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Legislative Update for the week ending 03/22/2019

Overview

This week's MPOAC Legislative Newsletter has the honor of starting out with a bit of good news. HB 107, the distracted driving bill is going to be heard in its first House committee stop on Tuesday!!!! A shout-out to one of my colleagues, Lauren, for tipping me off that the good news was coming. She and her team are part of a valuable collation of transportation lobbyists who help to make sure our local voices are heard in the Legislature. Please share your thanks and support for HB 107 by calling your legislator. The Senate version, SB 76 is being heard in Judiciary Committee on Monday. Let's hope this is the year that distracted driving becomes a primary offense. We may need your calls soon to help HB 107 to be heard in the second committee stop.

The other big news this week was that each chamber announced their proposed budgets. In the Senate, we anxiously waited for Senator Hutson, Chair of the Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Subcommittee on Appropriations, to share with us the news related to the Senate's proposed transportation budget. It was great news, transportation is fully funded. For many of my audience, the other piece of good news is that the Senate is also proposing to not remove funds from the Sadowski Housing Fund for affordable housing.

A little more about the budget proposals..... Please remember that these are proposals and must go through the horse-trading process of aligning the spending priorities of each chamber in the final budget and in this process we must not forget that the governor also gets to weigh in either early in the process or later with his veto pen (or both times). The budget details of each chamber will have to change since the House and Senate budgets are about \$400 Million apart. This sounds bad when considering the amount is \$400 Million but they actually are not that far apart in the scheme of our total state budget amounts when you consider the Senate has proposed spending \$90.3 Billion and the House has proposed spending \$89.9 Billion. To help put things in perspective, last year the Legislature and Governor approved a statewide budget of \$88.7 Billion and Governor DeSantis proposed a budget this year of \$91.3 Billion. House Speaker Olivia has clearly stated that one of his priorities to spend less per capita this coming state fiscal year than the current year. Now we are spending about \$4800 per capita in Florida. How each chamber spends the money is where we get into the differences.

Transportation is proposed to be fully funded and we should be thankful for that, quickly knock on a block of wood! One good part of Florida transportation is the fact that our money comes from a trust fund that is filled with dollars from the USDOT and state transportation sources such as our state gas tax and motor vehicle license registration fees. Those dollars are dedicated to transportation and in the case of the federal dollars they must be spent on transportation, the federal dollars cannot be spent on other purposes. The other interesting detail of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development is

that very little of their money may be spent for purposes other than what each of the trust funds state the money is to be used for, although that does not mean that in years past the money was not pulled from a trust fund and used elsewhere.

A contentious part of any budget, whether it is your household budget or the state budget, is how the money is spent. In Florida, the House wants an increase of \$600 Million for education, the Senate wants an increase of \$1.1 Billion and the Governor is more in the House range for education spending increases. Hurricane recovery is expected to hit around \$1.8 Billion this year which is a lot of money and that will constrain spending elsewhere. Not that the spending on hurricane recovery is not needed – we cannot and should not argue in that direction. The other question is to decide whether or not to include about \$300 Million in gambling revenues from the Seminole tribe in the spending plan. As of today, the agreement between the tribe and the State is not current and so if the legislative leaders expect to renew their agreement soon they could count on the money. Or, as the Senate President stated, he wants to be conservative and not count on the money until after an agreement is inked.

One interesting part of the budget that we are seeing unfolding this year is the proposed spending on water quality and the environment. Governor DeSantis is going through his first state budget making process and just as impactful is the fact that the legislature is going through their first budget making process with a new Governor. Governor DeSantis has been clear that he wants to protect the environment and thus he proposed spending about \$625 Million on the Everglades and water quality, the House came in just a bit lower at about \$607 Million and the Senate came in at about \$1.7 Billion. We should remember something about our new Governor, he is our first Generation X Governor in Florida. Generation X was shaped by their experiences growing up and the cultural movements at that time. A large part of that experience was a push to not litter (do you remember the TV ad showing the Native American standing in a field full of litter and a tear running down his face?), Nancy Reagan's "just say no" campaign against drugs, and a strong emphasis on recycling rather than tossing items in the landfill. Generation X, which I am a part of, has engrained in their value system environmental conservation, we are seeing this in our new Governor. This is good news for the Everglades, our water quality and the battle against blue-green algae as well as red tide. Our tourism industry has to be pleased with this direction the Governor is taking.

