

1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to transportation; amending s. 20.23,  
3 F.S.; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to  
4 establish certain annual performance and production  
5 measures and publish a report; requiring such measures  
6 to be developed by a working group comprised of  
7 certain members; revising duties of the Florida  
8 Transportation Commission; amending s. 110.205, F.S.;  
9 conforming cross-references; amending s. 316.1575,  
10 F.S.; revising provisions requiring a person  
11 approaching a railroad-highway grade crossing to stop  
12 within a certain distance from the nearest rail;  
13 revising penalties; amending s. 316.1576, F.S.;  
14 revising circumstances under which a person is  
15 prohibited from driving a vehicle through a railroad-  
16 highway grade crossing; revising penalties; amending  
17 s. 316.20655, F.S.; authorizing a local government to  
18 adopt certain ordinances and provide certain training  
19 relating to the operation of electric bicycles;  
20 amending s. 316.2128, F.S.; authorizing a local  
21 government to adopt certain ordinances and provide  
22 certain training relating to the operation of  
23 motorized scooters or micromobility devices; amending  
24 s. 318.18, F.S.; revising and providing penalties for  
25 certain violations; amending s. 334.044, F.S.;

26 | revising the amount and use of specified funds;  
27 | amending s. 334.065, F.S.; revising membership of the  
28 | Center for Urban Transportation Research advisory  
29 | board; requiring reports to the Governor, Legislature,  
30 | and department; amending s. 334.066, F.S.; revising  
31 | membership of the I-STREET advisory board; requiring  
32 | reports to the Governor, Legislature, and department;  
33 | amending s. 339.135, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
34 | changes made by the act; amending s. 339.175, F.S.;  
35 | revising legislative intent; revising M.P.O. voter  
36 | membership under certain circumstances; requiring each  
37 | M.P.O. to be involved in prioritization of  
38 | transportation facilities and to timely amend certain  
39 | plans and programs; revising projects and strategies  
40 | to be considered in developing an M.P.O.'s long-range  
41 | transportation plan and transportation improvement  
42 | program; revising representation required on a  
43 | citizens' advisory committee; requiring certain  
44 | M.P.O.'s to submit a feasibility report to the  
45 | Governor and Legislature regarding consolidation;  
46 | specifying goals thereof; requiring the department to  
47 | convene M.P.O.'s of similar size to exchange best  
48 | practices; authorizing such M.P.O.'s to develop  
49 | committees or working groups; requiring training for  
50 | new M.P.O. governing board members to be provided by

51 the department and another specified entity; removing  
52 provisions relating to M.P.O. coordination mechanisms;  
53 requiring M.P.O.'s within the same urbanized area to  
54 develop a regional long-range transportation plan and  
55 pool resources for certain projects; deleting obsolete  
56 provisions; conforming provisions to changes made by  
57 the act; including public-private partnerships in  
58 authorized financing techniques; revising proposed  
59 transportation enhancement activities that must be  
60 indicated by the long-range transportation plan;  
61 providing M.P.O. and department responsibilities  
62 regarding transportation improvement programs;  
63 removing provisions authorizing the department and an  
64 M.P.O. to vary the submittal date of a list of project  
65 priorities to the department district; revising  
66 selection criteria upon which the list of project  
67 priorities must be based; requiring projects in the  
68 transportation improvement program to be consistent  
69 with the Strategic Intermodal System plan; requiring  
70 reprogramming of funds for certain projects within the  
71 list of project priorities; authorizing each M.P.O. to  
72 execute a written agreement with the department  
73 regarding state and federal transportation planning  
74 requirements; requiring the department and M.P.O.'s to  
75 establish certain quality performance metrics and

76 develop certain performance targets; requiring the  
 77 department to evaluate and post on its website whether  
 78 each M.P.O. has made significant progress toward such  
 79 targets; removing provisions relating to the  
 80 Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council;  
 81 amending ss. 28.37, 142.01, 316.1951, 316.306,  
 82 316.622, 318.121, 318.21, 322.27, 331.3051, 331.310,  
 83 and 395.4036, F.S.; conforming cross-references and  
 84 provisions to changes made by the act; requiring a  
 85 report to the Governor and Legislature; requiring the  
 86 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to  
 87 begin implementation of a redesigned registration  
 88 license plate by a specified date; providing redesign  
 89 requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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93 Section 1. Subsections (2) through (6) of section 20.23,  
 94 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) through (7),  
 95 respectively, paragraph (b) of present subsection (2) is  
 96 amended, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to  
 97 read:

98 20.23 Department of Transportation.—There is created a  
 99 Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized  
 100 agency.

101        (2) The secretary shall establish annual performance and  
 102 production measures, establish a minimum standard for such  
 103 measures, and publish a report on actual performance. Such  
 104 measures shall be developed by a working group comprised of  
 105 transportation industry leaders and stakeholders, including, but  
 106 not limited to, Florida Transportation Commission members,  
 107 members of academia, department staff, and representatives of  
 108 the agencies and authorities listed in subparagraph (3) (b) 2.  
 109 Such measures, at a minimum, must include the following:

110        (a) Safety of the current transportation system in this  
 111 state.

112        (b) Contracts for construction and professional services  
 113 procured on time and delivered on time and within budget.

114        (c) Preservation of the State Highway System.

115        (d) Financial management.

116        (e) Effectiveness of other federally and state mandated  
 117 programs.

118        (3)-(2)

119        (b) The Florida Transportation Commission shall:

120            1. Recommend major transportation policies for the  
 121 Governor's approval and assure that approved policies and any  
 122 revisions are properly executed.

123            2. Periodically review the status of the state  
 124 transportation system, including highway, transit, rail,  
 125 seaport, intermodal development, and aviation components of the

126 system, and recommend improvements to the Governor, ~~and~~ the  
127 Legislature, and applicable governing boards.

128 3. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the annual department  
129 budget request, the Florida Transportation Plan, and the  
130 tentative work program for compliance with all applicable laws  
131 and established departmental policies. Except as specifically  
132 provided in s. 339.135(4)(c)2., (d), and (f), the commission may  
133 not consider individual construction projects but shall consider  
134 methods of accomplishing the goals of the department in the most  
135 effective, efficient, and businesslike manner.

136 4. Monitor the financial status of the department on a  
137 regular basis to assure that the department is managing revenue  
138 and bond proceeds responsibly and in accordance with law and  
139 established policy.

140 5. Monitor on at least a quarterly basis the efficiency,  
141 productivity, and management of the department using performance  
142 and production standards developed by the commission pursuant to  
143 s. 334.045.

144 6. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the factors causing  
145 disruption of project schedules in the adopted work program and  
146 recommend to the Governor and the Legislature methods to  
147 eliminate or reduce the disruptive effects of these factors.

148 7. Recommend to the Governor and the Legislature  
149 improvements to the department's organization in order to  
150 streamline and optimize the efficiency of the department. In

151 reviewing the department's organization, the commission shall  
152 determine if the current district organizational structure is  
153 responsive to this state's changing economic and demographic  
154 development patterns. The report by the commission must be  
155 delivered to the Governor and the Legislature by December 15  
156 each year, as appropriate. The commission may retain experts as  
157 necessary to carry out this subparagraph, and the department  
158 shall pay the expenses of the experts.

159 8. Monitor the efficiency, productivity, and management of  
160 the agencies and authorities created under chapters 348 and 349;  
161 the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority re-created pursuant to chapter  
162 2000-411, Laws of Florida; ~~and~~ any authority formed under  
163 chapter 343; any public transit provider as defined in s.  
164 341.031(1); and any community transportation coordinator as  
165 defined in s. 427.011(5). Any performance and production  
166 measures used by the commission shall be developed by the  
167 working group described in subsection (2). The commission shall  
168 also conduct periodic reviews of each agency's and authority's  
169 operations and budget, acquisition of property, management of  
170 revenue and bond proceeds, and compliance with applicable laws  
171 and generally accepted accounting principles. For agencies and  
172 authorities that do not achieve the minimum acceptable  
173 performance standards, the commission shall make recommendations  
174 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
175 House of Representatives, the department, and the applicable

176 governing board regarding any leadership, process, management,  
 177 or legislative changes needed to improve performance.

178 Section 2. Paragraphs (j) and (m) of subsection (2) of  
 179 section 110.205, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

180 110.205 Career service; exemptions.—

181 (2) EXEMPT POSITIONS.—The exempt positions that are not  
 182 covered by this part include the following:

183 (j) The appointed secretaries and the State Surgeon  
 184 General, assistant secretaries, deputy secretaries, and deputy  
 185 assistant secretaries of all departments; the executive  
 186 directors, assistant executive directors, deputy executive  
 187 directors, and deputy assistant executive directors of all  
 188 departments; the directors of all divisions and those positions  
 189 determined by the department to have managerial responsibilities  
 190 comparable to such positions, which positions include, but are  
 191 not limited to, program directors, assistant program directors,  
 192 district administrators, deputy district administrators, the  
 193 Director of Central Operations Services of the Department of  
 194 Children and Families, the State Transportation Development  
 195 Administrator, the State Public Transportation and Modal  
 196 Administrator, district secretaries, district directors of  
 197 transportation development, transportation operations,  
 198 transportation support, and the managers of the offices of the  
 199 Department of Transportation specified in s. 20.23(4)(b) ~~s.~~  
 200 ~~20.23(3)(b)~~. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the department shall



201 set the salary and benefits of these positions and the positions  
 202 of county health department directors and county health  
 203 department administrators of the Department of Health in  
 204 accordance with the rules of the Senior Management Service.

