

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation; creating s.
3 218.3215, F.S.; requiring counties to annually by a
4 date certain provide the Office of Economic and
5 Demographic Research with certain information;
6 requiring counties to report such information in the
7 format specified by the office; requiring the office
8 to compile the information into a report and submit
9 the report to the Legislature and the Department of
10 Transportation; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising
11 definitions; amending s. 316.173, F.S.; authorizing a
12 person to request an administrative hearing with a
13 school district within a specified time period after
14 receiving a notice of violation; providing that the
15 mailing of the notice of violation constitutes
16 notification; removing a provision requiring a court
17 with jurisdiction over traffic violations to determine
18 whether a specified violation has occurred;
19 authorizing a school district to appoint a local
20 hearing officer to conduct an administrative hearing;
21 providing eligibility requirements for such officer;
22 providing duties of such officer; providing for civil
23 penalties and administrative costs; providing
24 procedures for an administrative hearing; authorizing
25 certain administrative hearings to be conducted by a

26 specified date; amending s. 316.183, F.S.; requiring
27 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to
28 determine certain speed limits; amending s. 316.187,
29 F.S.; increasing certain speed limits; amending s.
30 316.20655, F.S.; authorizing a local government to
31 adopt certain ordinances and provide certain training
32 relating to the safe operation of electric bicycles;
33 amending s. 316.2128, F.S.; authorizing a local
34 government to adopt certain ordinances and provide
35 certain training relating to the safe operation of
36 motorized scooters and micromobility devices; amending
37 s. 316.640, F.S.; authorizing school resource officers
38 to enforce specified traffic laws on the roadways
39 within a school district; amending s. 316.650, F.S.;
40 revising the entity required to provide citation data
41 in certain cases; amending s. 316.88, F.S.;
42 prohibiting excessive wakes under certain
43 circumstances; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; providing
44 minimum civil penalties for a specified violation
45 enforced by a school bus infraction detection system;
46 requiring specified costs to be imposed for specified
47 violations; requiring such costs to be used by a
48 school district for specified purposes; requiring such
49 penalties and costs to be remitted to the school
50 district at least monthly; amending s. 318.21, F.S.;

51 requiring specified penalties to be distributed in a
52 certain manner; creating s. 320.0849, F.S.; requiring
53 the department to issue expectant mother parking
54 permits; specifying the validity period thereof;
55 providing design requirements for expectant mother
56 parking permit placards or decals; providing
57 application requirements; authorizing such
58 permitholders to park in certain spaces; amending s.
59 330.355, F.S.; prohibiting publicly owned airports
60 from charging a landing fee established on or after a
61 specified date for certain aircraft operations;
62 amending s. 331.3051, F.S.; conforming provisions to
63 changes made by the act; amending s. 334.044, F.S.;
64 revising conditions under which the Department of
65 Transportation may acquire property through eminent
66 domain; amending s. 334.065, F.S.; removing the Board
67 of Governors of the State University System as
68 administrator of the Florida Center for Urban
69 Transportation Research; revising membership of the
70 Center for Urban Transportation Research advisory
71 board; creating s. 334.63, F.S.; providing
72 requirements for certain project concept studies and
73 project development and environmental studies;
74 amending s. 337.11, F.S.; providing competitive
75 bidding and award requirements for contracts for

76 certain projects; providing construction; revising
77 requirements for requests for proposals for design-
78 build contracts; revising requirements for selection
79 and award of phased design-build contracts; removing
80 provisions relating to design-build and phased design-
81 build contracts and construction; requiring contracts
82 to contain protection and indemnity coverage; amending
83 s. 337.14, F.S.; authorizing the department to waive
84 certain requirements for push-button or task work
85 order contracts; revising the amount of contracts for
86 which the department may waive bonding requirements;
87 requiring a contractor seeking to bid on a certain
88 maintenance contract to possess certain
89 qualifications; amending s. 337.185, F.S.; revising
90 the amount of a contract that may be subject to
91 arbitration; revising the timeframe in which
92 arbitration requests must be made to the State
93 Arbitration Board; amending s. 337.19, F.S.; revising
94 the timeframe in which certain suits by and against
95 the department must commence; removing an obsolete
96 provision; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; revising
97 legislative intent; revising requirements for the
98 designation of additional M.P.O.'s; revising projects
99 and strategies to be considered in developing an
100 M.P.O.'s long-range transportation plan and

101 transportation improvement program; removing obsolete
102 provisions; requiring the department to convene
103 M.P.O.'s to exchange best practices; authorizing such
104 M.P.O.'s to develop committees or working groups;
105 requiring training for new M.P.O. governing board
106 members to be provided by the department or another
107 specified entity; removing provisions relating to
108 M.P.O. coordination mechanisms; including public-
109 private partnerships in authorized financing
110 techniques; revising proposed transportation
111 enhancement activities that must be indicated by the
112 long-range transportation plan; authorizing each
113 M.P.O. to execute a written agreement with the
114 department regarding state and federal transportation
115 planning requirements; providing that the department
116 is responsible for scheduling projects in the state
117 transportation improvement program in collaboration
118 with the M.P.O.'s; requiring the department and
119 M.P.O.'s to establish certain quality performance
120 metrics and develop certain performance targets;
121 requiring the department to evaluate and post on its
122 website whether each M.P.O. has made significant
123 progress toward such targets; removing provisions
124 relating to the Metropolitan Planning Organization
125 Advisory Council; amending s. 339.65, F.S.; requiring

the department, in collaboration with each M.P.O., to
prioritize certain Strategic Intermodal System highway
corridor projects; amending s. 339.84, F.S.;
authorizing the department to expend certain funds for
grants for the purchase of certain equipment within a
specified timeframe; providing requirements for grant
recipients; requiring the department to give certain
priority in awarding grants; creating s. 339.85, F.S.;
requiring the department to implement the Next-
generation Traffic Signal Modernization Program;
providing requirements for the program; amending s.
331.310, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing
legislative findings regarding widening of a certain
roadway; requiring the department, by specified dates,
to submit certain reports to the Governor and
Legislature; creating s. 332.136, F.S.; establishing
an airport pilot program at the Sarasota Manatee
Airport Authority; providing purpose of the pilot
program; requiring the department to adopt rules;
requiring the department, by a specified date, to
submit a report to the Governor and Legislature;
providing for future repeal; amending s. 348.0304,
F.S.; revising qualifications to be a member of the
governing body of the Greater Miami Expressway Agency;
providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Section 218.3215, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

218.3215 County transportation projects.—

(1) Each county shall annually by January 15 report to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research the following information, by county fiscal year, for revenues received pursuant to s. 212.055(1), for the previous county fiscal year:

(a) The total proceeds from the surtax received by the county.

(b) The amount allocated by the county for road and bridge projects. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, must establish and define broad categories for reporting this information, including, but not limited to, widening, repair and rehabilitation, sidewalks, or payment or pledge of bonds for the construction of roads and bridges.

(c) The total expenditures for road and bridge projects, including by category established pursuant to paragraph (b).

(d) The unexpended balances of funds allocated to road and bridge projects by category.

(e) A list of current road and bridge projects, including the project cost, location, and scope.

176 (f) The amount allocated by the county to all other
177 authorized uses of the proceeds from the surtax, excluding road
178 and bridge projects and the payment or pledge of bonds for the
179 construction of roads and bridges.

180 (2) Each county shall report the information required in
181 subsection (1) in the format specified by the Office of Economic
182 and Demographic Research. The Office of Economic and Demographic
183 Research shall compile the information from each county into a
184 report and submit the report to the President of the Senate, the
185 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Department of
186 Transportation.

187 **Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and subsections**
188 **(41) and (109) of section 316.003, Florida Statutes, are amended**
189 **to read:**

190 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when
191 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively
192 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
193 otherwise requires:

194 (3) AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM.—The hardware and software
195 that are collectively capable of performing the entire dynamic
196 driving task of an autonomous vehicle on a sustained basis,
197 regardless of whether it is limited to a specific operational
198 design domain. The term:

199 (b) "Dynamic driving task" means all of the real-time
200 operational and tactical functions required to operate a vehicle

201 in on-road traffic within its specific operational design
202 domain, if any, excluding strategic functions such as trip
203 scheduling; provision of event-based information, advice,
204 instruction, or revised goals; and selection of destinations and
205 waypoints.