As always, the new bills and changes to existing bills are shown in **RED** in the last section of the newsletter. **Sections shown in RED and ~~striketrough~~ represent items removed due to an amendment to a bill.** Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of changes and amendments.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

Important Dates for the 2019 Legislative Session

- January 25, 2019 - deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- March 1, 2019 - Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- March 5, 2019 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction
- April 20, 2019 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day
- April 23, 2019 - Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- May 3, 2019 - Last day of Regular Session

Committee Meetings Next Week of Interest to the Membership

Monday, March 25, 2019

- Senate Judiciary Committee – Senate Office Building Rm 110 – 4:00PM

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

- Senate Community Affairs Committee– Senate Office Building Rm 301 – 4:00PM
- Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee – Senate Office Building Rm 110 – 4:00PM
- House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – Reed Hall (102 HOB) - 9:00AM
- House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee - Reed Hall (102 HOB) - Noon

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

- Senate Appropriations Committee– Knott Office Building Rm 412 – 1:00PM
- Senate Full Chamber Session – 1:30PM
- Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee – Senate Office Building Rm 110 – 4:00PM
- House Appropriations Committee – 9:00AM
- House Full Chamber Session – 3:00PM

Thursday, March 28, 2019

- Senate Full Chamber Session – 1:30PM
- House Judiciary Committee – 8:00AM

Friday, March 29, 2019

- Both the House and Senate are not meeting

Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature's website as of March 22, 2019. Bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session and bills progress, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any particular bill you are tracking. All updates to this section of the newsletter and bills shown below will be in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. **Sections shown in RED and strikethrough represent items removed due to an amendment to a bill.**

HB 5: Discretionary Sales Surtaxes – (General Bill by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; DeCeglie; Co-Introducers: Hill) – Similar to SB 336 by Brandes (Requires Sales Surtax referendum be held on a general election ballot only). This bill does a number of things, the primary concern to transportation is the requirement that any sales surtax that could be used by transportation and/or infrastructure would have to be put to a vote of the residents in a general election and would require approval by two-thirds of electors voting on the ballot measure to pass. The bill would also require a county wanting to hold a discretionary sales surtax referendum to notify the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability at least 180 days prior to the vote. If not, the vote is voided. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 3 Nays. Passed Ways and Means Committee; 12 Yeas, 5 Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee.

SB 68: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Book) - Requiring community transportation coordinators, in cooperation with the coordinating board, to plan for and use any available and cost-effective regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged; requiring each coordinating board to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to include any available regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 71: Traffic Offenses – (McClain; Co-Introducers: Stevenson; Stone) – Identical to SB 158 by Baxley. Provides criminal penalties for person who commits moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to or death of vulnerable road user; requires person to pay specified fine, serve minimum period of house arrest, & attend driver improvement course; requires court to revoke person's driver license for minimum specified period; defines "vulnerable road user". Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 72: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Passidomo; Co-Introducers: Hooper) – Identical to HB 6011 by Rommel. Requiring specified fees to be used indefinitely, instead of temporarily, to reimburse a local governmental entity for the direct actual costs of operating a specified fire station, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee Agenda – Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/2019, 4:30PM, Room 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. **On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 03/27/19, 1:00 pm, 412 Knott Building.**

HB 75: Expanded Uses of Unmanned Aircraft – (Yarborough; Co-Introducers: Grieco; Killebrew) – Similar to SB 132 by Rouson. Permits use of drones by law enforcement agencies & other specified entities for specified purposes. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 02/06/19, 9:00 am, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 14 Yeas, 1 Nay. On Committee agenda-- State Affairs Committee, 02/19/19, 3:00 pm, Morris Hall. Committee Substitute by State Affairs Committee, passed 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Passed Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 1 Nay. Pending review of Committee Substitute. This bill has passed all House committees. First reading on House Floor 03/11/2019.

