



# Florida Transportation Legislative Newsletter

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## Overview

Greetings readers! Welcome to the newest edition of the Florida Transportation Legislative Newsletter. The end of session is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> and that means a little over two weeks are left. Any of the bills that have been filed and then nothing more has happened, those bills have been removed from the newsletter. There is not a way for these bills to make it through the committee process, unless leadership removed the references to committees. This is when the fun begins, bills die, other bills rush to cross the finish line and the budget looms large in the minds of legislators as it has to be put in order. The good news is that the revenue forecasts are \$2B more than originally expected at the beginning of the session. Added to that is the extra \$10B coming from the federal relief package and we suddenly have a much brighter financial picture than 60 days ago. The proposed budgets are running around \$97B compared to about \$92B for the state fiscal year we are currently in now. Things are looking good, much better than anyone had predicted during pre-session.

So, let us talk about a few bills, the repeal of M-CORES bill had an interesting twist, let's call it a new development. The original bill when passed was controversial and allowed for a planning process to evaluate each corridor. The planning process came to the conclusion that with the facts available there did not seem to be a need for the facilities nor the financial ability for the new roadways to pay for themselves. Thank you to our leaders for letting the planning process work. I know I have said it before, it should be repeated – Thank You!!!! The bill moving through the legislature repeals the concept of M-CORES but does recognize the need for transportation improvements along the route beginning at the northern terminus of the Suncoast Parkway and following Route 19 north to Jefferson County. That was the original bill. The big change was the removal of Jefferson County as the end point of the corridor needing transportation improvements. This allows the transportation improvements to terminate in another county, and presumably tie into Interstate 10. I know at least one county commissioner in Jefferson County that is a happy camper over this news.

Lastly, about 50 years ago the idea was that citizens could initiate changes to the state constitution if the legislature was not representing the interests of the citizens. The process involves getting signatures on petitions so that the constitutional amendment can be included in an upcoming election ballot. Direct democracy. This legislature is acting like they are not be big fans of this process where citizens speak for themselves. Citizens initiatives have been implemented by the legislature so as to take the teeth out of the constitutional amendment. There is the bill to require a 2/3 vote to pass a citizen's initiative, currently the threshold is 60% to pass a citizen's initiative. Now there is another bill that limits individual contributions to constitutional amendment efforts. The new limit would be \$3K. There is one individual who has spent a lot of money on constitutional amendments, John Morgan. It

sure seems like this bill is going after him, but he is a lawyer with a lot of resources to put into something. Maybe it will be a PAC that does some nice work..... He is not a guy I would recommend picking a fight with, you probably won't like the end result.

Key dates for the 2021 Florida Legislative Session are shown immediately below. All new bills and any updates to bills shown in the last section of the newsletter are in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. A few bills have been filed; many more will be filed over the coming months. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of newly filed bills and changes to existing bills.

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

## Important Dates for the 2021 Legislative Session

- August 1, 2020 - Deadline for filing claim bills (Rule 4.81(2))
- January 29, 2021 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills.
- February 26, 2021 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills.
- March 2, 2021 - Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), State Constitution) 12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Rule 3.7(1))
- April 17, 2021 - Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Rule 6.4.(4)) All bills are immediately certified (Rule 6.8)
- April 20, 2021 50th day – last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Rule 2.9(2))
- April 30, 2021 60th day – last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), State Constitution)

## Legislation of interest

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature's website as of April 12, 2021. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session progresses and the number of bills tracked in this newsletter grows, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any bill you are tracking. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below are in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news.

**HB 35: Legal Notices – (Fine; Co-Introducer: Grieco)** – Comparable bill SB 402 by Rodrigues. Provides for website publication of legal notices; provides criteria for such publication; authorizes fiscally constrained county to use publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements & public notices; requires government agency to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices. Filed in

the House. Referred to Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee. On Committee agenda-- Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee, 02/03/21, 4:30 pm, Webster Hall. Passed Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee, now in Judiciary Committee. Passed Judiciary, Now on House Floor, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Passed the House YEAS 85, NAYS 34. Sent to the Senate.