205 (m) All assistant division director, deputy division  
 206 director, and bureau chief positions in any department, and  
 207 those positions determined by the department to have managerial  
 208 responsibilities comparable to such positions, which include,  
 209 but are not limited to:

210 1. Positions in the Department of Health and the  
 211 Department of Children and Families which are assigned primary  
 212 duties of serving as the superintendent or assistant  
 213 superintendent of an institution.

214 2. Positions in the Department of Corrections which are  
 215 assigned primary duties of serving as the warden, assistant  
 216 warden, colonel, or major of an institution or that are assigned  
 217 primary duties of serving as the circuit administrator or deputy  
 218 circuit administrator.

219 3. Positions in the Department of Transportation which are  
 220 assigned primary duties of serving as regional toll managers and  
 221 managers of offices, as specified in s. 20.23(4)(b) and (5)(c)  
 222 ~~s. 20.23(3)(b) and (4)(e)~~.

223 4. Positions in the Department of Environmental Protection  
 224 which are assigned the duty of an Environmental Administrator or  
 225 program administrator.

226           5. Positions in the Department of Health which are  
 227 assigned the duties of Environmental Administrator, Assistant  
 228 County Health Department Director, and County Health Department  
 229 Financial Administrator.

230           6. Positions in the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
 231 Vehicles which are assigned primary duties of serving as  
 232 captains in the Florida Highway Patrol.

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 234 Unless otherwise fixed by law, the department shall set the  
 235 salary and benefits of the positions listed in this paragraph in  
 236 accordance with the rules established for the Selected Exempt  
 237 Service.

238           Section 3. Section 316.1575, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 239 to read:

240           316.1575 Obedience to traffic control devices at railroad-  
 241 highway grade crossings.—

242           (1) A ~~Any~~ person walking or driving a vehicle and  
 243 approaching a railroad-highway grade crossing under any of the  
 244 circumstances stated in this section must ~~shall~~ stop within 50  
 245 feet but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail of such  
 246 railroad and may ~~shall~~ not proceed until the railroad tracks are  
 247 clear and he or she can do so safely. This subsection applies  
 248 ~~The foregoing requirements apply~~ when:

249 (a) A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device  
 250 gives warning of the immediate approach of a railroad train or  
 251 railroad track equipment;

252 (b) A crossing gate is lowered or a law enforcement  
 253 officer or a human flagger gives or continues to give a signal  
 254 of the approach or passage of a railroad train or railroad track  
 255 equipment;

256 (c) An approaching railroad train or railroad track  
 257 equipment emits an audible signal or the railroad train or  
 258 railroad track equipment, by reason of its speed or nearness to  
 259 the crossing, is an immediate hazard; or

260 (d) An approaching railroad train or railroad track  
 261 equipment is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to  
 262 the railroad-highway grade crossing, regardless of the type of  
 263 traffic control devices installed at the crossing.

264 (2) A ~~No~~ person may not ~~shall~~ drive a ~~any~~ vehicle through,  
 265 around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad-  
 266 highway grade crossing while the gate or barrier is closed or is  
 267 being opened or closed.

268 (3) A person who violates ~~violation of~~ this section  
 269 commits ~~is~~ a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant  
 270 to chapter 318 as:

271 (a) either ~~either~~ A pedestrian violation; or

272 (b) If the infraction resulted from the operation of a  
 273 vehicle, as a moving violation.

274 1. For a first violation, the person shall pay a fine of  
 275 \$500 and have 6 points assessed against his or her driver  
 276 license pursuant to s. 322.27(3) (d)7.

277 2. For a second or subsequent violation, the person shall  
 278 pay a fine of \$1,000 and have 6 points assessed against his or  
 279 her driver license pursuant to s. 322.27(3) (d)7.

280 Section 4. Section 316.1576, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 281 to read:

282 316.1576 Insufficient clearance at a railroad-highway  
 283 grade crossing.—

284 (1) A person may not drive a ~~any~~ vehicle through a  
 285 railroad-highway grade crossing that does not have sufficient  
 286 space to drive completely through the crossing without stopping  
 287 or without obstructing the passage of other vehicles,  
 288 pedestrians, railroad trains, or other railroad equipment,  
 289 notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to  
 290 proceed.

291 (2) A person may not drive a ~~any~~ vehicle through a  
 292 railroad-highway grade crossing that does not have sufficient  
 293 undercarriage clearance to drive completely through the crossing  
 294 without stopping or without obstructing the passage of a  
 295 railroad train or other railroad equipment.

296 (3) A person who violates ~~violation of~~ this section  
 297 commits ~~is~~ a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a  
 298 moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

299 (a) For a first violation, the person shall pay a fine of  
 300 \$500 and have 6 points assessed against his or her driver  
 301 license pursuant to s. 322.27(3)(d)7.

302 (b) For a second or subsequent violation, the person shall  
 303 pay a fine of \$1,000, shall have 6 points assessed against his  
 304 or her driver license pursuant to s. 322.27(3)(d)7., and,  
 305 notwithstanding s. 322.27(3)(a), (b), and (c), shall have his or  
 306 her driving privilege suspended for not more than 6 months.

307 Section 5. Subsections (8) and (9) are added to section  
 308 316.20655, Florida Statutes, to read:

309 316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

310 (8) A local government may adopt an ordinance providing  
 311 one or more minimum age requirements for the operation of  
 312 electric bicycles and may adopt an ordinance requiring an  
 313 operator of an electric bicycle to possess a government-issued  
 314 photographic identification.

315 (9) A local government may provide training on safe  
 316 operation of electric bicycles and compliance with the traffic  
 317 laws of this state which are applicable to electric bicycles.

318 Section 6. Subsections (7) and (8) are added to section  
 319 316.2128, Florida Statutes, to read:

320 316.2128 Micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and  
 321 miniature motorcycles; requirements.—

322 (7) A local government may adopt an ordinance providing  
 323 one or more minimum age requirements for the operation of

324 motorized scooters or micromobility devices and may adopt an  
325 ordinance requiring an operator of a motorized scooter or  
326 micromobility device to possess a government-issued photographic  
327 identification.

328 (8) A local government may provide training on safe  
329 operation of motorized scooters or micromobility devices and  
330 compliance with the traffic laws of this state which are  
331 applicable to motorized scooters or micromobility devices.

332 Section 7. Subsections (10) through (23) of section  
333 318.18, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (11)  
334 through (24), respectively, subsection (9) is amended, and a new  
335 subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

336 318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a  
337 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal  
338 offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

339 (9) Five ~~One~~ hundred dollars for a first violation and  
340 \$1,000 for a second or subsequent violation of s. 316.1575.

341 (10) Five hundred dollars for a first violation and \$1,000  
342 for a second or subsequent violation of s. 316.1576. In addition  
343 to this penalty, for a second or subsequent violation, the  
344 department shall suspend the driver license of the person for  
345 not more than 6 months.

346 Section 8. Subsection (26) of section 334.044, Florida  
347 Statutes, is amended to read:

348 334.044 Powers and duties of the department.—The

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349 department shall have the following general powers and duties:

350       (26) (a) To provide for the enhancement of environmental  
351 benefits, including air and water quality; to prevent roadside  
352 erosion; to conserve the natural roadside growth and scenery;  
353 and to provide for the implementation and maintenance of  
354 roadside conservation, enhancement, and stabilization programs.  
355 At least 1.5 percent of the amount contracted for construction  
356 projects shall be allocated by the department on a statewide  
357 basis for the purchase of plant materials. Department districts  
358 may not expend funds for landscaping in connection with any  
359 project that is limited to resurfacing existing lanes unless the  
360 expenditure has been approved by the department's secretary or  
361 the secretary's designee. To the greatest extent practical, at  
362 least 50 percent of the funds allocated under this paragraph  
363 ~~subsection~~ shall be allocated for large plant materials and the  
364 remaining funds for other plant materials. Except as prohibited  
365 by applicable federal law or regulation, all plant materials  
366 shall be purchased from Florida commercial nursery stock in this  
367 state on a uniform competitive bid basis. The department shall  
368 develop grades and standards for landscaping materials purchased  
369 through this process. To accomplish these activities, the  
370 department may contract with nonprofit organizations having the  
371 primary purpose of developing youth employment opportunities.

372       (b) In order to increase cost predictability and  
373 programming needs, a project with a total contracted

374 construction cost greater than \$500 million shall have 0.5  
375 percent of the total construction cost expended in the fiscal  
376 year the project is planned for construction, and the remaining  
377 1 percent may be planned and expended over 4 fiscal years.

378 Section 9. Subsection (4) of section 334.065, Florida  
379 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), subsection (3) is  
380 amended, and new subsections (4) and (5) are added to that  
381 section, to read:

382 334.065 Center for Urban Transportation Research.—

383 (3) An advisory board shall be created to periodically and  
384 objectively review and advise the center concerning its research  
385 program. Except for projects mandated by law, state-funded base  
386 projects shall not be undertaken without approval of the  
387 advisory board. The membership of the board shall consist of  
388 nine experts in transportation-related areas, including  
389 electrical engineering, enterprise and infrastructure  
390 information technology, design architecture drafting, and  
391 workforce development, as follows:

392 (a) A member appointed by the President of the Senate.

393 (b) A member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
394 Representatives.