SB 76: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Simpson; Co-Introducers: Passidomo; Hooper; Mayfield; Book; Rouson; Berman) – Similar to HB 107 (Toledo, Slosberg) and H 45 (Slosberg). Creating the "Florida Ban on Wireless Communications Devices While Driving Law"; prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while listening or talking on a wireless communications device for the purpose of voice interpersonal communication; deleting a provision requiring that enforcement of this section be accomplished only as a secondary action, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/19, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Committee Substitute by Infrastructure and Security; passed with 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee. Passed Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee; 9 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary. **On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 03/25/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building.**

SB 78: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez) – Identical to HB 169 by Fernandez. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to develop by rule standards for such studies; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. On the Committee Agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM Room 37 Senate Office Building. Passed Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security.

HB 107: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Toledo; Slosberg; Co-Introducers: Beltran; Casello; Cortes; Duran; Eskamani; Gottlieb; Grieco; Hattersley; Killebrew; Massullo; McClure; Overdorf; Polo; Smith, C.; Stark; Stevenson; Thompson; Webb) – Similar to SB 76 (Simpson). Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits person from operating motor vehicle while using wireless communications device for purpose of nonvoice or voice interpersonal communication; redefines term "wireless communications device" to include voice communications; requires deposit of fines into Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; removes provision requiring that enforcement be accomplished only as secondary action. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. **On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 03/26/19, Noon, Reed Hall.**

SB 116: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Stewart) – Identical to HB 611 (Mercado). Increasing the criminal penalty for a third or subsequent violation related to motor vehicle racing within a specified period after the date of a prior violation that resulted in a conviction, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/19, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Criminal Justice. Favorable by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 03/18/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. **Favorable by Judiciary; 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Rules.**

SB 132: Drones – (Rouson) – Similar to HB 75 (Yarborough). Defining the terms “dangerous or deadly weapon” and “large-scale event”; authorizing the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency to prepare for or monitor safety and security at a large-scale event; prohibiting a law enforcement agency using a drone in an authorized manner from equipping it with specified attachments or using it to fire projectiles, etc. Referred to Criminal Justice; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. On Committee agenda – Criminal Justice, 02/11/19, 2:30PM Room 37 Senate Bldg. Committee Substitute by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security.

SB 144: Impact Fees – (Gruters) – Similar to HB 207 (Donalds). Revising the minimum requirements for impact fees adopted by a local government; exempting water and sewer connection fees from the Florida Impact Fee Act, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/05/19, 2:00 pm, 301 Senate Building --Temporarily Postponed. Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Finance and Tax. On Committee agenda-- Finance and Tax, 03/20/19, 1:30 pm, 401 Senate Building. **Favorable by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 03/27/19, 1:00 pm, 412 Knott Building.**

SB 158: Traffic Offenses – (Baxley) – Identical to HB 71 by McClain. Citing this act as the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations.

HB 169: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Fernandez) – Identical to SB 78 by Rodriguez. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to develop by rule standards for such studies; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 207: Impact Fees – (Donalds) – Similar to SB 144 (Gruter). Revises minimum requirements for adoption of impact fees by specified local governments; authorizes prevailing party to recover attorney fees under certain circumstances; exempts water & sewer connection fees from Florida Impact Fee Act. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/20/19, 4:00 pm, 12 HOB. Committee Substitute by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Favorable by Commerce Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. This bill has passed all committees and now goes to a full House floor vote. **Placed on Special Order Calendar for Full House Floor Vote, 03/27/19.**

SB 306: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Brandes) – Similar to HB 6003 by Sabatini. Repealing provisions relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations; amending provisions relating to distribution of proceeds, enforcement by traffic infraction enforcement officers using such detectors, procedures for disposition of citations, preemption of additional fees or surcharges, compliance, amount of penalties, registration and renewal of license plates, and points assessed for certain violations, to conform provisions to changes made by the act, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Withdrawn.