**HB 53: Public Works Projects – (DiCeglie)** – Revises definition of term "public works project"; prohibits state or any political subdivision that contracts for public works project from requiring specified acts by certain persons engaged in such project or prohibiting certain persons from receiving information about public works opportunities. Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Public Integrity and Elections Committee; State Affairs Committee. Added to Government Operations Subcommittee agenda. Passed Government Operations Subcommittee. Laid on the table and Committee Substitute filed. Referred to Public Integrity & Elections; State Affairs. Now in Public Integrity & Elections. Passed Public Integrity & Elections. Laid on the table, Amended version filed and referred to State Affairs Committee.

**SB 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Burgess; Co-Introducers: Rouson)** – Related Bill HB 273 by Plakon, SB 420 by Hooper and HB 719 by Grall. Repealing provisions which comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revising the motor vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must show to register certain vehicles with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; revising financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; providing an exception to the circumstances under which a person who is damaged may bring a civil action against an insurer; revising coverages subject to premium discounts for specified motor vehicle equipment; specifying persons whom medical payments coverage must protect, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$83,651. Referred to Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Rules. Passed Banking and Insurance; YEAS 10 NAYS 2. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 02/15/21, 2:30 pm, 412 Knott Building. Passed Judiciary; 7 YEAS, 2 NAYS. Now in Rules. Passed Rules, 12 YEAS, 3 NAYS. On the full Senate Floor, on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. On Special Order Calendar. **Seems stuck on Special Order.**

**HB 57: Transportation – (Andrade)** – Similar Bill SB 1194 by Hooper. Similar to SB 1500 by Harrell (this bill seems to be moving). Revises provisions relating to motor vehicle sales tax, competitive solicitations, vehicles displaying flashing lights, annual cap on project contracts, airport restrictions, arbitration of contracts by & membership of State Arbitration Board, borrow pit operation, & performance standards for certain extraction locations. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Original reference to Ways and Means Committee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee removed. Now in Commerce Committee.

**HB 59: Growth Management – (McClain; Co-Introducer Sabatini)** – Similar Bill SB 496 by Perry. Requires local governments to include property rights element in their comprehensive plans; provides statement of rights that local government may use; requires local government to adopt property rights element by specified date; prohibits local government's property rights element from conflicting with statutorily provided statement of rights; provides that certain property owners are not required to consent to development agreement changes; prohibits municipality from annexing specified areas; requires DOT to afford right of first refusal to certain

individuals; provides requirements & procedures for right of first refusal; authorizes certain developments of regional impact agreements to be amended. Filed in the House. Referred to Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/04/21, 12:00 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee 12 YEAS, 6 NAYS. Added to Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee agenda. Passed Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee. Passed out of State Affairs. Now on the House Floor for a full House vote, on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. On 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Passed the House, YEAS 82, NAYS 32. **Passed the Senate 38 YEAS, Zero Nays.**

**SB 62: Regional Planning Councils – (Bradley)** – Revising a requirement for the Executive Office of the Governor to review and consider certain reports, data, and analyses relating to the revision of the state comprehensive plan; eliminating the advisory role of regional planning councils in state comprehensive plan preparation and revision; repealing provisions relating to the Florida Regional Planning Council Act; authorizing local governments to recommend areas of critical state concern to the state land planning agency, etc. RPCs would be able to host MPOs under the bill as currently written. Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 01/26/21, 3:30 pm, 37 Senate Building. CS by Community Affairs; YEAS 6 NAYS 3. Now in Judiciary. Watch this bill to see if it becomes the subject of an amendment to a bill that is moving while on the Senate and/or House Floor.

**SB 100: Highway Projects – (General Bill by Appropriations - Harrell)** – Repealing provisions relating to applications for funding for technical assistance relating to areas in and around a proposed multiuse corridor interchange; requiring that \$35 million transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise be used for a specified purpose beginning in a specified fiscal year and annually for up to 30 years thereafter; requiring that certain increased revenues be used to fund specified projects beginning in a specified fiscal year and annually thereafter; requiring the department, in coordination with the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, to evaluate certain roadways for development of specific controlled access facilities and to include such projects in the work program, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations. Favorable by Transportation; YEAS 5 NAYS 3, Now in Appropriations. CS by- Appropriations; YEAS 17 NAYS 2. Passed the full Senate; YEAS 39 NAYS 1. To be sent to the House.