395 (c) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her  
396 designee.

397 (d) The Secretary of Commerce or his or her designee. ~~the~~  
398 ~~secretaries of the Department of Transportation, the Department~~



399 ~~of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Economic~~  
400 ~~Opportunity, or their designees, and~~

401 (e) A member of the Florida Transportation Commission.

402 (f) The nomination of the remaining four members of the  
403 board shall be made to the President of the University of South  
404 Florida by the College of Engineering at the University of South  
405 Florida, ~~and the appointment of these members must be reviewed~~  
406 ~~and approved by the Florida Transportation Commission and~~  
407 ~~confirmed by the Board of Governors.~~

408 (4) By January 1, 2025, the center must deliver a report  
409 to the department on model policies and procedures or best  
410 practices for paratransit providers to complete trips within an  
411 acceptable time after pickup.

412 (5) By December 1, 2025, the center must deliver to the  
413 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House  
414 of Representatives, and the department a report examining  
415 alternate revenue sources for the State Transportation Trust  
416 Fund.

417 Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 334.066, Florida  
418 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (4) and (5) are added to  
419 that section, to read:

420 334.066 Implementing Solutions from Transportation  
421 Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies Living Lab.—

422 (3) An advisory board shall be created to periodically  
423 review and advise I-STREET concerning its research program. The

424 board shall consist of nine members with expertise in  
425 transportation-related areas, including electrical engineering,  
426 enterprise and infrastructure information technology, design  
427 architecture drafting, and workforce development, as follows:

428 (a) A member appointed by the President of the Senate.

429 (b) A member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
430 Representatives.

431 (c) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her  
432 designee.

433 (d) The Secretary of Commerce ~~Economic Opportunity~~ or his  
434 or her designee.

435 (e) A member of the Florida Transportation Commission.

436 (f) Four members nominated by the University of Florida's  
437 College of Engineering and approved by the university's  
438 president. The College of Engineering's nominees may include  
439 representatives of the University of Florida, other academic and  
440 research institutions, or private entities.

441 (4) By January 1, 2025, I-STREET must deliver a  
442 comprehensive report on technology and training improvements to  
443 better support persons with disabilities using paratransit  
444 services, including services administered by the federal, state,  
445 or local government, to the Governor, the President of the  
446 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
447 department. The report must, at a minimum, include  
448 recommendations on technology improvements for paratransit

449 providers serving persons with disabilities, including through  
450 local, state, and federal funding sources. At a minimum, the  
451 report shall include a review of and recommendations on:

452 (a) Technology systems to ensure the safety of  
453 individuals, including the use of in-cabin camera systems and  
454 other technologies to monitor the safety and well-being of  
455 individuals using fixed routes.

456 (b) Best practices for data retention, including  
457 protection of personally identifiable information, length of  
458 retention, and location of retained files.

459 (c) State-of-the-industry on hardware and software,  
460 including camera providers, product specifications, and human-  
461 machine interfaces.

462 (d) Safety standards of professional engineering  
463 organizations on camera-mounting best practices.

464 (e) Costs of installation and maintenance of camera  
465 systems to paratransit providers.

466 (f) The use of Internet, mobile, and application-based  
467 interfaces to book, monitor, and seek transportation services.  
468 The review must also consider accessibility needs.

469 (5) By December 1, 2025, I-STREET must deliver to the  
470 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House  
471 of Representatives, and the department a report examining  
472 methods of taxation or usage fees for residential charging of  
473 electric vehicles.

474 Section 11. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
 475 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

476 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;  
 477 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

478 (4) FUNDING AND DEVELOPING A TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM.—

479 (c)1. For purposes of this section, the board of county  
 480 commissioners shall serve as the metropolitan planning  
 481 organization in those counties which are not located in a  
 482 metropolitan planning organization and shall be involved in the  
 483 development of the district work program to the same extent as a  
 484 metropolitan planning organization.

485 2. The district work program shall be developed  
 486 cooperatively from the outset with the various metropolitan  
 487 planning organizations of the state and include, to the maximum  
 488 extent feasible, the project priorities of metropolitan planning  
 489 organizations which have been submitted to the district by  
 490 August 1 of each year pursuant to s. 339.175(8) (b) ; ~~however, the~~  
 491 ~~department and a metropolitan planning organization may, in~~  
 492 ~~writing, cooperatively agree to vary this submittal date.~~ To  
 493 assist the metropolitan planning organizations in developing  
 494 their lists of project priorities, the district shall disclose  
 495 to each metropolitan planning organization any anticipated  
 496 changes in the allocation or programming of state and federal  
 497 funds which may affect the inclusion of metropolitan planning  
 498 organization project priorities in the district work program.

499           3. Before submittal of the district work program to the  
500 central office, the district shall provide the affected  
501 metropolitan planning organization with written justification  
502 for any project proposed to be rescheduled or deleted from the  
503 district work program which project is part of the metropolitan  
504 planning organization's transportation improvement program and  
505 is contained in the last 4 years of the previous adopted work  
506 program. By no later than 14 days after submittal of the  
507 district work program to the central office, the affected  
508 metropolitan planning organization may file an objection to such  
509 rescheduling or deletion. When an objection is filed with the  
510 secretary, the rescheduling or deletion may not be included in  
511 the district work program unless the inclusion of such  
512 rescheduling or deletion is specifically approved by the  
513 secretary. The Florida Transportation Commission shall include  
514 such objections in its evaluation of the tentative work program  
515 only when the secretary has approved the rescheduling or  
516 deletion.

517           Section 12. Subsection (10) of section 339.175, Florida  
518 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), subsection (1),  
519 paragraph (a) of subsection (3), subsections (6), (7), and (8),  
520 and present subsection (11) are amended, and a new subsection  
521 (10) is added to that section, to read:

522           339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

523           (1) PURPOSE.—It is the intent of the Legislature to

524 encourage and promote the safe and efficient management,  
525 operation, and development of multimodal ~~surface~~ transportation  
526 systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight  
527 and foster economic growth and development within and through  
528 urbanized areas of this state while balancing conservation of  
529 natural resources ~~minimizing transportation-related fuel~~  
530 ~~consumption, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions through~~  
531 ~~metropolitan transportation planning processes identified in~~  
532 ~~this section~~. To accomplish these objectives, metropolitan  
533 planning organizations, referred to in this section as M.P.O.'s,  
534 shall develop, in cooperation with the state and public transit  
535 operators, transportation plans and programs for metropolitan  
536 areas. The plans and programs for each metropolitan area must  
537 provide for the development and integrated management and  
538 operation of transportation systems and facilities, including  
539 pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities that  
540 will function as an intermodal transportation system for the  
541 metropolitan area, based upon the prevailing principles provided  
542 in s. 334.046(1). The process for developing such plans and  
543 programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of  
544 transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative, and  
545 comprehensive, to the degree appropriate, based on the  
546 complexity of the transportation problems to be addressed. To  
547 ensure that the process is integrated with the statewide  
548 planning process, M.P.O.'s shall develop plans and programs that

549 identify transportation facilities that should function as an  
550 integrated metropolitan transportation system, giving emphasis  
551 to facilities that serve important national, state, and regional  
552 transportation functions. For the purposes of this section,  
553 those facilities include the facilities on the Strategic  
554 Intermodal System designated under s. 339.63 and facilities for  
555 which projects have been identified pursuant to s. 339.2819(4).

556 (3) VOTING MEMBERSHIP.—

557 (a) The voting membership of an M.P.O. shall consist of at  
558 least 5 but not more than 25 apportioned members, with the exact  
559 number determined on an equitable geographic-population ratio  
560 basis, based on an agreement among the affected units of  
561 general-purpose local government and the Governor, as required  
562 by federal regulations. When two or more M.P.O.'s merge to form  
563 a regional M.P.O., the voting membership of the resulting  
564 regional M.P.O. may consist of up to 35 apportioned members for  
565 equitable geographic-population representation, subject to  
566 review by the Department of Transportation and approval by the  
567 Governor. In accordance with 23 U.S.C. s. 134, the Governor may  
568 also allow M.P.O. members who represent municipalities to  
569 alternate with representatives from other municipalities within  
570 the metropolitan planning area which do not have members on the  
571 M.P.O. With the exception of instances in which all of the  
572 county commissioners in a single-county M.P.O. are members of  
573 the M.P.O. governing board, county commissioners shall compose

574 at least one-third of the M.P.O. governing board membership. A  
 575 multicounty M.P.O. may satisfy this requirement by any  
 576 combination of county commissioners from each of the counties  
 577 constituting the M.P.O. Voting members shall be elected  
 578 officials of general-purpose local governments, one of whom may  
 579 represent a group of general-purpose local governments through  
 580 an entity created by an M.P.O. for that purpose. An M.P.O. may  
 581 include, as part of its apportioned voting members, a member of  
 582 a statutorily authorized planning board, an official of an  
 583 agency that operates or administers a major mode of  
 584 transportation, or an official of Space Florida. As used in this  
 585 section, the term "elected officials of a general-purpose local  
 586 government" excludes constitutional officers, including  
 587 sheriffs, tax collectors, supervisors of elections, property  
 588 appraisers, clerks of the court, and similar types of officials.  
 589 County commissioners shall compose not less than 20 percent of  
 590 the M.P.O. membership if an official of an agency that operates  
 591 or administers a major mode of transportation has been appointed  
 592 to an M.P.O.