HB 309: Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings – (Duggan) – Similar to SB 608 by Bean. Prohibits railroad train from blocking public highway, street, or road at railroad-highway grade crossing for more than specified time period; provides exceptions; provides civil penalties; exempts certain persons from liability for violations. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 311: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher) – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield) – Similar to SB 932 by Brandes. Exempts autonomous vehicles & operators from certain prohibitions; provides that human operator is not required to operate fully autonomous vehicle; authorizes fully autonomous vehicle to operate regardless of presence of human operator; provides that automated driving system is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating

with system engaged; authorizes Florida Turnpike Enterprise to fund & operate test facilities; provides requirements for operation of on-demand autonomous vehicle networks; revises registration requirements for autonomous vehicles. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. **Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee.**

HB 341: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains – (LaMarca) – Identical to SB 1002 by Hutson. Requires that, in event of crash involving railroad train, collection of certain information be at discretion of law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to investigate crash; specifies that certain persons are not considered passengers for purpose of making crash reports. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. CS by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee. **Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee.**

SB 350: Impact Fees – (Hutson) – Prohibiting local governments from charging impact fees for certain developments, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations. Committee Substitute Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security.

HB 385: Transportation – (Avila) – *Editorial Notes: This bill had a strike-all amendment filed and passed at the last committee stop. The primary provisions of this bill are: Eliminates the MDX and assigns all assets and liabilities to the Florida Department of Transportation, restricts the expenditures of the half-penny sales tax to only being expended on capital improvements, restructures the Miami-Dade TPO Board, and prohibits the collection of an optional membership fee by the Miami-Dade TPO for use on non-federally eligible expenditures. Please note, this bill is advancing rapidly and seems likely to pass.*

Requires certain authority members to comply with financial disclosure requirements; limits levy of & revises authorized uses of certain surtaxes; revives Pilot Rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program; revises provisions relating to DOT design plan approval, transportation project programs, toll collection & use, & M.P.O. membership; repeals pts. I & V of ch. 348, F.S., related to Florida Expressway Authority Act & Osceola County Expressway Authority Law. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 1:30 pm, Reed Hall. Committee Substitute by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Ways and Means Committee. CS/CS by Ways and Means Committee; 17 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee.

HB 453: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Toledo) – Similar to SB 542 (Brandes). Authorizes county or municipality to regulate operation of micromobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters; authorizes county or municipality to require licensure; requires proof of certain insurance coverage; provides that regulation of micromobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters is controlled by state & federal law; provides that operator has all rights & duties applicable to rider of bicycle; exempts micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain requirements; provides that person is not required to have valid driver license to operate micromobility device or motorized scooter; authorizes parking on sidewalk; removes requirements for sale of motorized scooters; exempts micromobility devices & motorized scooters from certain emblem requirements. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

HB 476: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) – Identical to HB 567 (Slosberg).

Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules. **On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building.**

SB 542: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Brandes) – Similar to HB 453 (Toledo). Defining the term “micromobility device”; revising the definition of the term “motorized scooter”; authorizing a county or municipality to regulate the operation of micromobility devices and for-hire motorized scooters, subject to certain restrictions; authorizing a county or municipality to require that a person offering micromobility devices or for-hire motorized scooters be licensed; exempting a micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain registration, insurance, and licensing requirements, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Editorial Note: Expect an amendment to this bill to address some localized concerns about local control over scooters in communities.**

SB 544: Airports – (Brandes) – Requiring the Department of Transportation to provide financial and technical assistance to sponsors that operate public-use airports by making department personnel and department-owned facilities and equipment available on a cost-reimbursement basis to such sponsors for special needs of limited duration; requiring federal funding of individual local public-use airport projects to be wholly between the airport sponsors and the appropriate federal agencies; authorizing the department to receive federal grants for both local and statewide public-use airport projects when no sponsor is available, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 567: Child Restraint Requirements – (Slosberg) – Identical to SB 467 (Perry). Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 605: Tax Increment Revenues – (Casello) – Authorizes counties and municipalities to use increment revenues under specified conditions. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 608: Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings – (Bean) – Similar to HB 309 by Duggan. Prohibits railroad train from blocking public highway, street, or road at railroad-highway grade crossing for more than specified time period; provides exceptions; provides civil penalties; exempts certain persons from liability for violations. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 611: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Mercado) – Identical to SB 116 (Stewart). Motor Vehicle Racing; Increases criminal penalty for third or subsequent violation related to motor vehicle

racing within specified period after date of prior violation that resulted in conviction. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee. **Amended in Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Passed; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary Committee.**

