
787 regarding failure to exhaust administrative remedies in any  
788 judicial review of the denial of an application.

789 10. An applicant seeking to collocate small wireless  
790 facilities within the jurisdiction of a single authority may, at  
791 the applicant's discretion, file a consolidated application and  
792 receive a single permit for the collocation of up to 30 small  
793 wireless facilities. If the application includes multiple small



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794 wireless facilities, an authority may separately address small  
795 wireless facility collocations for which incomplete information  
796 has been received or which are denied.

797 11. An authority may deny an application to collocate a  
798 small wireless facility or place a utility pole used to support  
799 a small wireless facility in the public rights-of-way if the  
800 proposed small wireless facility or utility pole used to support  
801 a small wireless facility:

802 a. Materially interferes with the safe operation of traffic  
803 control equipment.

804 b. Materially interferes with sight lines or clear zones  
805 for transportation, pedestrians, or public safety purposes.

806 c. Materially interferes with compliance with the Americans  
807 with Disabilities Act or similar federal or state standards  
808 regarding pedestrian access or movement.

809 d. Materially fails to comply with the 2017 edition of the  
810 Florida Department of Transportation Utility Accommodation  
811 Manual.

812 e. Fails to comply with applicable codes.

813 f. Fails to comply with objective design standards  
814 authorized under paragraph (r).

815 12. An authority may adopt by ordinance provisions for  
816 insurance coverage, indemnification, force majeure, abandonment,  
817 authority liability, or authority warranties. Such provisions  
818 must be reasonable and nondiscriminatory and apply to all  
819 providers of communications services, including, if applicable,  
820 any local government or nonprofit providers. An authority may  
821 require a construction bond to secure restoration of the  
822 postconstruction rights-of-way to the preconstruction condition.



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823 However, such bond must be time-limited to not more than 18  
824 months after the construction to which the bond applies is  
825 completed, and such bond must be reasonably related to the cost  
826 to secure restoration of the rights-of-way. An authority may not  
827 limit the number of permits allowed under the same bond. For any  
828 financial obligation required by an authority allowed under this  
829 section, the authority may not limit the number of permits in  
830 any way, including by project size or by limiting the number of  
831 applications or open permits, provided that the permit is closed  
832 out within 45 days after the provider's completion of work; may  
833 not impose additional requirements based on the scope or linear  
834 feet of the project; and shall accept, at the option of the  
835 applicant, a bond or a letter of credit or similar financial  
836 instrument issued by any financial institution that is  
837 authorized to do business within the United States ~~and, provided~~  
838 that a claim against the financial instrument may be made by  
839 electronic means, ~~including by facsimile~~. An authority may not  
840 require a deposit or escrow of cash as a condition of issuing a  
841 permit or compel the applicant to agree to any additional terms  
842 or agreements not specifically authorized by this act or  
843 directly related to the work set out in the application. A  
844 provider of communications services may add an authority to any  
845 existing bond, insurance policy, or other relevant financial  
846 instrument, and the authority must accept such proof of coverage  
847 without any conditions other than consent to venue for purposes  
848 of any litigation to which the authority is a party. An  
849 authority may not require a communications services provider to  
850 indemnify it for liabilities not caused by the provider, its  
851 agents, or its employees, including liabilities arising from the



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852 authority's negligence, gross negligence, or willful conduct by  
853 an unaffiliated third party.

854 13. Collocation of a small wireless facility on an  
855 authority utility pole does not provide the basis for the  
856 imposition of an ad valorem tax on the authority utility pole.

857 14. An authority may reserve space on authority utility  
858 poles for future public safety uses. However, a reservation of  
859 space may not preclude collocation of a small wireless facility.  
860 If replacement of the authority utility pole is necessary to  
861 accommodate the collocation of the small wireless facility and  
862 the future public safety use, the pole replacement is subject to  
863 make-ready provisions and the replaced pole shall accommodate  
864 the future public safety use.