593 (6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers,  
 594 privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in  
 595 this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement  
 596 authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts  
 597 required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently  
 598 applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It



599 is the intent of this section that each M.P.O. be involved in  
600 the planning and prioritization ~~programming~~ of transportation  
601 facilities, including, but not limited to, airports, intercity  
602 and high-speed rail lines, seaports, and intermodal facilities,  
603 to the extent permitted by state or federal law. An M.P.O. may  
604 not perform project production or delivery for capital  
605 improvement projects on the State Highway System.

606 (a) Each M.P.O. shall, in cooperation with the department,  
607 develop and timely amend:

608 1. A long-range transportation plan pursuant to the  
609 requirements of subsection (7).

610 2. An annually updated transportation improvement program  
611 pursuant to the requirements of subsection (8).

612 3. An annual unified planning work program pursuant to the  
613 requirements of subsection (9).

614 (b) In developing the long-range transportation plan and  
615 the transportation improvement program required under paragraph  
616 (a), each M.P.O. shall provide for consideration of projects and  
617 strategies that will:

618 1. Support the economic vitality of the contiguous  
619 urbanized metropolitan area, especially by enabling global  
620 competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.

621 2. Increase the safety and security of the transportation  
622 system for motorized and nonmotorized users.

623 3. Increase the accessibility and mobility options

624 available to people and for freight.

625 4. Protect and enhance the environment, conserve natural  
626 resources ~~promote energy conservation~~, and improve quality of  
627 life.

628 5. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the  
629 transportation system, across and between modes and contiguous  
630 urbanized metropolitan areas, for people and freight.

631 6. Promote efficient system management and operation.

632 7. Emphasize the preservation of the existing  
633 transportation system.

634 8. Improve the resilience of transportation  
635 infrastructure.

636 9. Reduce traffic and congestion where feasible.

637 (c) In order to provide recommendations to the department  
638 and local governmental entities regarding transportation plans  
639 and programs, each M.P.O. shall:

640 1. Prepare a congestion management system for the  
641 contiguous urbanized metropolitan area and cooperate with the  
642 department in the development of all other transportation  
643 management systems required by state or federal law.

644 2. Assist the department in mapping transportation  
645 planning boundaries required by state or federal law.

646 3. Assist the department in performing its duties relating  
647 to access management, functional classification of roads, and  
648 data collection.

649           4. Execute all agreements or certifications necessary to  
650 comply with applicable state or federal law.

651           5. Represent all the jurisdictional areas within the  
652 metropolitan area in the formulation of transportation plans and  
653 programs required by this section.

654           6. Perform all other duties required by state or federal  
655 law.

656           (d) Each M.P.O. shall appoint a technical advisory  
657 committee, the members of which shall serve at the pleasure of  
658 the M.P.O. The membership of the technical advisory committee  
659 must include, whenever possible, planners; engineers;  
660 representatives of local aviation authorities, intermodal  
661 logistics centers, port authorities, and public transit  
662 authorities or representatives of aviation departments, seaport  
663 departments, and public transit departments of municipal or  
664 county governments, as applicable; the school superintendent of  
665 each county within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. or the  
666 superintendent's designee; and other appropriate representatives  
667 of affected local governments. For each M.P.O. the voting  
668 membership of which is governed by paragraph (3) (a), when  
669 selecting the membership of the technical advisory committee,  
670 the M.P.O. must consider the proportional representation of the  
671 area's population. In addition to any other duties assigned to  
672 it by the M.P.O. or by state or federal law, the technical  
673 advisory committee is responsible for considering safe access to

674 schools in its review of transportation project priorities,  
675 long-range transportation plans, and transportation improvement  
676 programs, and shall advise the M.P.O. on such matters. In  
677 addition, the technical advisory committee shall coordinate its  
678 actions with local school boards and other local programs and  
679 organizations within the metropolitan area which participate in  
680 school safety activities, such as locally established community  
681 traffic safety teams. Local school boards must provide the  
682 appropriate M.P.O. with information concerning future school  
683 sites and in the coordination of transportation service.

684 (e)1. Each M.P.O. shall appoint a citizens' advisory  
685 committee, the members of which serve at the pleasure of the  
686 M.P.O. The membership on the citizens' advisory committee must  
687 reflect a ~~broad~~ cross-section of local residents with an  
688 interest in the development of an efficient, safe, and cost-  
689 effective transportation system. ~~Minorities, the elderly, and~~  
690 ~~the handicapped must be adequately represented.~~

691 2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., an M.P.O. may, with  
692 the approval of the department and the applicable federal  
693 governmental agency, adopt an alternative program or mechanism  
694 to ensure citizen involvement in the transportation planning  
695 process.

696 (f) The department shall allocate to each M.P.O., for the  
697 purpose of accomplishing its transportation planning ~~and~~  
698 ~~programming~~ duties, an appropriate amount of federal

699 transportation planning funds.

700 (g) Each M.P.O. shall have an executive or staff director  
 701 who reports directly to the M.P.O. governing board for all  
 702 matters regarding the administration and operation of the M.P.O.  
 703 and any additional personnel as deemed necessary. The executive  
 704 director and any additional personnel may be employed either by  
 705 an M.P.O. or by another governmental entity, such as a county,  
 706 city, or regional planning council, that has a staff services  
 707 agreement signed and in effect with the M.P.O. Each M.P.O. may  
 708 enter into contracts with local or state agencies, private  
 709 planning firms, private engineering firms, or other public or  
 710 private entities to accomplish its transportation planning ~~and~~  
 711 ~~programming~~ duties and administrative functions.

712 (h) In order to enhance their knowledge, effectiveness,  
 713 and participation in the urbanized area transportation planning  
 714 process, each M.P.O. shall provide training opportunities and  
 715 training funds specifically for local elected officials and  
 716 others who serve on an M.P.O. The training opportunities may be  
 717 conducted by an individual M.P.O. or through statewide and  
 718 federal training programs and initiatives that are specifically  
 719 designed to meet the needs of M.P.O. board members.

720 (i) By February 28, 2025 ~~December 31, 2023~~, the M.P.O.'s  
 721 serving Lee and Collier ~~Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas~~  
 722 Counties must submit a feasibility report to the Governor, the  
 723 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of

724 Representatives exploring the benefits, costs, and process of  
 725 consolidation into a single M.P.O. serving the contiguous  
 726 urbanized area, the goal of which would be to:

727 1. Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be  
 728 regionally significant.

729 2. Review the impact of regionally significant land use  
 730 decisions on the region.

731 3. Review all proposed regionally significant  
 732 transportation projects in the respective transportation  
 733 improvement programs.

734 (j)1. To more fully accomplish the purposes for which  
 735 M.P.O.'s have been mandated, the department shall, at least  
 736 annually, convene M.P.O.'s of similar size, based on the size of  
 737 population served, for the purpose of exchanging best practices.  
 738 M.P.O.'s may ~~shall~~ develop committees or working groups as  
 739 needed to accomplish such purpose. Training for new M.P.O.  
 740 governing board members shall be provided by the department and  
 741 by either the Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research  
 742 or the Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research and  
 743 Evaluating Emerging Technologies (I-STREET) Living Lab  
 744 ~~coordination mechanisms with one another to expand and improve~~  
 745 ~~transportation within the state. The appropriate method of~~  
 746 ~~coordination between M.P.O.'s shall vary depending upon the~~  
 747 ~~project involved and given local and regional needs.~~  
 748 ~~Consequently, it is appropriate to set forth a flexible~~

749 ~~methodology that can be used by M.P.O.'s to coordinate with~~  
750 ~~other M.P.O.'s and appropriate political subdivisions as~~  
751 ~~circumstances demand.~~

752       2. Any M.P.O. may join with any other M.P.O. or any  
753 individual political subdivision to coordinate activities or to  
754 achieve any federal or state transportation planning or  
755 development goals or purposes consistent with federal or state  
756 law. When an M.P.O. determines that it is appropriate to join  
757 with another M.P.O. or any political subdivision to coordinate  
758 activities, the M.P.O. or political subdivision shall enter into  
759 an interlocal agreement pursuant to s. 163.01, which, at a  
760 minimum, creates a separate legal or administrative entity to  
761 coordinate the transportation planning or development activities  
762 required to achieve the goal or purpose; provides the purpose  
763 for which the entity is created; provides the duration of the  
764 agreement and the entity and specifies how the agreement may be  
765 terminated, modified, or rescinded; describes the precise  
766 organization of the entity, including who has voting rights on  
767 the governing board, whether alternative voting members are  
768 provided for, how voting members are appointed, and what the  
769 relative voting strength is for each constituent M.P.O. or  
770 political subdivision; provides the manner in which the parties  
771 to the agreement will provide for the financial support of the  
772 entity and payment of costs and expenses of the entity; provides  
773 the manner in which funds may be paid to and disbursed from the

774 entity; and provides how members of the entity will resolve  
775 disagreements regarding interpretation of the interlocal  
776 agreement or disputes relating to the operation of the entity.  
777 Such interlocal agreement shall become effective upon its  
778 recordation in the official public records of each county in  
779 which a member of the entity created by the interlocal agreement  
780 has a voting member. Multiple M.P.O.'s may merge, combine, or  
781 otherwise join together as a single M.P.O.