SB 612: Driving Under the Influence – (Baxley) – Similar to HB 929 by Antone; Plakon. Requiring that the monthly leasing fee for an ignition interlock device be discounted by specified percentages under certain circumstances when a person claims inability to pay; authorizing a court, upon agreement by a state attorney, to withhold adjudication of guilt for certain criminal violations relating to driving under the influence, under certain circumstances, etc. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

SB 622: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Brandes; Co-Introducer: Diaz) – Similar to HB 6003 (Sabatini). Repealing provisions relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations; repealing provisions relating to the authorization to use traffic infraction detectors, etc. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 660: Transportation – (Brandes) – *Editorial Notes: This is a lengthy bill that covers many aspects of transportation. Some are not of interest to MPOs. Of interest to the MPO community: For express lanes on a tolled facility, if the travel speed falls below 40 MPH then the user must be charged the minimum express lane toll amount. Any toll facility that is to be transferred, sold or acquired by a local entity must be approved by the legislature.*

Requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House evaluating the current work program and its benefits to Florida. This report is currently evaluated by the Florida Transportation Commission only. The Florida Transportation Commission shall review revenue sources and the impacts which are expected to be felt by electric and hybrid vehicles. The report must include recommendations ensuring continued funding to meet transportation needs in Florida. This report shall be provided to the Governor and Legislature. Requiring the Department of Transportation to consist of a central office that establishes policies and procedures and districts that carry out projects as authorized or required under the policies and procedures of the central office; prohibiting the driver of any vehicle from following another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent given certain circumstances; revising the number of times that certain persons may elect to attend a basic driver improvement course; providing requirements, beginning on a specified date, for license plates, cab cards, and validation stickers for vehicles registered in accordance with the International Registration Plan; directing the department to implement protocols for issuing an optional electronic credential and to procure a related technology system, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

HB 681: Florida Transportation Commission – (Zika; Co-Introducer: Roach) – Editorial note: This bill eliminates the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) and anywhere there is a reference to the FTC, the responsibilities are shifted the Florida Department of Transportation. The content of this bill looks as if someone did a search for “Florida Transportation Commission” and took those sections of Florida Statutes and included them in this bill. Removes requirement that Secretary of Transportation be nominated by FTC & that secretary provide assistance to FTC; removes provisions relating to creation, membership, duties,

meetings, executive director & staff, & budget of FTC; removes requirement that FTC review certain transportation policy initiatives; repeals provisions relating to transportation performance & productivity standards; revises membership & member approval of Center for Urban Transportation Research advisory board; revises provisions relating to review & evaluation of DOT's tentative work program; requires DOT to determine certain average administrative costs for expressway authorities; removes FTC rulemaking authority. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

HB 693: Communications Services – (Fischer) – Reduces communications services tax rate on sales of communications services; revises authority for municipalities, and counties to impose permit fees on providers of communications services that use or occupy municipal or county roads or rights-of-way; deletes procedures, requirements, & limitations with respect to such fees. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Commerce. **Amended by Energy and Utilities Subcommittee, Passed; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays.**

HB 725: Commercial Motor Vehicles – (Payne) – Repeals assistive truck platooning technology pilot project; revises provisions relating to platoon vehicle operation, commercial motor vehicle safety regulations & penalties, apportionable vehicle requirements, certain license plate fees, vehicles registered under International Registration Plan, & theft of certain commercial cargo; authorizes DHSMV to partner with tax collector to conduct Fleet Vehicle Temporary Tag pilot program. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Committee Substitute Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. **Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee.**

SB 728: Growth Management – (Lee) – Authorizing sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which a petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of a new community development district to also be identified in a petition to establish the new district under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the petition; providing notification requirements for the petition, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. On Committee Agenda – Community Affairs, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM, 301 Senate Office Building. **Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building.**

SB 898: Transportation – (Diaz) – *Editorial Notes: This is the companion bill to HB 385 and among other things it revises the structure of the Miami-Dade TPO. This is the primary concern of MPOs. Given the rapid advancement of HB 385 and the positive remarks it has received by members of the House, this bill has the potential to advance quickly. Membership should watch this bill. Please see HB 385.*

Revising the authorized uses of proceeds from charter county and regional transportation system surtaxes; revising the preservation goals of the Department of Transportation to include ensuring that all work on the State Highway System meets department standards; requiring the department to approve design plans for all transportation projects relating to department-owned rights-of-way under certain circumstances; prohibiting the department from using toll revenues from high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes to offset certain funding, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee Agenda – Infrastructure and Security,

03/12/2019, 4:00PM, 110 Senate Office Building. The bill was revised and now it does nothing to the Miami-Dade TPO. Passed Infrastructure and Security with the amendment removing the restricting of the Miami-Dade TPO; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

HB 905: Department of Transportation – (Andrade) – Identical to SB 1044 by Albritton.