865 15. A structure granted a permit and installed pursuant to  
866 this subsection shall comply with chapter 333 and federal  
867 regulations pertaining to airport airspace protections.

868 (r) An authority may require wireless providers to comply  
869 with objective design standards adopted by ordinance. The  
870 ordinance may only require:

871 1. A new utility pole that replaces an existing utility  
872 pole to be of substantially similar design, material, and color;

873 2. Reasonable spacing requirements concerning the location  
874 of a ground-mounted component of a small wireless facility which  
875 does not exceed 15 feet from the associated support structure;  
876 or

877 3. A small wireless facility to meet reasonable location  
878 context, color, camouflage, and concealment requirements,  
879 subject to the limitations in this subsection; and

880 4. A new utility pole used to support a small wireless



881 facility to meet reasonable location context, color, and  
882 material of the predominant utility pole type at the proposed  
883 location of the new utility pole.

884  
885 Such design standards under this paragraph may be waived by the  
886 authority upon a showing that the design standards are not  
887 reasonably compatible for the particular location of a small  
888 wireless facility or utility pole or are technically infeasible  
889 or that the design standards impose an excessive expense. The  
890 waiver must be granted or denied within 45 days after the date  
891 of the request. An authority may not require landscaping,  
892 landscaping maintenance, or vegetation management other than  
893 that necessary for right-of-way restoration.

894 Section 21. Present paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection  
895 (3) of section 338.231, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
896 paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively, a new paragraph (b) is  
897 added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of that subsection  
898 is amended, to read:

899 338.231 Turnpike tolls, fixing; pledge of tolls and other  
900 revenues.—The department shall at all times fix, adjust, charge,  
901 and collect such tolls and amounts for the use of the turnpike  
902 system as are required in order to provide a fund sufficient  
903 with other revenues of the turnpike system to pay the cost of  
904 maintaining, improving, repairing, and operating such turnpike  
905 system; to pay the principal of and interest on all bonds issued  
906 to finance or refinance any portion of the turnpike system as  
907 the same become due and payable; and to create reserves for all  
908 such purposes.

909 (3) (a) 1. For the period July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2029



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910 2027, the department shall, to the maximum extent feasible,  
911 program sufficient funds in the tentative work program such that  
912 the percentage of turnpike toll and bond financed commitments in  
913 Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach County as  
914 compared to total turnpike toll and bond financed commitments  
915 shall be at least 90 percent of the share of net toll  
916 collections attributable to users of the turnpike system in  
917 Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach County as  
918 compared to total net toll collections attributable to users of  
919 the turnpike system.

920 2. Beginning in the 2029-2030 fiscal year, the department  
921 shall, to the maximum extent feasible, program sufficient funds  
922 in the tentative work program such that 100 percent of the share  
923 of net toll collections attributable to users of the turnpike  
924 system in Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach  
925 County is used for turnpike toll and bond financed commitments  
926 in those counties.

927  
928 This paragraph subsection does not apply when the application of  
929 such requirements would violate any covenant established in a  
930 resolution or trust indenture relating to the issuance of  
931 turnpike bonds.

932 (b) The department may at any time for economic  
933 considerations establish lower temporary toll rates for a new or  
934 existing toll facility for a period not to exceed 1 year, after  
935 which the toll rates adopted pursuant to s. 120.54 shall become  
936 effective.

937 Section 22. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
938 (d) of subsection (5) of section 339.81, Florida Statutes, are



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939 amended to read:

940 339.81 Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network.—

941 (2)

942 (b) The multiuse trails or shared-use paths of the  
943 statewide network must be physically separated from motor  
944 vehicle traffic and constructed with asphalt, concrete, or  
945 another improved hard surface approved by the department.

946 (5)

947 (d) To the greatest extent practicable, the department  
948 shall program projects in the work program to plan for  
949 development of the entire trail and to minimize the creation of  
950 gaps between trail segments. The department shall, at a minimum,  
951 ensure that local support exists for projects and trail  
952 segments, including the availability or dedication of local  
953 funding sources and of contributions by private landowners who  
954 agree to make their land, or property interests in such land,  
955 available for public use as a trail. The department may also  
956 consider any sponsorship agreement entered into pursuant to  
957 subsection (7).