**SB 138: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes)** – Related Bill SB 140 by Brandes. Identical Bill HB817 by Toledo. Revising the Department of Transportation's goals relating to mobility; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing for the distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; specifying that certain rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may not require specific methods of sale for electric vehicle charging equipment used in, and services provided in, this state, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$5,000,000. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Passed Transportation, 8 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/23/21, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.

**SB 140: Fees/Electric Vehicles – (Brandes)** – Related Bill SB 138 by Brandes. Identical Bill HB819 by Learned. Creating additional fees for electric vehicles; creating a license tax and an additional fee for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles; requiring, on specified dates, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to increase the additional fees, subject to certain requirements; providing that certain vehicles are exempt from specified fees, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Passed Transportation, 7 YEAS, 1 NAYS. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/23/21, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.

**HB 139: Electronic Transactions for Title Certificates and Registrations – (Fernandez-Barquin)** – Authorizes tax collectors to accept applications for motor vehicle & vessel certificates of title by electronic or telephonic means, to collect electronic mail addresses for use as method of notification, & to contract with vendors to provide electronic & telephonic transactions; provides that electronic signature that meets certain requirements satisfies signature required for application for certificate of title; specifies tax collection systems for which certain fees may be used for integration with Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System; requires DHSMV to provide tax collectors & approved vendors with certain data access & interface functionality; specifies authorized uses; requires DHSMV to ensure approved vendors protect customer privacy & data collection. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Laid on the table, Committee Substitute filed. Referred to Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Added to Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee agenda. **Passed Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Added to Commerce agenda.**

**HB 229: Hazardous Walking Conditions for K-12 Students – (Salzman)** – Comparable Bill SB 178 by Cruz. Requires DOT to develop & adopt standards & criteria to identify hazardous walking conditions; Revises provisions relating to the transportation of students subjected to hazardous walking conditions & funding for such students. Filed in the House. Referred to Early Learning and Elementary Education Subcommittee; Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Education and Employment Committee. Passed Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee and was amended. Amended version was laid on the table and a substitute version was sent forward.

**HB 267: State Preemption of Seaport Regulations – (Roach; Sirois)** – Identical Bill SB 426 by Boyd. Preempts to state regulation of commerce in state seaports; provides exceptions; provides construction. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee, Laid on Table and Committee Substitute taken up. Referred to Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Local

Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Passed Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee with an amendment.

**HB 273: Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage Exclusions – (Plakon)** – Similar to SB54 by Burgess, SB 420 by Hooper and HB 719 by Grall. Provides private passenger motor vehicle policies may exclude identified individuals from specified coverages; provides exceptions. Filed in the House. Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee. Favorable by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee. Added to Commerce Committee agenda.

**HB 337: Impact Fees – (DeCeglie)** – Identical to S750 by Gruters - Specifying instances when a local government or special district may collect an impact fee; requiring local governments and special districts to credit against the collection of impact fees any contribution related to public facilities; providing annual limitations on impact fee rate increases; requiring school districts to report specified items regarding impact fees, etc. Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Referred to State Affairs Committee. On committee agenda of Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Passed Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Now in Ways & Means Committee. Added to Ways & Means Committee agenda. Passed Ways & Means Committee with an amendment.

**SB 342: Vehicle and Vessel Registration – (Diaz)** – Requiring tax collectors to determine service charges collected by privately owned license plate agents for motor vehicle titles; requiring that additional service charges be itemized and disclosed to the person paying them; requiring a license plate agent to enter into a contract with the tax collector for a certain purpose; requiring tax collectors and approved license plate agents to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the department for a certain purpose, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Finance and Tax; Rules. Passed Transportation 7 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Passed Finance and Tax; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 04/06/21, 9:30 am, 412 Knott Building. **Passed Rules 16 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Next stop is a full Floor vote, placed on Special Order.**

**HB 353: Bicycle Operations Regulations – (Hage)** – Identical to SB738 by Baxley - Providing an exception to the requirement that a person operating a bicycle ride upon or astride a seat attached thereto, etc. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Now in Commerce Committee. Passed Commerce Committee. On the House Floor for a full House vote, on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Passed the House; YEAS 115, NAYS 0. **Sent to the Senate, substituted for SB 738. Passed Senate 39 YEAS, Zero NAYS.**