782 (7) LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—Each M.P.O. must  
783 develop a long-range transportation plan that addresses at least  
784 a 20-year planning horizon. The plan must include both long-  
785 range and short-range strategies and must comply with all other  
786 state and federal requirements. The prevailing principles to be  
787 considered in the long-range transportation plan are: preserving  
788 the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's  
789 economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure  
790 mobility. The long-range transportation plan must be consistent,  
791 to the maximum extent feasible, with future land use elements  
792 and the goals, objectives, and policies of the approved local  
793 government comprehensive plans of the units of local government  
794 located within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. Each M.P.O. is  
795 encouraged to consider strategies that integrate transportation  
796 and land use planning ~~to provide for sustainable development and~~  
797 ~~reduce greenhouse gas emissions.~~ M.P.O.'s within the same  
798 urbanized area shall develop a regional long-range



799 | transportation plan and pool resources for regionally  
 800 | significant transportation infrastructure projects. The approved  
 801 | long-range transportation plan must be considered by local  
 802 | governments in the development of the transportation elements in  
 803 | local government comprehensive plans and any amendments thereto.  
 804 | The long-range transportation plan must, at a minimum:

805 |       (a) Identify transportation facilities, including, but not  
 806 | limited to, major roadways, airports, seaports, spaceports,  
 807 | commuter rail systems, transit systems, and intermodal or  
 808 | multimodal terminals that will function as an integrated  
 809 | metropolitan transportation system. The long-range  
 810 | transportation plan must give emphasis to those transportation  
 811 | facilities that serve national, statewide, or regional  
 812 | functions, and must consider the goals and objectives identified  
 813 | in the Florida Transportation Plan as provided in s. 339.155. If  
 814 | a project is located within the boundaries of more than one  
 815 | M.P.O., the M.P.O.'s must coordinate plans regarding the project  
 816 | in the long-range transportation plan. ~~Multiple M.P.O.'s within~~  
 817 | ~~a contiguous urbanized area must coordinate the development of~~  
 818 | ~~long-range transportation plans to be reviewed by the~~  
 819 | ~~Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.~~

820 |       (b) Include a financial plan that demonstrates how the  
 821 | plan can be implemented, indicating resources from public and  
 822 | private sources which are reasonably expected to be available to  
 823 | carry out the plan, and recommends any additional financing

824 strategies for needed projects and programs. The financial plan  
825 may include, for illustrative purposes, additional projects that  
826 would be included in the adopted long-range transportation plan  
827 if reasonable additional resources beyond those identified in  
828 the financial plan were available. For the purpose of developing  
829 the long-range transportation plan, the M.P.O. and the  
830 department shall cooperatively develop estimates of funds that  
831 will be available to support the plan implementation. Innovative  
832 financing techniques may be used to fund needed projects and  
833 programs. Such techniques may include the assessment of tolls,  
834 public-private partnerships, the use of value capture financing,  
835 or the use of value pricing. Multiple M.P.O.'s within a  
836 contiguous urbanized area must ensure, to the maximum extent  
837 possible, the consistency of data used in the planning process.

838 (c) Assess capital investment and other measures necessary  
839 to:

- 840 1. Ensure the preservation of the existing metropolitan  
841 transportation system including requirements for the operation,  
842 resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of major roadways  
843 and requirements for the operation, maintenance, modernization,  
844 and rehabilitation of public transportation facilities; and
- 845 2. Make the most efficient use of existing transportation  
846 facilities to relieve vehicular congestion, improve safety, and  
847 maximize the mobility of people and goods. Such efforts must  
848 include, but are not limited to, consideration of infrastructure

849 and technological improvements necessary to accommodate advances  
 850 in vehicle technology, such as automated driving systems and  
 851 other developments.

852 (d) Indicate, as appropriate, proposed transportation  
 853 enhancement activities, including, but not limited to,  
 854 pedestrian and bicycle facilities, trails or facilities that are  
 855 regionally significant or critical linkages for the Florida  
 856 Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network, scenic easements,  
 857 landscaping, integration of advanced air mobility, and  
 858 integration of autonomous, electric, and alternative-fuel  
 859 vehicles, electric bicycles, and motorized scooters used for  
 860 freight, commuter, or micromobility purposes ~~historic~~  
 861 ~~preservation, mitigation of water pollution due to highway~~  
 862 ~~runoff, and control of outdoor advertising.~~

863 (e) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a)-(d),  
 864 in metropolitan areas that are classified as nonattainment areas  
 865 for ozone or carbon monoxide, the M.P.O. must coordinate the  
 866 development of the long-range transportation plan with the State  
 867 Implementation Plan developed pursuant to the requirements of  
 868 the federal Clean Air Act.

869  
 870 In the development of its long-range transportation plan, each  
 871 M.P.O. must provide the public, affected public agencies,  
 872 representatives of transportation agency employees, freight  
 873 shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private

874 providers of transportation, representatives of users of public  
875 transit, and other interested parties with a reasonable  
876 opportunity to comment on the long-range transportation plan.  
877 The long-range transportation plan must be approved by the  
878 M.P.O.

879 (8) TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Each M.P.O. shall,  
880 in cooperation with the state and affected public transportation  
881 operators, develop a transportation improvement program for the  
882 area within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. It is the M.P.O.'s  
883 responsibility, in collaboration with the department, to  
884 identify, prioritize, and present to the department a complete  
885 list of multimodal transportation projects consistent with the  
886 needs of the metropolitan planning area. It is the department's  
887 responsibility to program projects in the state transportation  
888 improvement program. In the development of the transportation  
889 improvement program, each M.P.O. must provide the public,  
890 affected public agencies, representatives of transportation  
891 agency employees, freight shippers, providers of freight  
892 transportation services, private providers of transportation,  
893 representatives of users of public transit, and other interested  
894 parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed  
895 transportation improvement program.

896 (a) Each M.P.O. is responsible for developing, annually, a  
897 list of project priorities and a transportation improvement  
898 program. The prevailing principles to be considered by each

899 M.P.O. when developing a list of project priorities and a  
 900 transportation improvement program are: preserving the existing  
 901 transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's economic  
 902 competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure safety  
 903 and mobility. The transportation improvement program will be  
 904 used to initiate federally aided transportation facilities and  
 905 improvements as well as other transportation facilities and  
 906 improvements including transit, rail, aviation, spaceport, and  
 907 port facilities to be funded from the State Transportation Trust  
 908 Fund within its metropolitan area in accordance with existing  
 909 and subsequent federal and state laws and rules and regulations  
 910 related thereto. The transportation improvement program shall be  
 911 consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the approved  
 912 local government comprehensive plans of the units of local  
 913 government whose boundaries are within the metropolitan area of  
 914 the M.P.O. and include those projects programmed pursuant to s.  
 915 339.2819(4). Multiple M.P.O.'s within a contiguous urbanized  
 916 area must coordinate transportation improvement programs.

917 (b) Each M.P.O. annually shall prepare a list of project  
 918 priorities and shall submit the list to the appropriate district  
 919 of the department by August 1 of each year; ~~however, the~~  
 920 ~~department and a metropolitan planning organization may, in~~  
 921 ~~writing, agree to vary this submittal date.~~ Where more than one  
 922 M.P.O. exists in an urbanized area, the M.P.O.'s shall develop  
 923 ~~coordinate in the development of~~ regionally significant project

924 | priorities. The list of project priorities must be formally  
 925 | reviewed by the technical and citizens' advisory committees, and  
 926 | approved by the M.P.O., before it is transmitted to the  
 927 | district. The approved list of project priorities must be used  
 928 | by the district in developing the district work program and must  
 929 | be used by the M.P.O. in developing its transportation  
 930 | improvement program. The annual list of project priorities must  
 931 | be based upon project selection criteria that, at a minimum,  
 932 | consider the following:

- 933 |       1. The approved M.P.O. long-range transportation plan.~~†~~
- 934 |       2. The Strategic Intermodal System Plan developed under s.  
 935 | 339.64 and essential projects to update the state's  
 936 | transportation network, address congestion, enhance safety,  
 937 | ensure resiliency, and facilitate supply chain needs.
- 938 |       3. The priorities developed pursuant to s. 339.2819(4).
- 939 |       4. The results of the transportation management systems.~~†~~  
 940 | ~~and~~
- 941 |       5. The M.P.O.'s public-involvement procedures.

942 |       (c) The transportation improvement program must, at a  
 943 | minimum:

- 944 |       1. Include projects and project phases to be funded with  
 945 | state or federal funds within the time period of the  
 946 | transportation improvement program and which are recommended for  
 947 | advancement during the next fiscal year and 4 subsequent fiscal  
 948 | years. Such projects and project phases must be consistent, to

949 the maximum extent feasible, with the approved local government  
950 comprehensive plans of the units of local government located  
951 within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. and the Strategic  
952 Intermodal System Plan. For informational purposes, the  
953 transportation improvement program shall also include a list of  
954 projects to be funded from local or private revenues.

955 2. Include projects within the metropolitan area which are  
956 proposed for funding under 23 U.S.C. s. 134 of the Federal  
957 Transit Act and which are consistent with the long-range  
958 transportation plan developed under subsection (7).

959 3. Provide a financial plan that demonstrates how the  
960 transportation improvement program can be implemented; indicates  
961 the resources, both public and private, that are reasonably  
962 expected to be available to accomplish the program; identifies  
963 any innovative financing techniques that may be used to fund  
964 needed projects and programs; and may include, for illustrative  
965 purposes, additional projects that would be included in the  
966 approved transportation improvement program if reasonable  
967 additional resources beyond those identified in the financial  
968 plan were available. Innovative financing techniques may include  
969 the assessment of tolls, the use of value capture financing, or  
970 the use of value pricing. The transportation improvement program  
971 may include a project or project phase only if full funding can  
972 reasonably be anticipated to be available for the project or  
973 project phase within the time period contemplated for completion

974 of the project or project phase.

