1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 13, 2017

3. FOLLOW UP ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS
   The committee will review information that was requested from the previous meeting in follow up to the proposed legislative positions.

4. LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION
   The committee will review efforts to date regarding local coordination.

5. UPDATES
   Updates from the PSTA Legislative Committee, MPOAC, APA and other related items.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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2. Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2017 Meeting

SUMMARY

The summary minutes from the December 13, 2017 meeting are attached for the committee’s review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): Summary minutes of the December 13, 2017 Legislative Committee meeting

ACTION: Committee to review and approve the December 13, 2017 meeting minutes
FORWARD PINELLAS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
DECEMBER 13, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance:
Commissioner John Morroni, Forward Pinellas Chairman
Councilmember Doreen Caudell, Forward Pinellas Vice-Chair
Councilmember Bill Jonson, City of Clearwater representing the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) (alternate)

Also Present:
Whit Blanton, Executive Director
Sarah Caper, Principal Planner
Chelsea Hardy, County Attorney’s Office
Darryl Henderson, Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, VP Public Policy & Economic Development
Tatiana Zuniga, Intern with Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce
Josh Miller, Executive Aide to Commissioner John Morroni
Angela Crist, Executive Director, Suncoast League of Cities
Heather Gracy, President, Suncoast League of Cities and City of Dunedin Commissioner

The Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee met in the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 5th Floor Conference Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER
   The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2017
   Councilmember Jonson moved, seconded by Councilmember Caudell that the summary from the November 8, 2017 meeting be approved (vote 3-0).

3. FOLLOW UP ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS
   Whit Blanton provided additional information in follow up to discussion continuing from previous meetings regarding proposed legislative positions.

   Staff researched Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs) between local governments, the state and others to operate transit service, because FDOT will be seeking local commitments for capital costs and ongoing operations and maintenance for future regional transit projects.

   Staff had a call with the SunRail Executive Director. SunRail has three interlocal agreements that encompass governance, operating, and funding after 2021 when the seven-year state commitment runs out. This is a good example to follow for our area. There is no need to take a formal position at this time, this is just background information for future reference.
In the meantime, Mr. Blanton met with Pinellas County Administrator Mark Woodard regarding this and let him know that FDOT is requesting local commitments by the end of 2018 regarding future funding sources before FDOT continues to fund studies, PD&Es and design for a priority corridor coming out of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan (RTFP). An MOA would be more of a policy statement as opposed to addressing a specific funding source, similar to the ones developed for SunRail.

Councilmember Caudell suggested approaching this jointly with at least two counties in conjunction with a referendum for a funding source. Mr. Blanton provided an overview of the options that he and Mark Woodard discussed. Mr. Woodard indicated that he has regular meetings with the Hillsborough County Administrator and this topic is included in those discussions. They are also meeting with their Pasco County counterpart. The Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group would be the venue for vetting the particular projects coming out of the RTFP to be endorsed by the MPOs and incorporated into the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Regional Transportation Development Plan (TDP) for project advancement.

At this time, Chairman Mornoni asked that those present introduce themselves as was missed at the start of the meeting.

Staff follow up on efforts to reach out to Tampa Bay TMA-area MPO counterparts regarding the draft position statements of Forward Pinellas. There was no response received back from Pasco County. Hillsborough County MPO shared its position statements, which are consistent and were provided at the November meeting.

In response to Chairman Mornoni’s inquiry, Mr. Blanton advised that Craig Casper is the new director for the Pasco County MPO. Mr. Blanton advised that the differences in the structure of the Pasco MPO, which is housed by Pasco County Board of County Commissioners, is likely more responsible for developing policy than the MPO itself. Mr. Blanton advised that Katherine Starkey regularly attends the TMA meetings. Councilmember Caudell agreed to reach out to her for a response.

Mr. Blanton polled the committee regarding its desire to take official positions on any of the draft statements including:

- To clarify TBARTA’s role relative to the MPOs. Forward Pinellas’s staff perspective is that the MPOs are the system planning organizations for the region; TBARTA is tasked with developing, operating, and facilitating the implementation of transit at a regional scale. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) serve as the transit providers in their respective counties. He updated the committee on the outcomes from the recent TBARTA Board workshop. Specifically, he detailed the changes made to the language in a resolution of support that would have declared TBARTA the exclusive recipient of the RTFP and sole entity responsible for the implementation of the plan.

- To develop a regional express bus pilot program or express bus network.
• Adapt state transportation funding sources for transit, such as broadening the eligibility of Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds.