206 (41) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.—A motorized transportation
207 device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36
208 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which
209 operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but
210 no more than 28 miles per hour. This term includes both a human-
211 powered and a nonhuman-powered device such as a bicycle,
212 electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or any other device that is
213 owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet ~~Any motorized~~
214 ~~transportation device made available for private use by~~
215 ~~reservation through an online application, website, or software~~
216 ~~for point-to-point trips and which is not capable of traveling~~
217 ~~at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground. This~~
218 ~~term includes motorized scooters and bicycles as defined in this~~
219 ~~chapter.~~

220 (109) VEHICLE.—Every device in, upon, or by which any
221 person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a
222 street or highway, except personal delivery devices, mobile
223 carriers, and devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or
224 tracks.

225 **Section 3. Effective upon this act becoming a law,**

subsections (6) through (19) of section 316.173, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) through (20), respectively, paragraph (c) of subsection (1), subsection (5), and present subsections (8), (10), (11), and (12) are amended, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

316.173 School bus infraction detection systems.—

(1)

(c) The school district must ensure that each school bus infraction detection system meets the requirements of subsection (19) ~~(18)~~.

(5) Within 30 days after receiving the information required in subsection (4), the law enforcement agency or its designee must, if it is determined that the motor vehicle violated s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b), send a notice of violation to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation specifying the remedies available under s. 318.14 and that the violator must pay the penalty under s. 318.18(5), or furnish an affidavit in accordance with subsection (11), or request an administrative hearing with the school district ~~subsection (10)~~ within 60 ~~30~~ days after the notice of violation is sent in order to avoid court fees, costs, and the issuance of a uniform traffic citation. The mailing of the notice of violation constitutes notification. The notice of violation must be sent by first-class mail and include all of the following:

(a) A copy of one or more recorded images showing the motor vehicle involved in the violation, including an image showing the license plate of the motor vehicle.

(b) The date, time, and location of the violation.

(c) The amount of the civil penalty, the date by which the civil penalty must be paid, and instructions on how to pay the civil penalty.

(d) Instructions on how to request a hearing to contest liability or the notice of violation.

(e) A notice that the owner has the right to review, in person or remotely, the video and images recorded by the school bus infraction detection system which constitute a rebuttable presumption against the owner of the motor vehicle that the motor vehicle was used in violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b).

(f) The time when, and the place or website at which, the recorded video and images may be examined and observed.

(g) A warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability within 60 ~~30~~ days after the notice is sent will result in the issuance of a uniform traffic citation. ~~A court that has jurisdiction over traffic violations shall determine whether a violation of this section has occurred. If a court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that a violation occurred, the court must uphold the violation. If the notice of violation is upheld, the court must require the petitioner to pay the penalty previously assessed under s. 318.18(5), and may~~

~~also require the petitioner to pay costs, not to exceed those established in s. 316.0083(5)(c).~~

(6)(a) A local hearing officer appointed by the school district shall administer an administrative hearing process for a contested notice of violation. The school district may appoint an attorney who is, and has been for the preceding 5 years, a member in good standing with The Florida Bar to serve as a local hearing officer. At the administrative hearing, the local hearing officer shall determine whether a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b) has occurred. If the local hearing officer finds by a preponderance of the evidence that a violation has occurred, the local hearing officer must uphold the notice of violation and require the petitioner to pay the penalty previously assessed under s. 318.18(5). The local hearing officer shall also require the petitioner to pay costs consistent with this subsection.

(b) Procedures for an administrative hearing conducted under this subsection are as follows:

1. The department shall make available electronically to each school district or its designee a Request for Hearing form to assist the district with administering this subsection.

2. Any person, herein referred to as the "petitioner," who elects to request a hearing under this subsection shall be scheduled for a hearing. The hearing may be conducted virtually via live video conferencing or in person.

300 3. Within 120 days after receipt of a timely request for a
301 hearing, the law enforcement agency or its designee shall
302 provide a replica of the notice of violation data to the school
303 district by manual or electronic transmission, and thereafter
304 the school district or its designee shall mail a notice of
305 hearing, which shall include a hearing date and may at the
306 discretion of the district include virtual and in-person hearing
307 options, to the petitioner by first-class mail. Mailing of the
308 notice of hearing constitutes notification. Upon receipt of the
309 notice of hearing, the petitioner may reschedule the hearing
310 once by submitting a written request to the local hearing
311 officer at least 5 calendar days before the day of the
312 originally scheduled hearing. The petitioner may cancel his or
313 her hearing by paying the penalty assessed in the notice of
314 violation.

315 4. All testimony at the hearing shall be under oath. The
316 local hearing officer shall take testimony from the law
317 enforcement agency and the petitioner, and may take testimony
318 from others. The local hearing officer shall review the video
319 and images recorded by a school bus infraction detection system.
320 Formal rules of evidence do not apply, but due process shall be
321 observed and govern the proceedings.

322 5. At the conclusion of the hearing, the local hearing
323 officer shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence
324 whether a violation has occurred and shall uphold or dismiss the

violation. The local hearing officer shall issue a final administrative order including the determination and, if the notice of violation is upheld, require the petitioner to pay the civil penalty previously assessed in the notice of violation, and shall also require the petitioner to pay costs, not to exceed those established in s. 316.0083(5)(e), to be used by the school district for technology and operational costs relating to the hearing process as well as school transportation safety-related initiatives. The final administrative order shall be mailed to the petitioner by first-class mail.

6. An aggrieved party may appeal a final administrative order consistent with the process provided in s. 162.11.

(c) Any hearing for a contested notice of violation that has not been conducted before July 1, 2025, may be conducted pursuant to the procedures in this subsection within 1 year after such date.

~~(9)(8)~~ A uniform traffic citation must be issued by mailing the uniform traffic citation by certified mail to the address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation if, within 60 days after notification under subsection (5), payment has not been made, ~~within 30 days after notification under subsection (5) and if the registered owner has not submitted an affidavit in accordance with subsection (11),~~ or the registered owner has not requested an

349 administrative hearing with the school district contesting the
350 notice of violation pursuant to subsection (6) ~~(10)~~.

351 (a) Delivery of the uniform traffic citation constitutes
352 notification of a violation under this subsection. If the
353 registered owner or co-owner of the motor vehicle; the person
354 identified as having care, custody, or control of the motor
355 vehicle at the time of the violation; or a duly authorized
356 representative of the owner, co-owner, or identified person
357 initiates a proceeding to challenge the citation, such person
358 waives any challenge or dispute as to the delivery of the
359 uniform traffic citation.

360 (b) In the case of joint ownership of a motor vehicle, the
361 uniform traffic citation must be mailed to the first name
362 appearing on the motor vehicle registration, unless the first
363 name appearing on the registration is a business organization,
364 in which case the second name appearing on the registration may
365 be used.

366 (c) The uniform traffic citation mailed to the registered
367 owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation must be
368 accompanied by information described in paragraphs (5)(a)-(f).

369 (11) ~~(10)~~ To establish such facts under subsection (10)
370 ~~(9)~~, the registered owner of the motor vehicle must, within 60
371 ~~30~~ days after the date of issuance of the notice of violation or
372 the uniform traffic citation, furnish to the law enforcement
373 agency that issued the notice of violation or uniform traffic

374 citation an affidavit setting forth information supporting an
375 exception under subsection (10) ~~(9)~~.

376 (a) An affidavit supporting the exception under paragraph
377 (10) (a) ~~(9) (a)~~ must include the name, address, date of birth,
378 and, if known, the driver license number of the person who
379 leased, rented, or otherwise had care, custody, or control of
380 the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. If the
381 motor vehicle was stolen at the time of the alleged violation,
382 the affidavit must include the police report indicating that the
383 motor vehicle was stolen.

384 (b) If a uniform traffic citation for a violation of s.
385 316.172(1) (a) or (b) was issued at the location of the violation
386 by a law enforcement officer, the affidavit must include the
387 serial number of the uniform traffic citation.

388 (c) If the motor vehicle's owner to whom a notice of
389 violation or a uniform traffic citation has been issued is
390 deceased, the affidavit must include a certified copy of the
391 owner's death certificate showing that the date of death
392 occurred on or before the date of the alleged violation and one
393 of the following:

394 1. A bill of sale or other document showing that the
395 deceased owner's motor vehicle was sold or transferred after his
396 or her death but on or before the date of the alleged violation.