Editorial Notes: This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation be selected from among three nominees chosen by the Florida Transportation Commission. The Secretary would be chosen directly by the Governor. Requires that 80% of the pavement in each DOT district meet DOT standards which is expected to reduce funding available for capacity expansion. Prohibits local governments from having aggregate materials specifications that are different than the DOTs. The big issue in this bill is that state statutes are changed to require that 75% of the capacity expansion funds be spent on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Currently state statute requires that at least 50% of any new discretionary capacity funds be spent on the SIS and by policy the DOT spends 75%. Policies can be changed more easily than state statutes, this would take away any flexibility of the department and make it more difficult for local units of government to access state transportation funds for capacity improvements. The bill requires the department to give priority to correcting or improving sections of the interstate system that experience unusually high accident rates. If a section of interstate has non-recurring congestion that accounts for more than 75% of the total congestion, then the DOT must begin PD&E studies within three years.

Revises provisions related to DOT, including requirements for appointment of Secretary of Transportation, computation of mileage, pavement standards, construction contracts, use of toll revenue, allocation of transportation capacity funds, facility improvements, & project development & environmental studies. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 03/12/19, 12:30 pm, Reed Hall. Amendment passed on this bill in Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. The amendment removed the requirement that 80% of the pavement in each DOT district meet DOT standards. Also removed is the provision that requires 75% of capacity expansion funds be spent on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Subcommittee.

HB 929: Driving Under the Influence – (Antone; Plakon) – Similar to SB 612 by Baxley.

Requires ignition interlock provider to discount monthly leasing fee for ignition interlock device by certain percentage for certain persons; exempts such person from paying costs of installation of device; authorizes court to withhold adjudication of guilt for certain DUI offenses; requires court to order adjudication of guilt if certain requirements are not met; authorizes person to petition court for withhold of adjudication 5 years after his or her conviction. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee.

SB 932: Autonomous Vehicles – (Brandes) – Similar to HB 311 by Fischer. Exempting a fully autonomous vehicle being operated with the automated driving system engaged from a prohibition on the active display of television or video; exempting a motor vehicle operator who is operating an autonomous vehicle from a prohibition on the use of wireless communications devices; providing that a licensed human operator is not required to operate a fully autonomous vehicle; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a human operator is physically present in the vehicle, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/20/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. **Passed Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays.**

SB 952: Electronic Navigation Systems – (Taddeo) – Prohibiting electronic navigation systems, for certain purposes, from directing the operator of a vehicle to drive through adjacent residential areas when a school zone speed limit is in effect if the primary purpose of such direction is to avoid the school zone, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Rules.

SB 1002: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains– (Hutson) – Identical to HB 341 by LaMarca. Revising the definition of the term “railroad train”; requiring that, in the event of a crash involving a railroad train, the collection of certain information be at the discretion of the law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to investigate the crash; specifying that certain persons are not considered passengers for the purpose of making crash reports, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Criminal Justice. **On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 03/25/19, 1:30 pm, 37 Senate Building.**

SB 1044: Department of Transportation – (Albritton) – Identical to HB 905 by Andrade. *Editorial Notes: This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation be selected from among three nominees chosen by the Florida Transportation Commission. The Secretary would be chosen directly by the Governor. Requires that 80% of the pavement in each DOT district meet DOT standards which is expected to reduce funding available for capacity expansion. Prohibits local governments from having aggregate materials specifications that are different than the DOTs. The big issue here is probably that state statutes are changed to require that 75% of the capacity expansion funds be spent on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Currently state statute requires that at least 50% of any new discretionary capacity funds be spent on the SIS and by policy the DOT spends 75%. Policies can be changed more easily than state statutes, this would take away any flexibility of the department and make it more difficult for local units of government to access state transportation funds for capacity improvements. The bill requires the department to give priority to correcting or improving sections of the interstate system that experience unusually high accident rates. If a section of interstate has non-recurring congestion that accounts for more than 75% of the total congestion, then the DOT must begin PD&E studies within three years.*