958 Section 23. Subsection (16) of section 341.041, Florida  
959 Statutes, is amended to read:

960 341.041 Transit responsibilities of the department.—The  
961 department shall, within the resources provided pursuant to  
962 chapter 216:

963 (16) Unless otherwise provided by state or federal law,  
964 ensure that all grants and agreements between the department and  
965 entities providing paratransit services to persons with  
966 disabilities include, at a minimum, the following provisions:

967 (a) Performance requirements for the delivery of services,



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968 including clear penalties for repeated or continuing violations;

969 (b) Minimum liability insurance requirements for all  
970 transportation services purchased, provided, or coordinated for  
971 the transportation disadvantaged, as defined in s. 427.011(1),  
972 through the contracted vendor or subcontractor thereof;

973 (c) Complaint and grievance processes for users of  
974 paratransit services for persons with disabilities users,  
975 including a requirement that all reported complaints,  
976 grievances, and resolutions be reported to the department on a  
977 quarterly basis; and

978 (d) A requirement that the provisions of paragraphs (a),  
979 (b), and (c) must be included in any agreement between an entity  
980 receiving a grant or an agreement from the department and such  
981 entity's contractors or subcontractors that provide paratransit  
982 services for persons with disabilities.

983 Section 24. Section 479.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
984 read:

985 479.25 Erection of noise-attenuation barrier or obstruction  
986 blocking view of sign; procedures; application.-

987 (1) The owner of a lawfully erected sign that is governed  
988 by and conforms to state and federal requirements for land use,  
989 size, height, and spacing may increase the height above ground  
990 level of such sign at its permitted location if a noise-  
991 attenuation barrier, ramp, or braided bridge is permitted by or  
992 erected by any governmental entity in such a way as to screen or  
993 block visibility of the sign. Any increase in height permitted  
994 under this section may only be the increase in height which is  
995 required to achieve the same degree of visibility from the  
996 right-of-way which the sign had before the construction of the



997 noise-attenuation barrier, ramp, or braided bridge,  
998 notwithstanding the restrictions contained in s. 479.07(9)(b). A  
999 sign reconstructed under this section must comply with the  
1000 building standards and wind load requirements provided in the  
1001 Florida Building Code. If construction of a proposed noise-  
1002 attenuation barrier, ramp, or braided bridge will screen a sign  
1003 lawfully permitted under this chapter, the department shall  
1004 provide notice to the local government or local jurisdiction  
1005 within which the sign is located before construction. Upon a  
1006 determination that an increase in the height of a sign as  
1007 permitted under this section will violate an ordinance or a land  
1008 development regulation of the local government or local  
1009 jurisdiction, the local government or local jurisdiction shall,  
1010 before construction:

1011 (a) Provide a variance or waiver to the local ordinance or  
1012 land development regulations to allow an increase in the height  
1013 of the sign;

1014 (b) Allow the sign to be relocated or reconstructed at  
1015 another location if the sign owner agrees; or

1016 (c) Pay the fair market value of the sign and its  
1017 associated interest in the real property.

1018 (2) The department shall hold a public hearing within the  
1019 boundaries of the affected local governments or local  
1020 jurisdictions to receive input on the proposed noise-attenuation  
1021 barrier, ramp, or braided bridge and its conflict with the local  
1022 ordinance or land development regulation and to suggest or  
1023 consider alternatives or modifications to alleviate or minimize  
1024 the conflict with the local ordinance or land development  
1025 regulation or minimize any costs that may be associated with



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1026 relocating, reconstructing, or paying for the affected sign. The  
1027 public hearing may be held concurrently with other public  
1028 hearings scheduled for the project. The department shall provide  
1029 a written notification to the local government or local  
1030 jurisdiction of the date and time of the public hearing and  
1031 shall provide general notice of the public hearing in accordance  
1032 with the notice provisions of s. 335.02(1). The notice may not  
1033 be placed in that portion of a newspaper in which legal notices  
1034 or classified advertisements appear. The notice must  
1035 specifically state that:

1036 (a) Erection of the proposed noise-attenuation barrier,  
1037 ramp, or braided bridge may block the visibility of an existing  
1038 outdoor advertising sign;

1039 (b) The local government or local jurisdiction may restrict  
1040 or prohibit increasing the height of the existing outdoor  
1041 advertising sign; and

1042 (c) Upon construction of the noise-attenuation barrier,  
1043 ramp, or braided bridge, the local government or local  
1044 jurisdiction shall:

1045 1. Allow an increase in the height of the sign through a  
1046 waiver or variance to a local ordinance or land development  
1047 regulation;

1048 2. Allow the sign to be relocated or reconstructed at  
1049 another location if the sign owner agrees; or

1050 3. Pay the fair market value of the sign and its associated  
1051 interest in the real property.

1052 (3) The department may not permit erection of the noise-  
1053 attenuation barrier, ramp, or braided bridge to the extent the  
1054 barrier or obstruction screens or blocks visibility of the sign



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1055 until after the public hearing is held.

1056 (4) This section does not apply to any existing written  
1057 agreement executed before July 1, 2006, between any local  
1058 government and the owner of an outdoor advertising sign.

1059 Section 25. Section 790.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
1060 read:

1061 790.19 Shooting into or throwing deadly missiles into  
1062 dwellings, public or private buildings, occupied or not  
1063 occupied; vessels, aircraft, buses, railroad cars, streetcars,  
1064 or other vehicles.—A person who ~~Whoever~~, wantonly or  
1065 maliciously, shoots at, within, or into, or throws a ~~any~~ missile  
1066 or hurls or projects a stone or other hard substance which would  
1067 produce death or great bodily harm, at, within, or in a ~~any~~  
1068 public or private building, occupied or unoccupied; a, ~~or~~ public  
1069 or private bus or a ~~any~~ train, locomotive, railway car, caboose,  
1070 cable railway car, street railway car, monorail car, or vehicle  
1071 of any kind which is being used or occupied by a ~~any~~ person; an  
1072 autonomous vehicle, occupied or unoccupied; a, ~~or any~~ boat,  
1073 vessel, ship, or barge lying in or plying the waters of this  
1074 state; ~~7~~ or an aircraft flying through the airspace of this state  
1075 commits ~~shall be guilty of~~ a felony of the second degree,  
1076 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

1077 Section 26. Present subsections (8) through (12) of section  
1078 806.13, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (9)  
1079 through (13), respectively, a new subsection (8) is added to  
1080 that section, and present subsection (11) of that section is  
1081 amended, to read:

1082 806.13 Criminal mischief; penalties; penalty for minor.—

1083 (8) A person who willfully or maliciously defaces, injures,



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1084 or damages by any means an autonomous vehicle as defined in s.  
1085 316.003(3)(a) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable  
1086 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the  
1087 damage to the vehicle is greater than \$200.

1088       (12)~~(11)~~ A minor whose driver license or driving privilege  
1089 is revoked, suspended, or withheld under subsection (11) ~~(10)~~  
1090 may elect to reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or  
1091 withholding by performing community service at the rate of 1 day  
1092 for each hour of community service performed. In addition, if  
1093 the court determines that due to a family hardship, the minor's  
1094 driver license or driving privilege is necessary for employment  
1095 or medical purposes of the minor or a member of the minor's  
1096 family, the court shall order the minor to perform community  
1097 service and reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or  
1098 withholding at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community  
1099 service performed. As used in this subsection, the term  
1100 "community service" means cleaning graffiti from public  
1101 property.