**HB 357: Photographic Enforcement of School Zone Speed Limits – (Duran and Rodriguez)** – Authorizes county or municipality to contract with vendor to install cameras in school speed zones to enforce speed limits; provides civil penalty for violation found through recording of photographic images; provides for disposition & use of funds; provides for determination of liability; provides nonapplication of violation to driver license points assessment, conviction, driving record, or provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage;

requires referral to DHSMV resulting in prohibition of motor vehicle registration renewal & transfer of title; provides for removal of penalties. Filed in the House. Referred to Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee; Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee. Now in Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee. Passed Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee.

**HB 365: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Caruso)** – Similar to SB 566 by Perry and S 708 By Brandes - Provides requirements for sales taxes & surcharges on motor vehicle leases & rentals by motor vehicle rental companies & peer-to-peer car-sharing programs; specifies insurance requirements for shared vehicle owners & shared vehicle drivers; provides for liability; provides for exclusions; provides right of contribution to shared vehicle owner's insurer for certain claims; requires provision of certain information regarding liens; specifies recordkeeping, record-sharing, disclosure, & driver license verification & data retention requirements; provides for consumer protections Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. On the agenda for Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Now in Ways and Means. **Passed Ways and Means with an amendment.**

**SB 376: Jacksonville Transportation Authority Leases – (Gibson)** – Related Bill HB 6015 by Duggan. Removing a limitation on the term of a lease into which the authority may enter, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules. Favorable by Transportation; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Community Affairs. Passed Community Affairs, now in Rules.

**SB 380: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry)** – Identical Bill HB297 by Hinson - 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 Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Transportation; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 02/03/21, 9:00 am, 37 Senate Building. Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 02/16/21, 3:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Transportation; 8 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Rules. Passed Rules, next stop is a full Senate Floor vote. Passed Senate YEAS 38 NAYS 0. Now being sent to the House.

**HB 389: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority – (Mariano)** – Identical to SB 422 By Rouson - Renames Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee as Chairs Coordinating Committee; removes requirement that authority provide administrative support & direction; authorizes mayor's designated alternate to be member of governing board of authority; requires that alternate be elected member of & approved by city council; requires alternate to attend meetings in mayor's absence & have full voting rights; revises quorum requirements; requires simple majority of members present for action to be taken; deletes requirements for authority to present regional transit development plan & updates to TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee, coordinate plans & projects with committee, & participate in regional M.P.O. planning process. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Local

Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Now in Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB 420: Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage Exclusions – (Hooper)** – Similar to SB54 by Burgess, HB273 by Plakon and HB 719 by Grall - Providing that private passenger motor vehicle policies may exclude certain identified individuals from specified coverages under certain circumstances; providing that such policies may not exclude coverage under certain circumstances, etc. Referred to Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Rules. Passed Banking and Insurance. Passed Judiciary. Now in Rules.

**SB 422: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority – (Rouson)** – Identical to HB 389 by Mariano - Renaming the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee as the Chairs Coordinating Committee; providing that a mayor's designated alternate may be a member of the governing board of the authority; revising a provision requiring the authority to present the regional transit development plan and updates to specified entities, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 02/16/21, 3:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Transportation; 8 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Community Affairs.

**SB 426: State Preemption of Seaport Regulations – (Boyd)** – Identical Bill HB 267 by Roach. Preempting to the state the regulation of commerce in state seaports; providing exceptions, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules. Passed Transportation, Now in Community Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 3. Now in Rules. **On Committee agenda-- Rules, 04/14/21, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building.**

**SB 496: Growth Management – (Perry)** - Similar to HB 59 by McClain. Specifying requirements for certain comprehensive plans effective, rather than adopted, after a specified date and for associated land development regulations; requiring local governments to include a property rights element in their comprehensive plans; prohibiting a local government's property rights element from conflicting with the statement of rights contained in the act; providing that the consent of certain property owners is not required for development agreement changes under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Transportation to afford a right of first refusal to certain individuals under specified circumstances, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules. Passed Community Affairs, On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 03/15/21, 3:30 pm, 412 Knott Building. Passed Judiciary; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. Passed Rules; YEAS 17 NAYS 0. On the Senate Floor, on 2nd reading. **HB 59 was substituted for SB 496 on the Senate Floor.**

**SB 514: Resiliency – (Rodrigues)** - Establishing the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the Governor; creating the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force adjunct to the office; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to contract for specified services, upon request of the task force; requiring the Environmental Regulation Commission to take certain action on the task force's recommendations, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$500,000. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Environment and Natural Resources, 02/15/21, 3:30 pm, 37 Senate



Building. Passed Environment and Natural Resources; 6 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government.