397 2. Documented proof that the registered license plate
398 belonging to the deceased owner's motor vehicle was returned to

the department or any branch office or authorized agent of the department after his or her death but on or before the date of the alleged violation.

3. A copy of the police report showing that the deceased owner's registered license plate or motor vehicle was stolen after his or her death but on or before the date of the alleged violation.

Upon receipt of the affidavit and documentation required under paragraphs (b) and (c), or 60 ~~30~~ days after the date of issuance of a notice of violation sent to a person identified as having care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation under paragraph (a), the law enforcement agency must dismiss the notice or citation and provide proof of such dismissal to the person who submitted the affidavit. If, within 60 ~~30~~ days after the date of a notice of violation sent to a person under subsection (12) ~~(11)~~, the law enforcement agency receives an affidavit under subsection (13) ~~(12)~~ from the person who was sent a notice of violation affirming that the person did not have care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation, the law enforcement agency must notify the registered owner that the notice or citation will not be dismissed due to failure to establish that another person had care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation.

424 (12) ~~(11)~~ Upon receipt of an affidavit under paragraph
425 (10) (a) ~~(9) (a)~~, the law enforcement agency may issue the person
426 identified as having care, custody, or control of the motor
427 vehicle at the time of the violation a notice of violation
428 pursuant to subsection (5) for a violation of s. 316.172(1) (a)
429 or (b). The affidavit is admissible in a proceeding pursuant to
430 this section for the purpose of providing evidence that the
431 person identified in the affidavit was in actual care, custody,
432 or control of the motor vehicle. The owner of a leased motor
433 vehicle for which a uniform traffic citation is issued for a
434 violation of s. 316.172(1) (a) or (b) is not responsible for
435 paying the uniform traffic citation and is not required to
436 submit an affidavit as specified in subsection (11) ~~(10)~~ if the
437 motor vehicle involved in the violation is registered in the
438 name of the lessee of such motor vehicle.

439 (13) ~~(12)~~ If a law enforcement agency receives an affidavit
440 under paragraph (10) (a) ~~(9) (a)~~, the notice of violation required
441 under subsection (5) must be sent to the person identified in
442 the affidavit within 30 days after receipt of the affidavit. The
443 person identified in an affidavit and sent a notice of violation
444 may ~~also~~ affirm he or she did not have care, custody, or control
445 of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation by furnishing
446 to the appropriate law enforcement agency within 60 ~~30~~ days
447 after the date of the notice of violation an affidavit stating
448 such.

449 **Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 316.183, Florida**
450 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

451 316.183 Unlawful speed.—

452 (2) On all streets or highways, the maximum speed limits
453 for all vehicles must be 30 miles per hour in business or
454 residence districts, and 55 miles per hour at any time at all
455 other locations. However, with respect to a residence district,
456 a county or municipality may set a maximum speed limit of 20 or
457 25 miles per hour on local streets and highways after an
458 investigation determines that such a limit is reasonable. It is
459 not necessary to conduct a separate investigation for each
460 residence district. The department shall determine the safe and
461 available minimum speed limit on all highways that are ~~comprise~~
462 a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways
463 and have at least ~~not fewer than~~ four lanes ~~is 40 miles per~~
464 ~~hour, except that when the posted speed limit is 70 miles per~~
465 ~~hour, the minimum speed limit is 50 miles per hour.~~

466 **Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 316.187, Florida**
467 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

468 316.187 Establishment of state speed zones.—

469 (2) (a) The maximum allowable speed limit on limited access
470 highways is 75 ~~70~~ miles per hour.

471 (b) The maximum allowable speed limit on any other highway
472 that ~~which~~ is outside an urban area of 5,000 or more persons and
473 that ~~which~~ has at least four lanes divided by a median strip is

474 70 ~~65~~ miles per hour.

475 (c) The Department of Transportation is authorized to set
476 such maximum and minimum speed limits for travel over other
477 roadways under its authority as it deems safe and advisable, not
478 to exceed as a maximum limit 65 ~~60~~ miles per hour.

479 **Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 316.20655, Florida**
480 **Statutes, is amended, and subsections (8) and (9) are added to**
481 **that section, read:**

482 316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

483 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an
484 electric bicycle or an operator of an electric bicycle shall be
485 afforded all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all of
486 the duties, of a bicycle or the operator of a bicycle, including
487 s. 316.2065. An electric bicycle is a vehicle to the same extent
488 as a bicycle. However, this section may not be construed to
489 prevent a local government, through the exercise of its powers
490 under s. 316.008, from adopting an ordinance governing the
491 operation of electric bicycles on streets, highways, sidewalks,
492 and sidewalk areas under or within the local government's
493 jurisdiction; to prevent a municipality, county, or agency of
494 the state having jurisdiction over a bicycle path, multiuse
495 path, or trail network from restricting or prohibiting the
496 operation of an electric bicycle on a bicycle path, multiuse
497 path, or trail network; or to prevent a municipality, county, or
498 agency of the state having jurisdiction over a beach as defined

in s. 161.54(3) or a dune as defined in s. 161.54(4) from restricting or prohibiting the operation of an electric bicycle on such beach or dune.

(8) A local government may adopt an ordinance providing one or more minimum age requirements to operate an electric bicycle and may adopt an ordinance requiring an operator of an electric bicycle to possess a government-issued photographic identification while operating the electric bicycle.

(9) A local government may provide training on the safe operation of electric bicycles and compliance with the traffic laws of this state that apply to electric bicycles.

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

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

(7) A local government may adopt an ordinance providing one or more minimum age requirements to operate a motorized scooter or micromobility device and may adopt an ordinance requiring a person who operates a motorized scooter or micromobility device to possess a government-issued photographic identification while operating the motorized scooter or micromobility device.

(8) A local government may provide training on the safe operation of motorized scooters and micromobility devices and compliance with the traffic laws of this state that apply to

524 motorized scooters and micromobility devices.

525 **Section 8. Effective upon this act becoming a law,**
526 **paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 316.640, Florida**
527 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

528 316.640 Enforcement.—The enforcement of the traffic laws
529 of this state is vested as follows:

530 (1) STATE.—

531 (a)1.a. The Division of Florida Highway Patrol of the
532 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; the Division of
533 Law Enforcement of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
534 Commission; the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department of
535 Environmental Protection; and the agents, inspectors, and
536 officers of the Department of Law Enforcement each have
537 authority to enforce all of the traffic laws of this state on
538 all the streets and highways thereof and elsewhere throughout
539 the state wherever the public has a right to travel by motor
540 vehicle.

541 b. University police officers may enforce all of the
542 traffic laws of this state when violations occur on or within
543 1,000 feet of any property or facilities that are under the
544 guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of a state
545 university, a direct-support organization of such state
546 university, or any other organization controlled by the state
547 university or a direct-support organization of the state
548 university, or when such violations occur within a specified

jurisdictional area as agreed upon in a mutual aid agreement entered into with a law enforcement agency pursuant to s. 23.1225(1). Traffic laws may also be enforced off-campus when hot pursuit originates on or within 1,000 feet of any such property or facilities, or as agreed upon in accordance with the mutual aid agreement.

c. Florida College System institution police officers may enforce all the traffic laws of this state only when such violations occur on or within 1,000 feet of any property or facilities that are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of the Florida College System institution, or when such violations occur within a specified jurisdictional area as agreed upon in a mutual aid agreement entered into with a law enforcement agency pursuant to s. 23.1225. Traffic laws may also be enforced off-campus when hot pursuit originates on or within 1,000 feet of any such property or facilities, or as agreed upon in accordance with the mutual aid agreement.

d. Police officers employed by an airport authority may enforce all of the traffic laws of this state only when such violations occur on any property or facilities that are owned or operated by an airport authority.

(I) An airport authority may employ as a parking enforcement specialist any individual who successfully completes a training program established and approved by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for parking

574 enforcement specialists but who does not otherwise meet the
575 uniform minimum standards established by the commission for law
576 enforcement officers or auxiliary or part-time officers under s.
577 943.12. This sub-sub-subparagraph may not be construed to permit
578 the carrying of firearms or other weapons, nor shall such
579 parking enforcement specialist have arrest authority.

580 (II) A parking enforcement specialist employed by an
581 airport authority may enforce all state, county, and municipal
582 laws and ordinances governing parking only when such violations
583 are on property or facilities owned or operated by the airport
584 authority employing the specialist, by appropriate state,
585 county, or municipal traffic citation.