1102       Section 27. Section 8 of chapter 2006-316, Laws of Florida,  
1103 is amended to read:

1104       Section 8. Senator N. Ray Carroll Memorial Interchange  
1105 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
1106 markers.-

1107       (1) Upon completion of construction, the New Nolte Road  
1108 Interchange ~~The Florida Turnpike interchange being constructed~~  
1109 ~~at Milepost 240 and Kissimmee Park Road~~ in Osceola County is  
1110 designated as "Senator N. Ray Carroll Memorial Interchange."

1111       (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1112 suitable markers designating Senator N. Ray Carroll Memorial



1113 Interchange as described in subsection (1).

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1115 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

1116 And the title is amended as follows:

1117 Delete lines 3 - 106

1118 and insert:

1119 20.23, F.S.; revising the membership composition of  
1120 the Florida Transportation Research Institute;  
1121 amending s. 260.0142, F.S.; requiring the Florida  
1122 Greenways and Trails Council to meet within a certain  
1123 timeframe for a certain purpose; amending s. 311.14,  
1124 F.S.; providing requirements for an infrastructure  
1125 development and improvement component included in a  
1126 port's strategic plan; defining the term "critical  
1127 infrastructure resources"; creating s. 311.26, F.S.;  
1128 requiring the Department of Transportation to  
1129 coordinate with the Department of Commerce, specified  
1130 ports, and the Federal Government for a certain  
1131 purpose; requiring ports to support certain projects;  
1132 requiring that such projects be evaluated in a certain  
1133 manner; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the  
1134 definition of the term "personal delivery device";  
1135 amending s. 316.008, F.S.; authorizing the operation  
1136 of a personal delivery device on certain sidewalks,  
1137 crosswalks, bicycle lanes, and bicycle paths and on  
1138 the shoulders of certain streets, roadways, and  
1139 highways; prohibiting the operation of a personal  
1140 delivery device or mobile carrier within a theme park  
1141 or entertainment complex or certain independent



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1142 special districts; prohibiting counties and  
1143 municipalities from enacting, imposing, levying,  
1144 collecting, or enforcing certain fees; providing an  
1145 exception; amending s. 316.2071, F.S.; conforming  
1146 provisions to changes made by the act; prohibiting a  
1147 personal delivery device from operating as otherwise  
1148 authorized unless the personal delivery device meets  
1149 certain criteria and a human operator is capable of  
1150 controlling and monitoring its navigation and  
1151 operation; prohibiting a personal delivery device from  
1152 operating on a limited access facility; prohibiting a  
1153 personal delivery device or mobile carrier from  
1154 operating within a theme park or entertainment complex  
1155 or certain independent special districts; authorizing  
1156 rulemaking; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; authorizing  
1157 certain rental trucks to elect a permanent  
1158 registration period; repealing s. 322.032, F.S.,  
1159 relating to digital proof of driver license or  
1160 identification card; amending ss. 322.059 and 322.15,  
1161 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
1162 act; repealing s. 324.252, F.S., relating to  
1163 electronic insurance verification; amending s. 330.41,  
1164 F.S.; prohibiting a political subdivision from  
1165 withholding issuance of a business tax receipt,  
1166 development permit, or other land use approval to  
1167 certain drone delivery services and from enacting or  
1168 enforcing ordinances or resolutions that prohibit  
1169 drone delivery service operation; revising  
1170 construction; prohibiting a drone delivery service



1171 from operating within a theme park or entertainment  
1172 complex or certain independent special districts;  
1173 providing that the addition of a drone delivery  
1174 service within a certain parking area does not reduce  
1175 the number of parking spaces in the parking area for a  
1176 certain purpose; amending s. 332.001, F.S.; revising  
1177 duties of the Department of Transportation relating to  
1178 airport systems in this state; amending s. 332.006,  
1179 F.S.; requiring the department to coordinate with  
1180 commercial service airports to review and evaluate  
1181 certain federal policies and programs; amending s.  
1182 332.0075, F.S.; requiring commercial service airports  
1183 to develop a plan for obtaining and maintaining  
1184 critical infrastructure resources; providing  
1185 requirements for such plans; defining the term  
1186 "critical infrastructure resources"; amending s.  
1187 334.03, F.S.; defining the term "advanced air mobility  
1188 corridor connection point"; revising the definition of  
1189 the term "transportation corridor"; amending s.  
1190 334.044, F.S.; authorizing the department to purchase,  
1191 lease, or otherwise acquire property and materials for  
1192 the promotion of transportation-related economic  
1193 development opportunities and advanced air mobility;  
1194 deleting the authority of the department to purchase,  
1195 lease, or otherwise acquire property and materials for  
1196 the promotion of electric vehicle use and charging  
1197 stations; authorizing the department to operate and  
1198 maintain certain research facilities, enter into  
1199 certain contracts and agreements, require local