975 4. Group projects and project phases of similar urgency  
976 and anticipated staging into appropriate staging periods.

977 5. Indicate how the transportation improvement program  
978 relates to the long-range transportation plan developed under  
979 subsection (7), including providing examples of specific  
980 projects or project phases that further the goals and policies  
981 of the long-range transportation plan.

982 6. Indicate whether any project or project phase is  
983 inconsistent with an approved comprehensive plan of a unit of  
984 local government located within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O.  
985 If a project is inconsistent with an affected comprehensive  
986 plan, the M.P.O. must provide justification for including the  
987 project in the transportation improvement program.

988 7. Indicate how the improvements are consistent, to the  
989 maximum extent feasible, with affected seaport, airport, and  
990 spaceport master plans and with public transit development plans  
991 of the units of local government located within the jurisdiction  
992 of the M.P.O. If a project is located within the boundaries of  
993 more than one M.P.O., the M.P.O.'s must coordinate plans  
994 regarding the project in the transportation improvement program.

995 8. Indicate coordination or alignment with transportation  
996 improvement plans of other M.P.O.'s within the contiguous  
997 urbanized area.

998 (d) Projects included in the transportation improvement



999 program and that have advanced to the design stage of  
1000 preliminary engineering may be removed from or rescheduled in a  
1001 subsequent transportation improvement program only by the joint  
1002 action of the M.P.O. and the department. Except when recommended  
1003 in writing by the district secretary for good cause, any project  
1004 removed from or rescheduled in a subsequent transportation  
1005 improvement program shall not be rescheduled by the M.P.O. in  
1006 that subsequent program earlier than the 5th year of such  
1007 program, and funding for the previously committed phases shall  
1008 be reprogrammed for other projects within the list of project  
1009 priorities.

1010 (e) During the development of the transportation  
1011 improvement program, the M.P.O. shall, in cooperation with the  
1012 department and any affected public transit operation, provide  
1013 citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of  
1014 transportation agency employees, freight shippers, providers of  
1015 freight transportation services, private providers of  
1016 transportation, representatives of users of public transit, and  
1017 other interested parties with reasonable notice of and an  
1018 opportunity to comment on the proposed program.

1019 (f) The adopted annual transportation improvement program  
1020 for M.P.O.'s in nonattainment or maintenance areas must be  
1021 submitted to the district secretary and the Department of  
1022 Economic Opportunity at least 90 days before the submission of  
1023 the state transportation improvement program by the department

1024 to the appropriate federal agencies. The annual transportation  
1025 improvement program for M.P.O.'s in attainment areas must be  
1026 submitted to the district secretary and the Department of  
1027 Economic Opportunity at least 45 days before the department  
1028 submits the state transportation improvement program to the  
1029 appropriate federal agencies; however, the department, the  
1030 Department of Economic Opportunity, and a metropolitan planning  
1031 organization may, in writing, agree to vary this submittal date.  
1032 The Governor or the Governor's designee shall review and approve  
1033 each transportation improvement program and any amendments  
1034 thereto.

1035 (g) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall review  
1036 the annual transportation improvement program of each M.P.O. for  
1037 consistency with the approved local government comprehensive  
1038 plans of the units of local government whose boundaries are  
1039 within the metropolitan area of each M.P.O. and shall identify  
1040 those projects that are inconsistent with such comprehensive  
1041 plans. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall notify an  
1042 M.P.O. of any transportation projects contained in its  
1043 transportation improvement program which are inconsistent with  
1044 the approved local government comprehensive plans of the units  
1045 of local government whose boundaries are within the metropolitan  
1046 area of the M.P.O.

1047 (h) The M.P.O. shall annually publish or otherwise make  
1048 available for public review the annual listing of projects for

1049 which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year.  
1050 Project monitoring systems must be maintained by those agencies  
1051 responsible for obligating federal funds and made accessible to  
1052 the M.P.O.'s.

1053 (10) AGREEMENTS; ACCOUNTABILITY.—

1054 (a) Each M.P.O. may execute a written agreement with the  
1055 department, which shall be reviewed, and updated as necessary,  
1056 every 5 years, which clearly establishes the cooperative  
1057 relationship essential to accomplish the transportation planning  
1058 requirements of state and federal law. Roles, responsibilities,  
1059 and expectations for accomplishing consistency with federal and  
1060 state requirements and priorities must be described and  
1061 formalized in the agreement. The agreement shall describe and  
1062 formalize the M.P.O.'s responsibility, in collaboration with the  
1063 department, to identify, prioritize, and present to the  
1064 department a complete list of multimodal transportation projects  
1065 consistent with the needs of the metropolitan planning area. It  
1066 is the department's responsibility to program projects in the  
1067 state transportation improvement program.

1068 (b) The department shall establish, in collaboration with  
1069 the M.P.O.'s, quality performance metrics such as safety,  
1070 infrastructure condition, congestion relief, and mobility. Each  
1071 M.P.O. must, as part of its long-range transportation plan, in  
1072 direct coordination with the department, develop targets for  
1073 each performance measure within the metropolitan planning area

1074 boundary. The performance targets must support efficient and  
 1075 safe movement of people and goods both within the metropolitan  
 1076 planning area and between regions. Each M.P.O. must report  
 1077 progress toward establishing performance targets for each  
 1078 measure annually in its transportation improvement plan. The  
 1079 department shall evaluate and post on its website whether each  
 1080 M.P.O. has made significant progress toward its target for the  
 1081 applicable reporting period.

1082 ~~(11) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.—~~

1083 ~~(a) A Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council~~  
 1084 ~~is created to augment, and not supplant, the role of the~~  
 1085 ~~individual M.P.O.'s in the cooperative transportation planning~~  
 1086 ~~process described in this section.~~

1087 ~~(b) The council shall consist of one representative from~~  
 1088 ~~each M.P.O. and shall elect a chairperson annually from its~~  
 1089 ~~number. Each M.P.O. shall also elect an alternate representative~~  
 1090 ~~from each M.P.O. to vote in the absence of the representative.~~  
 1091 ~~Members of the council do not receive any compensation for their~~  
 1092 ~~services, but may be reimbursed from funds made available to~~  
 1093 ~~council members for travel and per diem expenses incurred in the~~  
 1094 ~~performance of their council duties as provided in s. 112.061.~~

1095 ~~(c) The powers and duties of the Metropolitan Planning~~  
 1096 ~~Organization Advisory Council are to:~~

1097 ~~1. Establish bylaws by action of its governing board~~  
 1098 ~~providing procedural rules to guide its proceedings and~~

1099 ~~consideration of matters before the council, or, alternatively,~~  
 1100 ~~adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement~~  
 1101 ~~provisions of law conferring powers or duties upon it.~~

1102 ~~2. Assist M.P.O.'s in carrying out the urbanized area~~  
 1103 ~~transportation planning process by serving as the principal~~  
 1104 ~~forum for collective policy discussion pursuant to law.~~

1105 ~~3. Serve as a clearinghouse for review and comment by~~  
 1106 ~~M.P.O.'s on the Florida Transportation Plan and on other issues~~  
 1107 ~~required to comply with federal or state law in carrying out the~~  
 1108 ~~urbanized area transportation and systematic planning processes~~  
 1109 ~~instituted pursuant to s. 339.155. The council must also report~~  
 1110 ~~annually to the Florida Transportation Commission on the~~  
 1111 ~~alignment of M.P.O. long-range transportation plans with the~~  
 1112 ~~Florida Transportation Plan.~~

1113 ~~4. Employ an executive director and such other staff as~~  
 1114 ~~necessary to perform adequately the functions of the council,~~  
 1115 ~~within budgetary limitations. The executive director and staff~~  
 1116 ~~are exempt from part II of chapter 110 and serve at the~~  
 1117 ~~direction and control of the council. The council is assigned to~~  
 1118 ~~the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation~~  
 1119 ~~for fiscal and accountability purposes, but it shall otherwise~~  
 1120 ~~function independently of the control and direction of the~~  
 1121 ~~department.~~

1122 ~~5. Deliver training on federal and state program~~  
 1123 ~~requirements and procedures to M.P.O. board members and M.P.O.~~

1124 staff.

1125 ~~6. Adopt an agency strategic plan that prioritizes steps~~  
 1126 ~~the agency will take to carry out its mission within the context~~  
 1127 ~~of the state comprehensive plan and any other statutory mandates~~  
 1128 ~~and directives.~~

1129 ~~(d) The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory~~  
 1130 ~~Council may enter into contracts in accordance with chapter 287~~  
 1131 ~~to support the activities described in paragraph (c). Lobbying~~  
 1132 ~~and the acceptance of funds, grants, assistance, gifts, or~~  
 1133 ~~bequests from private, local, state, or federal sources are~~  
 1134 ~~prohibited.~~

1135 Section 13. Subsection (6) of section 28.37, Florida  
 1136 Statutes, is amended to read:

1137 28.37 Fines, fees, service charges, and costs remitted to  
 1138 the state.—

1139 (6) Ten percent of all court-related fines collected by  
 1140 the clerk, except for penalties or fines distributed to counties  
 1141 or municipalities under s. 316.0083(1)(b)3. or s. 318.18(16)(a)  
 1142 ~~s. 318.18(15)(a)~~, must be deposited into the fine and forfeiture  
 1143 fund to be used exclusively for clerk court-related functions,  
 1144 as provided in s. 28.35(3)(a).