586 e. The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement of the
587 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may enforce
588 traffic laws of this state.

589 f. School safety officers and school resource officers may
590 enforce all of the traffic laws of this state when such
591 violations occur on or about any property or facilities that are
592 under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of the
593 district school board, including violations of s. 316.172(1)(a)
594 and (b) as recorded by a school bus infraction detection system
595 pursuant to s. 316.173 on all roadways within the school
596 district.

597 2. Any disciplinary action taken or performance evaluation
598 conducted by an agency of the state as described in subparagraph

599 1. of a law enforcement officer's traffic enforcement activity
600 must be in accordance with written work-performance standards.
601 Such standards must be approved by the agency and any collective
602 bargaining unit representing such law enforcement officer. A
603 violation of this subparagraph is not subject to the penalties
604 provided in chapter 318.

605 3. The Division of the Florida Highway Patrol may employ
606 as a traffic accident investigation officer any individual who
607 successfully completes instruction in traffic accident
608 investigation and court presentation through the Selective
609 Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the Criminal Justice
610 Standards and Training Commission and funded through the
611 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or a similar
612 program approved by the commission, but who does not necessarily
613 meet the uniform minimum standards established by the commission
614 for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement
615 officers under chapter 943. Any such traffic accident
616 investigation officer who makes an investigation at the scene of
617 a traffic accident may issue traffic citations, based upon
618 personal investigation, when he or she has reasonable and
619 probable grounds to believe that a person who was involved in
620 the accident committed an offense under this chapter, chapter
621 319, chapter 320, or chapter 322 in connection with the
622 accident. This subparagraph does not permit the officer to carry

firearms or other weapons, and such an officer does not have authority to make arrests.

Section 9. Effective upon this act becoming a law, paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 316.650, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.650 Traffic citations.—

(3)(a) Except for a traffic citation issued pursuant to s. 316.1001, s. 316.0083, s. 316.173, or s. 316.1896, each traffic enforcement officer, upon issuing a traffic citation to an alleged violator of any provision of the motor vehicle laws of this state or of any traffic ordinance of any municipality or town, shall deposit the original traffic citation or, in the case of a traffic enforcement agency that has an automated citation issuance system, the agency ~~chief administrative officer~~ shall provide by an electronic transmission a replica of the citation data to the ~~a~~ court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense or with its traffic violations bureau within 5 business days after issuance to the violator.

Section 10. Section 316.88, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.88 Creation of a wake on streets or highways.—A person may not operate a motor vehicle, vessel, or any other conveyance at a speed that creates an excessive wake on a flooded or inundated street or highway.

Section 11. Effective upon this act becoming a law,

paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (5) of section 318.18, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(5)(a) 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., \$200 ~~two hundred dollars~~ for a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a), failure to stop for a school bus. If, at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$200. In addition to this penalty, for a second or subsequent offense within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend the driver license of the person for not less than 180 days and not more than 1 year.

2. If a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) is enforced by a school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s. 316.173, a civil penalty of \$200 shall be imposed. If, at an administrative hearing contesting a notice of violation or uniform traffic citation, the alleged offender is found to have committed the offense, a minimum civil penalty of \$200 shall be imposed. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the civil penalties assessed under this subparagraph resulting from a notice of violation or uniform traffic citation shall be remitted to the school district at least monthly and used pursuant to s. 316.173(8).

672 (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., \$400 ~~four~~
673 ~~hundred dollars~~ for a violation of s. 316.172(1)(b), passing a
674 school bus on the side that children enter and exit when the
675 school bus displays a stop signal. If, at a hearing, the alleged
676 offender is found to have committed this offense, the court
677 shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$400.

678 2. If a violation of s. 316.172(1)(b) is enforced by a
679 school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s. 316.173,
680 the penalty under this subparagraph ~~paragraph~~ is a minimum of
681 \$200. If, at a hearing contesting a notice of violation or
682 uniform traffic citation, the alleged offender is found to have
683 committed this offense, the court shall ~~must~~ impose a minimum
684 civil penalty of \$200. Notwithstanding any other provision of
685 law, the civil penalties assessed under this subparagraph
686 resulting from notice of violation or uniform traffic citation
687 shall be remitted to the school district at least monthly and
688 used pursuant to s. 316.173(8).

689 3. In addition to this penalty, for a second or subsequent
690 offense within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend
691 the driver license of the person for not less than 360 days and
692 not more than 2 years.

693 (c)1. In addition to the civil penalty under subparagraph
694 (a)2. or subparagraph (b)2., if, at an administrative hearing
695 contesting a notice of violation, the alleged offender is found
696 to have committed the offense, costs shall be imposed, not to

697 exceed those established in s. 316.0083(5)(e), to be paid by the
698 petitioner and to be used by the school district for technology
699 and operational costs relating to the hearing as well as school
700 transportation safety-related initiatives.

701 2. In addition to the penalty under subparagraph (a)1. and
702 2. or subparagraph (b)1. and 2. ~~paragraph (a) or paragraph (b),~~
703 \$65 for a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b). If the alleged
704 offender is found to have committed the offense, the court shall
705 impose the civil penalty under subparagraph (a)1. and 2. or
706 subparagraph (b)1. and 2. ~~paragraph (a) or paragraph (b)~~ plus
707 an additional \$65. The additional \$65 collected under this
708 subparagraph ~~paragraph~~ shall be remitted to the Department of
709 Revenue for deposit into the Emergency Medical Services Trust
710 Fund of the Department of Health to be used as provided in s.
711 395.4036. If a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b) is enforced
712 by a school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s.
713 316.173, the additional amount imposed on a notice of violation,
714 on a uniform traffic citation, or by the court under this
715 paragraph must be \$25, in lieu of the additional \$65, and,
716 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the civil penalties
717 and additional costs must be remitted to the participating
718 school district at least monthly and used pursuant to s.
719 316.173(8) ~~s. 316.173(7).~~

720 **Section 12. Effective upon this act becoming a law,**
721 **subsection (21) of section 318.21, Florida Statutes, is amended**

722 **to read:**

723 318.21 Disposition of civil penalties by county courts.—
724 All civil penalties received by a county court pursuant to the
725 provisions of this chapter shall be distributed and paid monthly
726 as follows:

727 (21) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) or any other
728 provision of law, the civil penalties and the proceeds from the
729 additional penalties imposed pursuant to s. 318.18(5)(a)2.,
730 (b)2., and (c) and (21) s. 318.18(5)(c) and (21) shall be
731 distributed as provided in that section.

732 **Section 13. Section 320.0849, Florida Statutes, is created**
733 **to read:**

734 320.0849 Expectant mother parking permits.—

735 (1)(a) The department or its authorized agents shall, upon
736 application, issue an expectant mother parking permit placard or
737 decal to an expectant mother. The placard or decal is valid for
738 up to 1 year after the date of issuance.

739 (b) The department shall, by rule, provide for the design,
740 size, color, and placement of the expectant mother parking
741 permit placard or decal. The placard or decal must be designed
742 to conspicuously display the expiration date of the permit.

743 (2) An application for an expectant mother parking permit
744 must include, but need not be limited to:

745 (a) Certification provided by a physician licensed under
746 chapter 458 or chapter 459 that the applicant is an expectant

747 mother.

748 (b) The certifying physician's name and address.

749 (c) The physician's certification number.

750 (d) The following statement in bold letters: "An expectant
751 mother parking permit may be issued only to an expectant mother
752 and is valid for up to 1 year after the date of issuance."

753 (e) The signatures of:

754 1. The certifying physician.

755 2. The applicant.

756 3. The employee of the department processing the
757 application.

758 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
759 expectant mother who is issued an expectant mother parking
760 permit under this section may park a motor vehicle in a parking
761 space designated for persons who have disabilities as provided
762 in s. 553.5041.

763 **Section 14. Section 330.355, Florida Statutes, is created**
764 **to read:**

765 330.355 Prohibition on landing fees for certain aircraft
766 operations.—A publicly owned airport in this state may not
767 charge a landing fee established on or after January 1, 2025,
768 for aircraft operations conducted by an accredited nonprofit
769 institution located in this state which offers a 4-year
770 collegiate aviation program, when such aircraft operations are

771 for flight training necessary for pilot certification and
772 proficiency.