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1200 governments to submit certain applications for federal  
1201 funding to the department for review and approval  
1202 before submission to the Federal Government, and  
1203 acquire, own, construct, or operate airports for a  
1204 specified purpose; authorizing the department to adopt  
1205 rules; creating s. 334.64, F.S.; providing that the  
1206 department serves as the primary point of contact for  
1207 statewide topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and  
1208 certain cost sharing; authorizing the department to  
1209 provide certain services to other governmental  
1210 entities through interagency agreements; authorizing  
1211 rulemaking; amending s. 337.401, F.S.; prohibiting  
1212 municipalities and counties from requiring that  
1213 providers locate or perform surveys of certain  
1214 facilities; requiring a provider to use certain means  
1215 to avoid damaging certain facilities under specified  
1216 circumstances; prohibiting municipalities and counties  
1217 from taking certain actions relating to certain  
1218 facility permits; authorizing municipalities and  
1219 counties to require a bond or other financial  
1220 instrument; prohibiting municipalities and counties  
1221 from imposing or collecting a tax, fee, cost, charge,  
1222 or exaction for the placement of certain  
1223 communications facilities; revising applicability;  
1224 revising the definition of the term "application";  
1225 prohibiting an authority from requiring compliance  
1226 with an authority's provisions regarding placement of  
1227 communications facilities in certain locations;  
1228 providing exceptions; requiring that certain authority



1229 ordinances apply to all providers of communications  
1230 services; providing bond requirements; providing  
1231 requirements for certain financial obligations  
1232 required by an authority; prohibiting an authority  
1233 from requiring a deposit or escrow of cash or  
1234 agreement with certain terms; prohibiting an authority  
1235 from requiring a communications service provider to  
1236 indemnify it for certain liabilities; prohibiting an  
1237 authority from imposing certain landscaping and  
1238 vegetation management requirements; amending s.  
1239 338.231, F.S.; revising the period through which the  
1240 department, to the extent possible, is required to  
1241 program sufficient funds in the tentative work program  
1242 for a specified purpose; requiring the department, to  
1243 the extent possible, to program sufficient funds in  
1244 the tentative work program for a specified purpose  
1245 beginning in a specified fiscal year; amending s.  
1246 339.81, F.S.; revising construction materials that may  
1247 be used for certain multiuse trails or shared-use  
1248 paths; authorizing the department to consider certain  
1249 sponsorship agreements; amending s. 341.041, F.S.;  
1250 revising the entities whose specified grants and  
1251 agreements the department is required to ensure  
1252 include certain provisions; revising such provisions;  
1253 amending s. 479.25, F.S.; revising provisions  
1254 authorizing the owners of certain signs to increase  
1255 the height above ground level of such signs under  
1256 certain circumstances to include in such circumstances  
1257 the permitting or erection of certain ramps and



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1258 braided bridges; conforming provisions to changes made  
1259 by the act; amending s. 790.19, F.S.; providing  
1260 criminal penalties for shooting at, within, or into,  
1261 or throwing, hurling, or projecting certain objects  
1262 at, within, or in, an autonomous vehicle; amending s.  
1263 806.13, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for  
1264 defacing, injuring, or damaging an autonomous vehicle  
1265 if the value of the damage is in excess of a specified  
1266 amount; amending chapter 2006-316, Laws of Florida;  
1267 revising a specified interchange designation;  
1268 requiring