**SB 566: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Perry)** – Similar to HB365 by Caruso and SB708 by Brandes - Specifying the applicable sales tax rate on motor vehicle leases and rentals by motor vehicle rental companies and peer-to-peer car-sharing programs; specifying the applicable rental car surcharge on motor vehicle leases and rentals by motor vehicle rental companies and peer-to-peer car-sharing programs; specifying insurance requirements for shared vehicle owners and shared vehicle drivers under peer-to-peer car-sharing programs; providing an exemption from vicarious liability for peer-to-peer car-sharing programs and shared vehicle owners, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Banking and Insurance; Transportation; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 03/16/21, 9:30 am, 412 Knott Building. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 412 Knott Building. Passed Banking and Insurance; YEAS 11 NAYS 1. Now in Transportation. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 03/30/21, 3:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Transportation, 8 YEAS Zero NAYS. Now in Appropriations.

**HB 605: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety – (Hunschofsky)** – Identical to SB950 by Book - Revising and providing requirements for the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, an electric bicycle, or a pedestrian; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide an awareness campaign, and include information in certain educational materials, regarding certain safety precautions; exempting a motor vehicle driver from certain provisions relating to no-passing zones when overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, an electric bicycle, or a pedestrian; revising requirements for vehicles turning at intersections; prohibiting persons riding bicycles in a bicycle lane from riding more than two abreast, etc. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee, Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Laid on the table and Committee Substitute adopted. Referred to Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Added to Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee agenda. Passed Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Now in Commerce Committee.

**SB 684: Department of Transportation – (Brandes)** – Identical to HB 707 by Chaney - Requiring the Department of Transportation to allow persons to purchase certain commuter passes for their motor vehicles; requiring that funds collected from the sale of the commuter passes be deposited in specified trust funds and used for the operation and maintenance of the Pinellas Bayway System; requiring the department or the enterprise, as appropriate, to use a specified portion of funds collected from the sale of commuter passes during a specified period of time for landscaping and beautification, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Passed Transportation. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

**HB 719: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Grall)** – Similar to SB54 by Burgess, HB 273 by Plakon and SB 420 by Hooper - Repeals provisions relating Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law;

revises garage liability insurance requirements; revises minimum coverage requirements for proof of financial responsibility for motor vehicles; revises amount of certificate of deposit required to elect certain method of proof of financial responsibility; revises excess liability coverage requirements; revises financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; revises coverages of motor vehicle policy which are subject to stacking prohibition; revises insurance requirements for transportation network companies or TNC drivers or vehicle owners. APPROPRIATION: \$83,651. Filed in the House. Referred to Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee, Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, Judiciary Committee. Now in Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee.

**SB 738: Bicycle Operations Regulations – (Baxley)** – Identical to HB353 by Hage - Providing an exception to the requirement that a person operating a bicycle ride upon or astride a seat attached thereto, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 02/16/21, 3:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Transportation; 8 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Community Affairs. Passed Community Affairs. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 03/18/21, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building --Not Considered (Note: This usually means that the committee ran out of time before this bill could be considered). Passed Rules; YEAS 17 NAYS 0. On the Senate Floor for a full vote, Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/01/21. **Laid on the table, refer to HB 353. HB 353 Passed both chambers.**

**SB 750: Impact Fees – (Gruters)** – Identical to HB337 by DiCeglie - Specifying instances when a local government or special district may collect an impact fee; requiring local governments and special districts to credit against the collection of impact fees any contribution related to public facilities; providing annual limitations on impact fee rate increases; requiring school districts to report specified items regarding impact fees, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 3. On Committee agenda-- Finance and Tax, 03/31/21, 11:00 am, 110 Senate Building. Passed Finance and Tax; 6 YEAS, 2 NAYS. Now in Appropriations. **On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 04/15/21, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building.**