773 **Section 15. Subsection (14) of section 331.3051, Florida**
774 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

775 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:
776 ~~(14) Partner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization~~
777 ~~Advisory Council to coordinate and specify how aerospace~~
778 ~~planning and programming will be part of the state's cooperative~~
779 ~~transportation planning process.~~

780 **Section 16. Subsection (6) of section 334.044, Florida**
781 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

782 334.044 Powers and duties of the department.—The
783 department shall have the following general powers and duties:
784 (6) To acquire, by the exercise of the power of eminent
785 domain as provided by law, all property or property rights,
786 whether public or private, which it may determine are necessary
787 to the performance of its duties and the execution of its
788 powers, including advance purchase of property or property
789 rights to preserve a corridor for future proposed improvements.

790 **Section 17. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 334.065,**
791 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

792 334.065 Center for Urban Transportation Research.—
793 (1) There is established within ~~at~~ the University of South
794 Florida the Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research, ~~to~~
795 ~~be administered by the Board of Governors of the State~~

796 ~~University System.~~ The responsibilities of the center include,
797 but are not limited to, conducting and facilitating research on
798 issues related to urban transportation problems in this state
799 and serving as an information exchange and depository for the
800 most current information pertaining to urban transportation and
801 related issues.

802 (3) An advisory board shall be created to periodically ~~and~~
803 ~~objectively~~ review and advise the center concerning its research
804 program. ~~Except for projects mandated by law, state-funded base~~
805 ~~projects shall not be undertaken without approval of the~~
806 ~~advisory board.~~ The membership of the board shall consist of
807 nine experts in transportation-related areas, as follows:

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

809 (b) A member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
810 Representatives.

811 (c) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her
812 designee.

813 (d) The Secretary of Commerce or his or her designee.
814 ~~including the secretaries of the Department of Transportation,~~
815 ~~the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department~~
816 ~~of Commerce, or their designees, and~~

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

818 (f) Four members nominated by the University of South
819 Florida's College of Engineering and approved by the
820 university's president ~~The nomination of the remaining members~~

~~of the board shall be made to the President of the University of South Florida by the College of Engineering at the University of South Florida, and the appointment of these members must be reviewed and approved by the Florida Transportation Commission and confirmed by the Board of Governors.~~

Section 18. Section 334.63, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

334.63 Project concept studies; project development and environmental studies.—

(1) All project concept studies and project development and environmental studies for capacity improvement projects on limited-access facilities must include the evaluation of alternatives that provide transportation capacity using elevated roadways above existing lanes.

(2) All project development and environmental studies for new alignment projects and new capacity improvement projects must be completed within 18 months after commencement to the maximum extent possible.

Section 19. Subsections (4), (7), and (15) of section 337.11, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(4) (a) The department may award the proposed construction

846 and maintenance work to the lowest responsible bidder, or in the
847 instance of a time-plus-money contract, the lowest evaluated
848 responsible bidder, or it may reject all bids and proceed to
849 rebid the work in accordance with subsection (2) or otherwise
850 perform the work.

851 (b)1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
852 contrary, if the department intends to reject all bids on any
853 project after announcing but before posting official notice of
854 such intent, the department must provide to the lowest
855 responsive and responsible bidder the opportunity to negotiate
856 the scope of work with the corresponding reduction in price, as
857 provided in the bid, to provide a reduced bid without filing a
858 protest or posting a bond under paragraph (5) (a). Upon reaching
859 a decision regarding such bidder's reduced bid, the department
860 must post notice of final agency action to either reject all
861 bids or accept the reduced bid.

862 2. This subsection does not prohibit the filing of a
863 protest by any bidder or alter the deadlines in s. 120.57.

864 3. Notwithstanding ss. 120.57(3)(c) and 287.057(25), upon
865 receipt of a timely filed formal written protest, the department
866 may continue with the process provided for in this subsection
867 but may not take final agency action as to the lowest responsive
868 and responsible bidder, except as part of the department's final
869 agency action in the protest or if the protesting party
870 dismisses the protest.

871 (7)(a) If the department determines that it is in the best
872 interests of the public, the department may combine the design
873 and construction phases of a project into a single contract.
874 Such contract is referred to as a design-build contract. For
875 design-build contracts, the department must receive at least
876 three letters of interest, and the department shall request
877 proposals from no fewer than three of the design-build firms
878 submitting such letters of interest. If a design-build firm
879 withdraws from consideration after the department requests
880 proposals, the department may continue if at least two proposals
881 are received.

882 (b) If the department determines that it is in the best
883 interests of the public, the department may combine the design
884 and construction phases of a project fully funded in the work
885 program into a single contract and select the design-build firm
886 in the early stages of a project to ensure that the design-build
887 firm is part of the collaboration and development of the design
888 as part of a step-by-step progression through construction. Such
889 a contract is referred to as a phased design-build contract. For
890 phased design-build contracts, selection and award must include
891 a two-phase process. For phase one, the department shall
892 competitively award the contract to a design-build firm based
893 upon qualifications, provided that the department has received
894 at least three statements of qualifications from qualified
895 design-build firms. If the department elects, during phase one,

896 to enter into contracts with more than one design-build firm
897 based on qualifications, the department shall competitively
898 select a single design-build firm to perform the work associated
899 with phase two. For phase two, the design-build firm may
900 independently perform portions of the work and shall
901 competitively bid construction trade subcontractor packages and,
902 based upon the design-build firm's estimates of its
903 independently performed work and these bids, negotiate with the
904 department a ~~fixed firm price or~~ guaranteed maximum price that
905 meets the project budget and scope as advertised in the request
906 for qualifications.

907 ~~(c) Design-build contracts and phased design-build~~
908 ~~contracts may be advertised and awarded notwithstanding the~~
909 ~~requirements of paragraph (3)(c). However, construction~~
910 ~~activities may not begin on any portion of such projects for~~
911 ~~which the department has not yet obtained title to the necessary~~
912 ~~rights-of-way and easements for the construction of that portion~~
913 ~~of the project has vested in the state or a local governmental~~
914 ~~entity and all railroad crossing and utility agreements have~~
915 ~~been executed. Title to rights-of-way shall be deemed to have~~
916 ~~vested in the state when the title has been dedicated to the~~
917 ~~public or acquired by prescription.~~

918 (c)(d) The department shall adopt by rule procedures for
919 administering design-build and phased design-build contracts.
920 Such procedures shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Prequalification requirements.
2. Public announcement procedures.
3. Scope of service requirements.
4. Letters of interest requirements.
5. Short-listing criteria and procedures.
6. Bid proposal requirements.
7. Technical review committee.
8. Selection and award processes.
9. Stipend requirements.

(d)(e) For ~~design-build contracts and~~ phased design-build contracts, the department must receive at least three letters of interest, and ~~in order to proceed with a request for proposals.~~ the department shall request proposals from no fewer than three of the design-build firms submitting such letters of interest. If a design-build firm withdraws from consideration after the department requests proposals, the department may continue if at least two proposals are received.

(15) Each contract let by the department for performance of bridge construction or maintenance on ~~over~~ navigable waters must contain a provision requiring marine general liability insurance, including protection and indemnity coverage, in an amount to be determined by the department, which covers third-party personal injury and property damage caused by vessels used by the contractor in the performance of the work. Protection and indemnity coverage may be covered by endorsement on the marine

946 general liability insurance policy or may be a separate policy.

947 **Section 20. Subsections (1), (2), and (8) of section**
948 **337.14, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

949 337.14 Application for qualification; certificate of
950 qualification; restrictions; request for hearing.—

951 (1) (a) ~~A Any~~ contractor desiring to bid for the
952 performance of a ~~any~~ construction contract in excess of \$250,000
953 which the department proposes to let must first be certified by
954 the department as qualified pursuant to this section and rules
955 of the department. The rules of the department must address the
956 qualification of contractors to bid on construction contracts in
957 excess of \$250,000 and must include requirements with respect to
958 the equipment, past record, experience, financial resources, and
959 organizational personnel of the applying contractor which are
960 necessary to perform the specific class of work for which the
961 contractor seeks certification.

962 (b) ~~A Any~~ contractor who desires to bid on contracts in
963 excess of \$50 million and who is not qualified and in good
964 standing with the department as of January 1, 2019, must first
965 be certified by the department as qualified and must have
966 satisfactorily completed two projects, each in excess of \$15
967 million, for the department or for any other state department of
968 transportation.