1145 Section 14. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
 1146 142.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1147 142.01 Fine and forfeiture fund; disposition of revenue;  
 1148 clerk of the circuit court.—

1149 (1) There shall be established by the clerk of the circuit  
 1150 court in each county of this state a separate fund to be known  
 1151 as the fine and forfeiture fund for use by the clerk of the  
 1152 circuit court in performing court-related functions. The fund  
 1153 shall consist of the following:

1154 (c) Court costs pursuant to ss. 28.2402(1)(b),  
 1155 34.045(1)(b), 318.14(10)(b), 318.18(12)(a) ~~318.18(11)(a)~~,  
 1156 327.73(9)(a) and (11)(a), and 938.05(3).

1157 Section 15. Subsection (4) of section 316.1951, Florida  
 1158 Statutes, is amended to read:

1159 316.1951 Parking for certain purposes prohibited; sale of  
 1160 motor vehicles; prohibited acts.—

1161 (4) A local government may adopt an ordinance to allow the  
 1162 towing of a motor vehicle parked in violation of this section. A  
 1163 law enforcement officer, compliance officer, code enforcement  
 1164 officer from any local government agency, or supervisor of the  
 1165 department may issue a citation and cause to be immediately  
 1166 removed at the owner's expense any motor vehicle found in  
 1167 violation of subsection (1), except as provided in subsections  
 1168 (2) and (3), or in violation of subsection (5), subsection (6),  
 1169 subsection (7), or subsection (8), and the owner shall be  
 1170 assessed a penalty as provided in s. 318.18(22) ~~s. 318.18(21)~~ by  
 1171 the government agency or authority that orders immediate removal  
 1172 of the motor vehicle. A motor vehicle removed under this section  
 1173 shall not be released from an impound or towing and storage

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1174 facility before a release form prescribed by the department has  
1175 been completed verifying that the fine has been paid to the  
1176 government agency or authority that ordered immediate removal of  
1177 the motor vehicle. However, the owner may pay towing and storage  
1178 charges to the towing and storage facility pursuant to s. 713.78  
1179 before payment of the fine or before the release form has been  
1180 completed.

1181 Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 316.306, Florida  
1182 Statutes, is amended to read:

1183 316.306 School and work zones; prohibition on the use of a  
1184 wireless communications device in a handheld manner.—

1185 (4) (a) Any person who violates this section commits a  
1186 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving  
1187 violation, as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 3 points  
1188 assessed against his or her driver license as set forth in s.  
1189 322.27(3)(d)8. ~~s. 322.27(3)(d)7.~~ For a first offense under this  
1190 section, in lieu of the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and the  
1191 assessment of points, a person who violates this section may  
1192 elect to participate in a wireless communications device driving  
1193 safety program approved by the Department of Highway Safety and  
1194 Motor Vehicles. Upon completion of such program, the penalty  
1195 specified in s. 318.18 and associated costs may be waived by the  
1196 clerk of the court and the assessment of points must be waived.

1197 (b) The clerk of the court may dismiss a case and assess  
1198 court costs in accordance with s. 318.18(12)(a) ~~s. 318.18(11)(a)~~



1199 | for a nonmoving traffic infraction for a person who is cited for  
 1200 | a first time violation of this section if the person shows the  
 1201 | clerk proof of purchase of equipment that enables his or her  
 1202 | personal wireless communications device to be used in a hands-  
 1203 | free manner.

1204 |       Section 17. Subsection (7) of section 316.622, Florida  
 1205 | Statutes, is amended to read:

1206 |             316.622 Farm labor vehicles.—

1207 |             (7) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic  
 1208 | infraction, punishable as provided in s. 318.18(17) ~~s.~~  
 1209 | ~~318.18(16)~~.

1210 |       Section 18. Section 318.121, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1211 | to read:

1212 |             318.121 Preemption of additional fees, fines, surcharges,  
 1213 | and costs.—Notwithstanding any general or special law, or  
 1214 | municipal or county ordinance, additional fees, fines,  
 1215 | surcharges, or costs other than the court costs and surcharges  
 1216 | assessed under s. 318.18(12), (14), (19), (20), and (23) ~~s.~~  
 1217 | ~~318.18(11), (13), (18), (19), and (22)~~ may not be added to the  
 1218 | civil traffic penalties assessed under this chapter.

1219 |       Section 19. Subsections (13), (16) through (19), and (21)  
 1220 | of section 318.21, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1221 |             318.21 Disposition of civil penalties by county courts.—  
 1222 | All civil penalties received by a county court pursuant to the  
 1223 | provisions of this chapter shall be distributed and paid monthly

1224 as follows:

1225 (13) Of the proceeds from the fine under s. 318.18(16) ~~s.~~  
 1226 ~~318.18(15)~~, \$65 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue  
 1227 for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund of the Department  
 1228 of Health and the remaining \$60 shall be distributed pursuant to  
 1229 subsections (1) and (2).

1230 (16) The proceeds from the fines described in s.  
 1231 318.18(17) ~~s. 318.18(16)~~ shall be remitted to the law  
 1232 enforcement agency that issues the citation for a violation of  
 1233 s. 316.622. The funds must be used for continued education and  
 1234 enforcement of s. 316.622 and other related safety measures  
 1235 contained in chapter 316.

1236 (17) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the proceeds  
 1237 from the surcharge imposed under s. 318.18(18) ~~s. 318.18(17)~~  
 1238 shall be distributed as provided in that subsection. This  
 1239 subsection expires July 1, 2026.

1240 (18) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the proceeds  
 1241 from the administrative fee imposed under s. 318.18(19) ~~s.~~  
 1242 ~~318.18(18)~~ shall be distributed as provided in that subsection.

1243 (19) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the proceeds  
 1244 from the Article V assessment imposed under s. 318.18(20) ~~s.~~  
 1245 ~~318.18(19)~~ shall be distributed as provided in that subsection.

1246 (21) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the proceeds  
 1247 from the additional penalties imposed pursuant to s.  
 1248 318.18(5) (c) and (21) ~~(20)~~ shall be distributed as provided in

1249 | that section.

1250 |       Section 20. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
1251 | 322.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1252 |       322.27 Authority of department to suspend or revoke driver  
1253 | license or identification card.—

1254 |       (3) There is established a point system for evaluation of  
1255 | convictions of violations of motor vehicle laws or ordinances,  
1256 | and violations of applicable provisions of s. 403.413(6) (b) when  
1257 | such violations involve the use of motor vehicles, for the  
1258 | determination of the continuing qualification of any person to  
1259 | operate a motor vehicle. The department is authorized to suspend  
1260 | the license of any person upon showing of its records or other  
1261 | good and sufficient evidence that the licensee has been  
1262 | convicted of violation of motor vehicle laws or ordinances, or  
1263 | applicable provisions of s. 403.413(6) (b), amounting to 12 or  
1264 | more points as determined by the point system. The suspension  
1265 | shall be for a period of not more than 1 year.

1266 |       (d) The point system shall have as its basic element a  
1267 | graduated scale of points assigning relative values to  
1268 | convictions of the following violations:

- 1269 |       1. Reckless driving, willful and wanton—4 points.
- 1270 |       2. Leaving the scene of a crash resulting in property  
1271 | damage of more than \$50—6 points.
- 1272 |       3. Unlawful speed, or unlawful use of a wireless  
1273 | communications device, resulting in a crash—6 points.

- 1274 4. Passing a stopped school bus:
- 1275 a. Not causing or resulting in serious bodily injury to or
- 1276 death of another—4 points.
- 1277 b. Causing or resulting in serious bodily injury to or
- 1278 death of another—6 points.
- 1279 c. Points may not be imposed for a violation of passing a
- 1280 stopped school bus as provided in s. 316.172(1) (a) or (b) when
- 1281 enforced by a school bus infraction detection system pursuant s.
- 1282 316.173. In addition, a violation of s. 316.172(1) (a) or (b)
- 1283 when enforced by a school bus infraction detection system
- 1284 pursuant to s. 316.173 may not be used for purposes of setting
- 1285 motor vehicle insurance rates.
- 1286 5. Unlawful speed:
- 1287 a. Not in excess of 15 miles per hour of lawful or posted
- 1288 speed—3 points.
- 1289 b. In excess of 15 miles per hour of lawful or posted
- 1290 speed—4 points.
- 1291 c. Points may not be imposed for a violation of unlawful
- 1292 speed as provided in s. 316.1895 or s. 316.183 when enforced by
- 1293 a traffic infraction enforcement officer pursuant to s.
- 1294 316.1896. In addition, a violation of s. 316.1895 or s. 316.183
- 1295 when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer
- 1296 pursuant to s. 316.1896 may not be used for purposes of setting
- 1297 motor vehicle insurance rates.
- 1298 6. A violation of a traffic control signal device as

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1299 provided in s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1.—4 points.  
1300 However, points may not be imposed for a violation of s.  
1301 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to  
1302 stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a traffic  
1303 infraction enforcement officer. In addition, a violation of s.  
1304 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to  
1305 stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a traffic  
1306 infraction enforcement officer may not be used for purposes of  
1307 setting motor vehicle insurance rates.