**SB 950: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety – (Book)** – Identical to HB605 by Hunschofsky - Revising and providing requirements for the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, an electric bicycle, or a pedestrian; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide an awareness campaign, and include information in certain educational materials, regarding certain safety precautions; exempting a motor vehicle driver from certain provisions relating to no-passing zones when overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, an electric bicycle, or a pedestrian; revising requirements for vehicles turning at intersections; prohibiting persons riding bicycles in a bicycle lane from riding more than two abreast, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 03/30/21, 3:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Transportation; 8 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Original reference(s) removed: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Remaining references corrected to Rules. Now in Rules.

**HB 1113: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Fine)** – Similar to SB 1412 by Perry - Requires study to be conducted which recommends installation of specified pedestrian crosswalk before installation occurs; requires pedestrian crosswalk on public highway, street, or road which is located at point other than at intersection with another public highway, street, or road to conform to specified requirements; provides coordination requirements for such devices & signals; requires entity with jurisdiction over public highway, street, or road with certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that crosswalk conforms to specified requirements or authorizes entity to remove any such crosswalk; requires DOT to submit certain request for authorization to Federal Government; requires applicable entities to replace or remove specified traffic control devices within specified timeframe after date of federal authorization or denial, as applicable; authorizes retrofitting. Filed in the House. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Now in Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Added to Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee agenda. Passed Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Now in Commerce Committee. **Added to Commerce Committee agenda.**

**SB 1126: Department of Transportation – (Harrell)** – Clarifying that the Department of Revenue is responsible for a certain transfer from the State Treasury to the General Revenue Fund of a portion of documentary stamp tax distributions credited to the State Transportation Trust Fund; deleting a requirement that the department provide space and video conference capability at each of the department's district offices as an alternative to physical appearance by a person requesting a hearing before the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board within the department; requiring the department, when proposing any project on the State Highway System which will close or modify an existing access to an abutting property owner, to provide notice to affected property owners, municipalities, and counties at least 180 days before the design phase of the project is completed, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Passed Transportation. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/24/21, 2:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 10 NAYS 0 with a committee substitute (meaning amended). Now in Appropriations. **On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 04/15/21, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building.**

**SB 1194: Transportation – (Hooper)** – This bill is becoming the catch-all bill, the train. Similar to HB57 by Andrade - Providing that certain governmental entities may not prohibit certain vendors from responding to competitive solicitations of certain contractual services; requiring contractors wishing to bid on certain contracts to first be certified by the Department of Transportation as qualified; exempting airports from certain restrictions regarding entities performing engineering and inspection services; revising and providing definitions; revising requirements for arbitration of certain contracts by the State Arbitration Board, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building. Passed Transportation; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Original reference(s) removed: Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Remaining references corrected to Appropriations. Now in Appropriations. **On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 04/15/21, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building.**

**SB 1412: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Perry)** – Similar Bill HB 1113 by Fine. Citing this act as the "Sophia Nelson Pedestrian Safety Act"; requiring a traffic engineering study to be conducted which recommends installation of a specified pedestrian crosswalk before such installation occurs; requiring a pedestrian crosswalk on a public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at an intersection with another public highway, street, or road to conform to specified requirements; providing coordination requirements for certain devices and signals; requiring that traffic control signal devices at adjacent intersections be taken into consideration, etc. Filed in the Senate. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Transportation; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 04/08/21, 9:00 am, 110 Senate Building. **Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development 8 YEAS, 3 NAYS. Now in Appropriations.**

**SB 1500: General Bill by Transportation – (Harrell)** – Requiring drivers to change lanes when approaching a road and bridge maintenance or construction vehicle displaying warning lights on the roadside; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to conduct compliance reviews for a specified purpose; authorizing the department to conduct investigations and examinations relating to violations of provisions relating to title certificates; prohibiting the Central Florida Expressway Authority from constructing any extensions, additions, or improvements to the Central Florida Expressway System in Lake County without prior consultation with, rather than consent of, the Secretary of Transportation, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Passed Transportation; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.