Providing that the Department of Transportation consists of a central office that establishes policies and procedures and districts that carry out certain projects; requiring certain preservation goals to include ensuring that a specified percentage of the pavement in each of the department’s districts meet department standards by a specified year; prohibiting local governments from adopting standards or specifications that are contrary to the department standards or specifications for permissible use of aggregates and materials that have been certified for use, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/20/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. **Passed Infrastructure and Security; 6 Yeas, Zero Nays.**

HB 1069: Expressway Tolls – (Rodriguez) – Identical bill to SB 1406 by Flores. Prohibiting a person operating a motor vehicle on an expressway from being charged a toll if the average speed of traffic on the expressway falls below 40 miles per hour; defining the term “expressway”, etc. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 1235: Legal Notices – (Fine; Co-Introducer: Sabatini) – Similar bill to SB 1676 by Baxley. Removes provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; requires

counties to publish legal notices on their websites; requires counties to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving notices; specifies form for affidavits of publication. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 1406: Expressway Tolls – (Flores) – Identical bill to HB 1069 by Rodriguez. Prohibiting a person operating a motor vehicle on an expressway from being charged a toll if the average speed of traffic on the expressway falls below 40 miles per hour; defining the term “expressway”, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 1676: Legal Notices – (Baxley) – Similar bill to HB 1235 by Fine. Deleting provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; defining the term “publicly accessible website”; authorizing government agencies to publish legal notices on their websites; requiring government agencies to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices, etc. Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules.

SB 1710: Legal and Official Advertisements – (Diaz) – Authorizing the publication of legal and official advertisements on specified publicly accessible governmental websites in lieu of publication in a newspaper, etc. Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules.

HB 6001: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Rommel) – Identical bill to SB 72 by Passidomo. Requires specified fees to be used indefinitely to reimburse local governmental entity for direct actual costs of operating specified fire station. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 6003: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Sabatini – Co-Introducers: Grieco; Hill; Jacobs; Sirois) – Similar bill to SB 306 (Brandes). Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, 12 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Committee.

HB 6017: Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments – (Duggan) – Removes acreage limitations that apply to small-scale comprehensive plan amendments. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 8:30 am, 12 HOB. Favorable by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Commerce Committee. Favorable by Commerce Committee; 21 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee.

HB 7007: OGSR/Toll Facilities – (General Bill by Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Andrade) – Removes scheduled repeal of exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information provided for purpose of paying, prepaying, or collecting tolls & associated administrative charges for use of toll facilities. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 1:30 pm, Reed

Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Placed on Calendar – Ready for a Full House Floor Vote. **Full House Floor Vote, Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/27/19.**

SB 7068: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (General Bill by Infrastructure and Security) – This bill moves all monies from vehicle registrations into the transportation trust fund. Currently a portion goes to general revenue. The bill gradually shifts all motor vehicle registration fees into the transportation trust fund and by State Fiscal Year this would place an estimated additional \$135 Million per year in the transportation trust fund. This would mean a reduction in state spending in some area, that is not addressed in the bill. The bill also creates the Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within FDOT. Identified roadways that are to be built by FDOT are the Southwest-Central Florida Connector (Collier County to Polk County); the Suncoast Connector (Citrus to Jefferson County) and the Northern Turnpike Connector (Suncoast Parkway to the Turnpike at Wildwood). The bill requires the new corridors to be tolled and specifies these will be SIS facilities. Additionally, the new corridors would be permitted to use monies from the transportation trust fund, as a loan to be repaid, which during construction would reduce available funds from the rest of the state. Bonding and other financing options are made available as well. Here is the description on the Florida Senate website: Creating the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within the Department of Transportation; specifying that projects undertaken in the corridors are tolled facilities and certain approved turnpike projects, and are considered as Strategic Intermodal System facilities; requiring the department to identify certain opportunities to accommodate or co-locate multiple types of infrastructure-addressing issues during the project development phase, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/19/19, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. **Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations.**