969 (c) The department may limit the dollar amount of any
970 contract upon which a contractor is qualified to bid or the

971 aggregate total dollar volume of contracts such contractor is
972 allowed to have under contract at any one time.

973 (d)1. Each applying contractor seeking qualification to
974 bid on construction contracts in excess of \$250,000 shall
975 furnish the department a statement under oath, on such forms as
976 the department may prescribe, setting forth detailed information
977 as required on the application.

978 2. Each application for certification must be accompanied
979 by audited, certified financial statements prepared in
980 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and
981 auditing standards by a certified public accountant licensed in
982 this state or another state. The audited, certified financial
983 statements must be for the applying contractor and must have
984 been prepared within the immediately preceding 12 months.

985 3. The department may not consider any financial
986 information of the parent entity of the applying contractor, if
987 any.

988 4. The department may not certify as qualified any
989 applying contractor who fails to submit the audited, certified
990 financial statements required by this subsection.

991 5. If the application or the annual financial statement
992 shows the financial condition of the applying contractor more
993 than 4 months before the date on which the application is
994 received by the department, the applicant must also submit
995 interim audited, certified financial statements prepared in

996 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and
997 auditing standards by a certified public accountant licensed in
998 this state or another state. The interim financial statements
999 must cover the period from the end date of the annual statement
1000 and must show the financial condition of the applying contractor
1001 no more than 4 months before the date that the interim financial
1002 statements are received by the department. However, upon the
1003 request of the applying contractor, an application and
1004 accompanying annual or interim financial statement received by
1005 the department within 15 days after either 4-month period under
1006 this subsection shall be considered timely.

1007 6. An applying contractor desiring to bid exclusively for
1008 the performance of construction contracts with proposed budget
1009 estimates of less than \$2 million may submit reviewed annual or
1010 reviewed interim financial statements prepared by a certified
1011 public accountant.

1012 (e) The information required by this subsection is
1013 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1).

1014 (f) The department shall act upon the application for
1015 qualification within 30 days after the department determines
1016 that the application is complete.

1017 (g) The department may waive the requirements of this
1018 subsection for:

1019 1. A push-button contract or a task work order contract
1020 that has a contract price of \$1 million or less; or

1021 2. A project that has ~~projects having~~ a contract price of
1022 \$500,000 or less if the department determines that the project
1023 is of a noncritical nature and the waiver will not endanger
1024 public health, safety, or property.

1025 (2) Certification shall be necessary in order to bid on a
1026 road, bridge, or public transportation construction contract of
1027 more than \$250,000. However, the successful bidder on any
1028 construction contract must furnish a contract bond before ~~prior~~
1029 ~~to~~ the award of the contract. The department may waive the
1030 requirement for all or a portion of a contract bond for
1031 contracts of \$250,000 ~~\$150,000~~ or less under s. 337.18(1).

1032 (8) This section does not apply to maintenance contracts.
1033 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a contractor seeking
1034 to bid on a maintenance contract for which the majority of the
1035 work includes repair and replacement of safety appurtenances,
1036 including, but not limited to, guardrails, attenuators, traffic
1037 signals, and striping, must possess the prescribed
1038 qualifications, equipment, past record, and experience required
1039 to perform such work.

1040 **Section 21. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 337.185,**
1041 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1042 337.185 State Arbitration Board.—

1043 (4) The contractor may submit a claim greater than
1044 \$250,000 up to \$2 million ~~\$1 million~~ per contract or, upon
1045 agreement of the parties, greater than ~~up to~~ \$2 million per

contract to be arbitrated by the board. An award issued by the board pursuant to this subsection is final if a request for a trial de novo is not filed within the time provided by Rule 1.830, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. At the trial de novo, the court may not admit evidence that there has been an arbitration proceeding, the nature or amount of the award, or any other matter concerning the conduct of the arbitration proceeding, except that sworn testimony given in connection with ~~at~~ an arbitration hearing may be used for any purpose otherwise permitted by the Florida Evidence Code. If a request for trial de novo is not filed within the time provided, the award issued by the board is final and enforceable by a court of law.

(5) An arbitration request may not be made to the board before final acceptance but must be made to the board within 820 days after final acceptance or within 360 days after written notice by the department of a claim related to a written warranty or defect after final acceptance, whichever is later.

Section 22. Subsection (2) of section 337.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.19 Suits by and against department; limitation of actions; forum.—

(2) Suits by and against the department under this section shall be commenced within 820 days after ~~of~~ the final acceptance of the work or within 360 days after written notice by the department of a claim related to a written warranty or defect

1071 after final acceptance, whichever is later. ~~This section shall~~
1072 ~~apply to all contracts entered into after June 30, 1993.~~

1073 **Section 23. Subsection (10) of section 339.175, Florida**
1074 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), subsection (1),**
1075 **paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraphs (b), (i), and (j) of**
1076 **subsection (6), paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of subsection (7),**
1077 **and present subsection (11) are amended, and a new subsection**
1078 **(10) is added to that section, to read:**

1079 339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

1080 (1) PURPOSE.—It is the intent of the Legislature to
1081 encourage and promote the safe and efficient management,
1082 operation, and development of multimodal ~~surface~~ transportation
1083 systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight
1084 and foster economic growth and development within and through
1085 urbanized areas of this state in accordance with the
1086 department's mission statement ~~while minimizing transportation-~~
1087 ~~related fuel consumption, air pollution, and greenhouse gas~~
1088 ~~emissions through metropolitan transportation planning processes~~
1089 ~~identified in this section.~~ To accomplish these objectives,
1090 metropolitan planning organizations, referred to in this section
1091 as M.P.O.'s, shall develop, in cooperation with the state and
1092 public transit operators, transportation plans and programs for
1093 metropolitan areas. The plans and programs for each metropolitan
1094 area must provide for the development and integrated management
1095 and operation of transportation systems and facilities,

1096 including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation
1097 facilities that will function as an intermodal transportation
1098 system for the metropolitan area, based upon the prevailing
1099 principles provided in s. 334.046(1). The process for developing
1100 such plans and programs shall provide for consideration of all
1101 modes of transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative,
1102 and comprehensive, to the degree appropriate, based on the
1103 complexity of the transportation problems to be addressed. To
1104 ensure that the process is integrated with the statewide
1105 planning process, M.P.O.'s shall develop plans and programs that
1106 identify transportation facilities that should function as an
1107 integrated metropolitan transportation system, giving emphasis
1108 to facilities that serve important national, state, and regional
1109 transportation functions. For the purposes of this section,
1110 those facilities include the facilities on the Strategic
1111 Intermodal System designated under s. 339.63 and facilities for
1112 which projects have been identified pursuant to s. 339.2819(4).

1113 (2) DESIGNATION.—

1114 (a)1. An M.P.O. shall be designated for each urbanized
1115 area of the state; however, this does not require that an
1116 individual M.P.O. be designated for each such area. Such
1117 designation shall be accomplished by agreement between the
1118 Governor and units of general-purpose local government
1119 representing at least 75 percent of the population of the
1120 urbanized area; however, the unit of general-purpose local

government that represents the central city or cities within the M.P.O. jurisdiction, as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census, must be a party to such agreement.

2. To the extent possible, only one M.P.O. shall be designated for each urbanized area or group of contiguous urbanized areas. More than one M.P.O. may be designated within an existing urbanized area only if the Governor and the existing M.P.O. determine that the size and complexity of the existing urbanized area makes the designation of more than one M.P.O. for the area appropriate. After July 1, 2025, no additional M.P.O.'s may be designated in this state except in urbanized areas, as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census, where the urbanized area boundary is not contiguous to an urbanized area designated before the 2020 census, ~~in which case each M.P.O. designated for the area must:~~

~~a. Consult with every other M.P.O. designated for the urbanized area and the state to coordinate plans and transportation improvement programs.~~

~~b. Ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, the consistency of data used in the planning process, including data used in forecasting travel demand within the urbanized area.~~

Each M.P.O. required under this section must be fully operative no later than 6 months following its designation.

(6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers,

privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It is the intent of this section that each M.P.O. be involved in the planning and programming of transportation facilities, including, but not limited to, airports, intercity and high-speed rail lines, seaports, and intermodal facilities, to the extent permitted by state or federal law. An M.P.O. may not perform project production or delivery for capital improvement projects on the State Highway System.

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

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

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

3. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight.