1308 7. Unlawfully driving a vehicle through a railroad-highway  
1309 grade crossing—6 points.

1310 ~~8.7.~~ All other moving violations (including parking on a  
1311 highway outside the limits of a municipality)—3 points. However,  
1312 points may not be imposed for a violation of s. 316.0741 or s.  
1313 316.2065(11); and points may be imposed for a violation of s.  
1314 316.1001 only when imposed by the court after a hearing pursuant  
1315 to s. 318.14(5).

1316 ~~9.8.~~ Any moving violation covered in this paragraph,  
1317 excluding unlawful speed and unlawful use of a wireless  
1318 communications device, resulting in a crash—4 points.

1319 10.9. Any conviction under s. 403.413(6)(b)—3 points.

1320 ~~11.10.~~ Any conviction under s. 316.0775(2)—4 points.

1321 ~~12.11.~~ A moving violation covered in this paragraph which  
1322 is committed in conjunction with the unlawful use of a wireless  
1323 communications device within a school safety zone—2 points, in

1324 addition to the points assigned for the moving violation.

1325 Section 21. Subsections (15) and (16) of section 331.3051,  
 1326 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (14) and (15),  
 1327 respectively, and subsections (2), (3), (6), and (13) and  
 1328 present subsections (14) and (15) of that section are amended to  
 1329 read:

1330 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:

1331 (2) Enter into agreement with the Department of Education,  
 1332 the Department of Transportation, the Department of Commerce  
 1333 ~~Economic Opportunity~~, and CareerSource Florida, Inc., for the  
 1334 purpose of implementing this act.

1335 (3) In cooperation with the Department of Commerce  
 1336 ~~Economic Opportunity~~, develop a plan to retain, expand, attract,  
 1337 and create aerospace industry entities, public or private, which  
 1338 results in the creation of high-value-added businesses and jobs  
 1339 in this state.

1340 (6) Develop, in cooperation with the Department of  
 1341 Commerce ~~Economic Opportunity~~, a plan to provide financing  
 1342 assistance to aerospace businesses. The plan may include the  
 1343 following activities:

1344 (a) Assembling, publishing, and disseminating information  
 1345 concerning financing opportunities and techniques for aerospace  
 1346 projects, programs, and activities; sources of public and  
 1347 private aerospace financing assistance; and sources of  
 1348 aerospace-related financing.

1349 (b) Organizing, hosting, and participating in seminars and  
 1350 other forums designed to disseminate information and technical  
 1351 assistance regarding aerospace-related financing.

1352 (c) Coordinating with programs and goals of the Department  
 1353 of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,  
 1354 the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the International  
 1355 Trade Administration of the United States Department of  
 1356 Commerce, the Foreign Credit Insurance Association, and other  
 1357 private and public programs and organizations, domestic and  
 1358 foreign.

1359 (d) Establishing a network of contacts among those  
 1360 domestic and foreign public and private organizations that  
 1361 provide information, technical assistance, and financial support  
 1362 to the aerospace industry.

1363 (e) Financing aerospace business development projects or  
 1364 initiatives using funds provided by the Legislature.

1365 (13) Partner with the Division of Workforce Services of  
 1366 the Department of Commerce ~~Economic Opportunity~~, CareerSource  
 1367 Florida, Inc., and local workforce development boards to support  
 1368 initiatives that address the high technology skills and staff  
 1369 resources needed to better promote the state's efforts in  
 1370 becoming the nation's leader in aerospace and space exploration.

1371 ~~(14) Partner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization~~  
 1372 ~~Advisory Council to coordinate and specify how aerospace~~  
 1373 ~~planning and programming will be part of the state's cooperative~~

1374 ~~transportation planning process.~~

1375 (14)~~(15)~~ By October 1, 2023, and each year thereafter,  
 1376 submit to the Department of Commerce ~~Economic Opportunity~~ for  
 1377 inclusion in the annual report required under s. 20.60 a  
 1378 complete and detailed written report setting forth:

1379 (a) Its operations and accomplishments during the fiscal  
 1380 year.

1381 (b) Accomplishments and progress concerning the  
 1382 implementation of the spaceport master plan and other measurable  
 1383 goals, and any updates to such plan and measurable goals.

1384 (c) Any other information required by the Department of  
 1385 Commerce ~~Economic Opportunity~~.

1386 Section 22. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
 1387 331.310, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1388 331.310 Powers and duties of the board of directors.—

1389 (2) The board of directors shall:

1390 (e) Prepare an annual report of operations as a supplement  
 1391 to the annual report required under s. 331.3051(15) ~~s.~~

1392 ~~331.3051(16)~~. The report must include, but not be limited to, a  
 1393 balance sheet, an income statement, a statement of changes in  
 1394 financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity  
 1395 accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, the  
 1396 auditor's report, a summary of the status of existing and  
 1397 proposed bonding projects, comments from management about the  
 1398 year's business, and prospects for the next year.



1399 Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 395.4036, Florida  
 1400 Statutes, is amended to read:

1401 395.4036 Trauma payments.—

1402 (1) Recognizing the Legislature's stated intent to provide  
 1403 financial support to the current verified trauma centers and to  
 1404 provide incentives for the establishment of additional trauma  
 1405 centers as part of a system of state-sponsored trauma centers,  
 1406 the department shall utilize funds collected under s. 318.18 and  
 1407 deposited into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund of the  
 1408 department to ensure the availability and accessibility of  
 1409 trauma services throughout the state as provided in this  
 1410 subsection.

1411 (a) Funds collected under s. 318.18(16) ~~s. 318.18(15)~~  
 1412 shall be distributed as follows:

1413 1. Twenty percent of the total funds collected during the  
 1414 state fiscal year shall be distributed to verified trauma  
 1415 centers that have a local funding contribution as of December  
 1416 31. Distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based  
 1417 on trauma caseload volume for the most recent calendar year  
 1418 available.

1419 2. Forty percent of the total funds collected shall be  
 1420 distributed to verified trauma centers based on trauma caseload  
 1421 volume for the most recent calendar year available. The  
 1422 determination of caseload volume for distribution of funds under  
 1423 this subparagraph shall be based on the hospital discharge data

1424 for patients who meet the criteria for classification as a  
 1425 trauma patient reported by each trauma center pursuant to s.  
 1426 408.061.

1427 3. Forty percent of the total funds collected shall be  
 1428 distributed to verified trauma centers based on severity of  
 1429 trauma patients for the most recent calendar year available. The  
 1430 determination of severity for distribution of funds under this  
 1431 subparagraph shall be based on the department's International  
 1432 Classification Injury Severity Scores or another statistically  
 1433 valid and scientifically accepted method of stratifying a trauma  
 1434 patient's severity of injury, risk of mortality, and resource  
 1435 consumption as adopted by the department by rule, weighted based  
 1436 on the costs associated with and incurred by the trauma center  
 1437 in treating trauma patients. The weighting of scores shall be  
 1438 established by the department by rule.

1439 (b) Funds collected under s. 318.18(5)(c) and (21) ~~(20)~~  
 1440 shall be distributed as follows:

1441 1. Thirty percent of the total funds collected shall be  
 1442 distributed to Level II trauma centers operated by a public  
 1443 hospital governed by an elected board of directors as of  
 1444 December 31, 2008.

1445 2. Thirty-five percent of the total funds collected shall  
 1446 be distributed to verified trauma centers based on trauma  
 1447 caseload volume for the most recent calendar year available. The  
 1448 determination of caseload volume for distribution of funds under

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1449 | this subparagraph shall be based on the hospital discharge data  
1450 | for patients who meet the criteria for classification as a  
1451 | trauma patient reported by each trauma center pursuant to s.  
1452 | 408.061.

1453 |         3. Thirty-five percent of the total funds collected shall  
1454 | be distributed to verified trauma centers based on severity of  
1455 | trauma patients for the most recent calendar year available. The  
1456 | determination of severity for distribution of funds under this  
1457 | subparagraph shall be based on the department's International  
1458 | Classification Injury Severity Scores or another statistically  
1459 | valid and scientifically accepted method of stratifying a trauma  
1460 | patient's severity of injury, risk of mortality, and resource  
1461 | consumption as adopted by the department by rule, weighted based  
1462 | on the costs associated with and incurred by the trauma center  
1463 | in treating trauma patients. The weighting of scores shall be  
1464 | established by the department by rule.

1465 |         Section 24. By October 31, 2024, the Department of  
1466 | Transportation shall submit to the Governor, the President of  
1467 | the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a  
1468 | report that provides a comprehensive review of the boundaries of  
1469 | each of the department's districts and whether any district's  
1470 | boundaries should be redrawn as a result of population growth  
1471 | and increased urban density.

1472 |         Section 25. By October 1, 2024, the Department of Highway  
1473 | Safety and Motor Vehicles must begin implementation of a

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1474 redesigned registration license plate required by s.  
1475 320.06(3) (a), Florida Statutes. Design options must be shared  
1476 with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
1477 Representatives for input before final selection. The redesign  
1478 does not apply to specialty license plates. In redesigning the  
1479 plate, the department must replace the current graphic and  
1480 remove the term "MYFLORIDA.COM" and replace it solely with the  
1481 word "FLORIDA." The department must coordinate with the  
1482 Department of Transportation to ensure the legibility of the  
1483 redesigned registration license plate and must also consider  
1484 adding an additional character to the registration license plate  
1485 due to the state's continued economic growth.

1486 Section 26. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.