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

1171 life.

1172 5. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the
1173 transportation system, across and between modes and contiguous
1174 urbanized metropolitan areas, for people and freight.

1175 6. Promote efficient system management and operation.

1176 7. Emphasize the preservation of the existing
1177 transportation system.

1178 8. Improve the resilience of transportation
1179 infrastructure.

1180 9. Reduce traffic and congestion.

1181 ~~(i) By December 31, 2023, the M.P.O.'s serving~~
1182 ~~Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties must submit a~~
1183 ~~feasibility report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,~~
1184 ~~and the Speaker of the House of Representatives exploring the~~
1185 ~~benefits, costs, and process of consolidation into a single~~
1186 ~~M.P.O. serving the contiguous urbanized area, the goal of which~~
1187 ~~would be to:~~

1188 ~~1. Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be~~
1189 ~~regionally significant.~~

1190 ~~2. Review the impact of regionally significant land use~~
1191 ~~decisions on the region.~~

1192 ~~3. Review all proposed regionally significant~~
1193 ~~transportation projects in the transportation improvement~~
1194 ~~programs.~~

1195 (i)(j)1. To more fully accomplish the purposes for which

1196 M.P.O.'s have been mandated, the department shall, at least
1197 annually, convene M.P.O.'s for the purpose of exchanging best
1198 practices. M.P.O.'s may ~~shall~~ develop committees or working
1199 groups as needed to accomplish such purpose. Training for new
1200 M.P.O. governing board members shall be provided by the
1201 department or, at the discretion of the department, by an entity
1202 pursuant to a contract with the department, by the Florida
1203 Center for Urban Transportation Research, or by the Implementing
1204 Solutions from Transportation Research and Evaluation of
1205 Emerging Technologies (I-STREET) living lab ~~coordination~~
1206 ~~mechanisms with one another to expand and improve transportation~~
1207 ~~within the state. The appropriate method of coordination between~~
1208 ~~M.P.O.'s shall vary depending upon the project involved and~~
1209 ~~given local and regional needs. Consequently, it is appropriate~~
1210 ~~to set forth a flexible methodology that can be used by M.P.O.'s~~
1211 ~~to coordinate with other M.P.O.'s and appropriate political~~
1212 ~~subdivisions as circumstances demand.~~

1213 2. Any M.P.O. may join with any other M.P.O. or any
1214 individual political subdivision to coordinate activities or to
1215 achieve any federal or state transportation planning or
1216 development goals or purposes consistent with federal or state
1217 law. When an M.P.O. determines that it is appropriate to join
1218 with another M.P.O. or any political subdivision to coordinate
1219 activities, the M.P.O. or political subdivision shall enter into
1220 an interlocal agreement pursuant to s. 163.01, which, at a

1221 minimum, creates a separate legal or administrative entity to
1222 coordinate the transportation planning or development activities
1223 required to achieve the goal or purpose; provides the purpose
1224 for which the entity is created; provides the duration of the
1225 agreement and the entity and specifies how the agreement may be
1226 terminated, modified, or rescinded; describes the precise
1227 organization of the entity, including who has voting rights on
1228 the governing board, whether alternative voting members are
1229 provided for, how voting members are appointed, and what the
1230 relative voting strength is for each constituent M.P.O. or
1231 political subdivision; provides the manner in which the parties
1232 to the agreement will provide for the financial support of the
1233 entity and payment of costs and expenses of the entity; provides
1234 the manner in which funds may be paid to and disbursed from the
1235 entity; and provides how members of the entity will resolve
1236 disagreements regarding interpretation of the interlocal
1237 agreement or disputes relating to the operation of the entity.
1238 Such interlocal agreement shall become effective upon its
1239 recordation in the official public records of each county in
1240 which a member of the entity created by the interlocal agreement
1241 has a voting member. Multiple M.P.O.'s may merge, combine, or
1242 otherwise join together as a single M.P.O.

1243 (7) LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.—Each M.P.O. must
1244 develop a long-range transportation plan that addresses at least
1245 a 20-year planning horizon. The plan must include both long-

range and short-range strategies and must comply with all other state and federal requirements. The prevailing principles to be considered in the long-range transportation plan are: preserving the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure mobility. The long-range transportation plan must be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with future land use elements and the goals, objectives, and policies of the approved local government comprehensive plans of the units of local government located within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. Each M.P.O. is encouraged to consider strategies that integrate transportation and land use planning to provide for sustainable development and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The approved long-range transportation plan must be considered by local governments in the development of the transportation elements in local government comprehensive plans and any amendments thereto. The long-range transportation plan must, at a minimum:

(a) Identify transportation facilities, including, but not limited to, major roadways, airports, seaports, spaceports, commuter rail systems, transit systems, and intermodal or multimodal terminals that will function as an integrated metropolitan transportation system. The long-range transportation plan must give emphasis to those transportation facilities that serve national, statewide, or regional functions, and must consider the goals and objectives identified

1271 in the Florida Transportation Plan as provided in s. 339.155. If
1272 a project is located within the boundaries of more than one
1273 M.P.O., the M.P.O.'s must coordinate plans regarding the project
1274 in the long-range transportation plan. ~~Multiple M.P.O.'s within~~
1275 ~~a contiguous urbanized area must coordinate the development of~~
1276 ~~long-range transportation plans to be reviewed by the~~
1277 ~~Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.~~

1278 (b) Include a financial plan that demonstrates how the
1279 plan can be implemented, indicating resources from public and
1280 private sources which are reasonably expected to be available to
1281 carry out the plan, and recommends any additional financing
1282 strategies for needed projects and programs. The financial plan
1283 may include, for illustrative purposes, additional projects that
1284 would be included in the adopted long-range transportation plan
1285 if reasonable additional resources beyond those identified in
1286 the financial plan were available. For the purpose of developing
1287 the long-range transportation plan, the M.P.O. and the
1288 department shall cooperatively develop estimates of funds that
1289 will be available to support the plan implementation. Innovative
1290 financing techniques may be used to fund needed projects and
1291 programs. Such techniques may include the assessment of tolls,
1292 public-private partnerships, the use of value capture financing,
1293 or the use of value pricing. Multiple M.P.O.'s within a
1294 contiguous urbanized area must ensure, to the maximum extent
1295 possible, the consistency of data used in the planning process.

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

In the development of its long-range transportation plan, each M.P.O. must provide the public, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transit, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the long-range transportation plan. The long-range transportation plan must be approved by the M.P.O.

(10) AGREEMENTS; ACCOUNTABILITY.—

(a) Each M.P.O. may execute a written agreement with the department, which shall be reviewed, and updated as necessary, every 5 years, which clearly establishes the cooperative

relationship essential to accomplish the transportation planning requirements of state and federal law. Roles, responsibilities, and expectations for accomplishing consistency with federal and state requirements and priorities must be set forth in the agreement. In addition, the agreement must set forth the M.P.O.'s responsibility, in collaboration with the department, to identify, prioritize, and present to the department a complete list of multimodal transportation projects consistent with the needs of the metropolitan planning area. It is the department's responsibility to schedule projects in the state transportation improvement program, in collaboration with the M.P.O.'s, considering the annual M.P.O. list of priority projects, as available funding allows.

(b) The department must establish, in collaboration with each M.P.O., quality performance metrics such as safety, infrastructure condition, congestion relief, and mobility. Each M.P.O. must, as part of its long-range transportation plan, in direct coordination with the department, develop targets for each performance measure within the metropolitan planning area boundary. The performance targets must support efficient and safe movement of people and goods both within the metropolitan planning area and between regions. Each M.P.O. must report progress toward establishing performance targets for each measure annually in its transportation improvement plan. The department shall evaluate and post on its website whether each

1346 M.P.O. has made significant progress toward its target for the
1347 applicable reporting period.

1348 ~~(11) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.—~~

1349 ~~(a) A Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council~~
1350 ~~is created to augment, and not supplant, the role of the~~
1351 ~~individual M.P.O.'s in the cooperative transportation planning~~
1352 ~~process described in this section.~~

1353 ~~(b) The council shall consist of one representative from~~
1354 ~~each M.P.O. and shall elect a chairperson annually from its~~
1355 ~~number. Each M.P.O. shall also elect an alternate representative~~
1356 ~~from each M.P.O. to vote in the absence of the representative.~~
1357 ~~Members of the council do not receive any compensation for their~~
1358 ~~services, but may be reimbursed from funds made available to~~
1359 ~~council members for travel and per diem expenses incurred in the~~
1360 ~~performance of their council duties as provided in s. 112.061.~~

1361 ~~(c) The powers and duties of the Metropolitan Planning~~
1362 ~~Organization Advisory Council are to:~~

1363 ~~1. Establish bylaws by action of its governing board~~
1364 ~~providing procedural rules to guide its proceedings and~~
1365 ~~consideration of matters before the council, or, alternatively,~~
1366 ~~adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement~~
1367 ~~provisions of law conferring powers or duties upon it.~~

1368 ~~2. Assist M.P.O.'s in carrying out the urbanized area~~
1369 ~~transportation planning process by serving as the principal~~
1370 ~~forum for collective policy discussion pursuant to law.~~

1371 ~~3. Serve as a clearinghouse for review and comment by~~
1372 ~~M.P.O.'s on the Florida Transportation Plan and on other issues~~
1373 ~~required to comply with federal or state law in carrying out the~~
1374 ~~urbanized area transportation and systematic planning processes~~
1375 ~~instituted pursuant to s. 339.155. The council must also report~~
1376 ~~annually to the Florida Transportation Commission on the~~
1377 ~~alignment of M.P.O. long-range transportation plans with the~~
1378 ~~Florida Transportation Plan.~~

1379 ~~4. Employ an executive director and such other staff as~~
1380 ~~necessary to perform adequately the functions of the council,~~
1381 ~~within budgetary limitations. The executive director and staff~~
1382 ~~are exempt from part II of chapter 110 and serve at the~~
1383 ~~direction and control of the council. The council is assigned to~~
1384 ~~the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation~~
1385 ~~for fiscal and accountability purposes, but it shall otherwise~~
1386 ~~function independently of the control and direction of the~~
1387 ~~department.~~

1388 ~~5. Deliver training on federal and state program~~
1389 ~~requirements and procedures to M.P.O. board members and M.P.O.~~
1390 ~~staff.~~

1391 ~~6. Adopt an agency strategic plan that prioritizes steps~~
1392 ~~the agency will take to carry out its mission within the context~~
1393 ~~of the state comprehensive plan and any other statutory mandates~~
1394 ~~and directives.~~

1395 ~~(d) The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory~~

~~Council may enter into contracts in accordance with chapter 287 to support the activities described in paragraph (c). Lobbying and the acceptance of funds, grants, assistance, gifts, or bequests from private, local, state, or federal sources are prohibited.~~

Section 24. Subsection (4) of section 339.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.65 Strategic Intermodal System highway corridors.—

(4) The department shall develop and maintain a plan of Strategic Intermodal System highway corridor projects that are anticipated to be let to contract for construction within a time period of at least 20 years. The department, in collaboration with each M.P.O., shall prioritize projects that address gaps in a corridor so that the corridor becomes contiguous. The plan shall also identify when segments of the corridor will meet the standards and criteria developed pursuant to subsection (5).

Section 25. Section 339.84, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.84 Workforce development.—

(1) Beginning in the 2023-2024 fiscal year and annually thereafter for 5 years, \$5 million shall be allocated from the State Transportation Trust Fund to the workforce development program as provided in s. 334.044(35) to promote career paths in Florida's road and bridge industry.

(2) In fiscal years 2025-2026 through 2029-2030, the

department may expend up to \$5 million each fiscal year for grants to Florida College System institutions and high schools for the purchase of equipment simulators with authentic original equipment manufacturer controls. Each grant recipient must offer an elective course in heavy civil construction the curriculum of which is specifically designed to use an equipment simulator and other instructional aides to, at a minimum, provide the student with OSHA 10 Construction certification and an equipment simulator certification. In awarding such grants, the department shall give priority to Florida College System institutions and high schools in rural communities as defined in s. 288.0656(2).

Section 26. Section 339.85, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

339.85 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Program.—The department shall implement the Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Program. The purpose of the program is to increase traffic signal interconnectivity and provide real-time traffic optimization to improve traffic flow and enhance safety. The program shall:

(1) Provide for retrofitting existing traffic signals and controllers and providing a communication backbone for remote and automated operations and management of such signals on the State Highway System and the nonstate highway system.

(2) Prioritize signal upgrades based on average annual daily traffic and the impact of adding to an existing

interconnected system.

(3) Use at least one advanced traffic management platform that uses state-of-the-art technology and that complies with leading cybersecurity standards, such as SOC 2 and ISO 27001, ensuring robust data protection.

Section 27. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 331.310, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331.310 Powers and duties of the board of directors.—

(2) The board of directors shall:

(e) Prepare an annual report of operations as a supplement to the annual report required under s. 331.3051(15) ~~s. 331.3051(16)~~. The report must include, but not be limited to, a balance sheet, an income statement, a statement of changes in financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, the auditor's report, a summary of the status of existing and proposed bonding projects, comments from management about the year's business, and prospects for the next year.

Section 28. The Legislature finds that the widening of that portion of Interstate 4 between U.S. Highway 27 in Polk County and Interstate 75 in Hillsborough County is in the public interest and in the strategic interest of the region to improve the movement of people and goods. The Department of Transportation shall develop a report that includes, but is not limited to, detailed costs for project development and

environmental studies, design, acquisition of rights-of-way, and construction and a schedule to complete the widening as expeditiously as possible. Such report shall identify funding shortfalls and strategies to address such shortfalls, including, but not limited to, using express lane toll revenues generated on the Interstate 4 corridor and other available department funds for public-private partnerships. The department shall submit the report by December 31, 2025, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 29. By October 31, 2025, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report that provides a comprehensive review of the boundaries of each of the department's districts and whether any district's boundaries should be redrawn as a result of population growth and increased urban density.

Section 30. Section 332.136, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

332.136 Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority; airport pilot program.—

(1) There is established at the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority (SMAA) an airport pilot program. The purpose of the pilot program is to determine the long-term feasibility of alternative airport permitting procedures such as those provided

1496 in ss. 553.80, 1013.30, 1013.33, and 1013.371.

1497 (2) The department shall adopt rules as necessary to
1498 implement the pilot program.

1499 (3) By December 1, 2027, the department shall submit
1500 recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
1501 of the House of Representatives about how to expand the pilot
1502 program to additional airports, amend the pilot program to
1503 increase its effectiveness, or terminate the pilot program.

1504 (4) This section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2028,
1505 unless reviewed and saved from appeal through reenactment by the
1506 Legislature.

1507 **Section 31. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section**
1508 **348.0304, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1509 348.0304 Greater Miami Expressway Agency.—

1510 (3) (a) The governing body of the agency shall consist of
1511 nine voting members. Except for the district secretary of the
1512 department, each member must be a permanent resident of a county
1513 served by the agency and may not hold, or have held in the
1514 previous 2 years, elected or appointed office in such county,
1515 except that this paragraph does not apply to any initial
1516 appointment under paragraph (b) or to any member who previously
1517 served on the governing body of the former Greater Miami
1518 Expressway Agency. Each member may only serve two terms of 4
1519 years each, except that there is no restriction on the term of
1520 the department's district secretary. Four members, each of whom

1521 must be a permanent resident of Miami-Dade County, shall be
1522 appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate
1523 at the next regular session of the Legislature. Refusal or
1524 failure of the Senate to confirm an appointment shall create a
1525 vacancy. Appointments made by the Governor and board of county
1526 commissioners of Miami-Dade County shall reflect the state's
1527 interests in the transportation sector and represent the intent,
1528 duties, and purpose of the Greater Miami Expressway Agency, and
1529 have at least 3 years of professional experience in one or more
1530 of the following areas: finance; land use planning; tolling
1531 industry; or transportation engineering. Two members, who must
1532 be residents of an unincorporated portion of the geographic area
1533 described in subsection (1) and residing within 15 miles of an
1534 ~~area with the highest amount of~~ agency toll road ~~roads~~, shall be
1535 appointed by the board of county commissioners of Miami-Dade
1536 County. Two members, who must be residents of incorporated
1537 municipalities within a county served by the agency, shall be
1538 appointed by the metropolitan planning organization for a county
1539 served by the agency. The district secretary of the department
1540 serving in the district that contains Miami-Dade County shall
1541 serve as an ex officio voting member of the governing body.

1542 **Section 32.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1543 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
1544 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
1545 2025.