Chairman Morroni inquired if a letter of support was necessary at this time. It was decided that the January board meeting would be sufficient timing to make recommendations to the full board and take action.

Councilmember Caudell suggested careful monitoring of the activities of TBARTA to ensure true regional collaboration and avoid exclusivity.

Councilmember Jonson suggested that we take positions relating to improving pedestrian safety. Mr. Blanton reminded the committee of the action the board took to support laws making texting while driving a primary offense and advised we could take up other specific positions as brought forward by the board and/or committee.

Staff will prepare to take these position statements to the full board in January with a letter of support as needed.

Mr. Blanton then outlined the bills related to the structure of MPOs that are making their way through session and the potential impacts to our board composition. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Blanton also outlined a proposal on special districts with potential impacts on the Pinellas Planning Council. Chelsea Hardy clarified that this is not a bill, but rather a proposal for the Constitution Revision Commission. It follows a different process to reach adoption. It would require a change to the Constitution of the State of Florida. Input is received by the Commission via a website and also through meetings being held around the state. Locally a meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in St. Pete at the University of South Florida from 1-7 p.m. The committee felt it would be important to have a presence at this local meeting along with PSTA.

Mr. Blanton recommended that the committee and the Forward Pinellas Board not take any official positions on any of the MPO bills – and request the Legislature table any changes to MPOs – until such time that the MPO Regional Coordination Structure Research and Best Practices Study is completed with recommendations in time for the 2019 Legislative Session.

4. LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION
Mr. Blanton shared that staff has compiled positions from Pinellas County, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, City of Largo, Clearwater Regional Chamber and others. Staff will review and identify three or four positions that Forward Pinellas could coordinate on and bring back to the committee.

5. SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES – TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY GROUP
Angela Crist, executive director of the Suncoast League of Cities (SLC) and Heather Gracy, SLC President and City of Dunedin Commissioner, presented on the Florida
Regional Compact Initiative and the newly formed advocacy group which seeks to demonstrate broad support for regional transportation needs in the Tampa Bay Area in order to gain funding from the state and federal government. It was discussed that the group would consist of both members and partners working together to gain momentum around three vetted transportation needs in the Tampa Bay Region. It was stressed that this would not get into the details, but merely the agreement on the top three needs. The committee felt the best route for gaining support was to begin with the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group. It was decided to limit the presentation to the full board today until after the next TMA Leadership Group meeting and discussion takes place around regional transit priorities, providing an opportunity to align transportation requests across counties. This will ideally occur at the January 19, 2018 TMA meeting. A subsequent, more detailed presentation, will follow to the Forward Pinellas Board.

6. UPDATES
The committee received the latest legislative updates from the MPOAC and Florida APA. Other relevant correspondence regarding bills of interest was also distributed to the committee members.

7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
It was discussed the Councilmember Jonson would be terming out with the City of Clearwater in March 2018. This will necessitate his replacement on the PSTA Board and subsequently a new appointment by PSTA to the Forward Pinellas Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.
3. FOLLOW UP ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas staff continued to follow up on the proposed legislative positions discussed at previous meetings and has prepared a letter for the full Forward Pinellas Board to review at its January 10, 2018 meeting. The draft letter that includes the statement of principles discussed at this meeting is attached and is also included in the full Forward Pinellas board meeting agenda.

Since the last meeting, Forward Pinellas has also received correspondence from the Hillsborough and Pasco MPOs regarding the status of their legislative positions. The Hillsborough MPO also provided a copy of a letter to Senator Rouson elaborating on SB1188 and the Strategic Intermodal System.

ATTACHMENT(S):
- Draft letter to the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation
- December 11, 2017 Hillsborough MPO letter
- January 3, 2018 Hillsborough MPO letter
- Pasco MPO email

ACTION: None required; informational item only; or as deemed appropriate by the committee
January 10, 2018

The Honorable Rep. Chris Latvala, Chairman
Pinellas County Legislative Delegation
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Dear Representative Latvala:

Transportation plays a critical role in economic growth, community character and individual quality of life, and it is a priority issue facing Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay region in 2018. As the countywide land use and transportation planning agency that also helps define regional transportation priorities, the Forward Pinellas Board adopted the following legislative position statements at its meeting on January 10, 2018:

- **Clarify the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority’s (TBARTA’s) role and responsibilities relative to the system planning and project priority-setting responsibilities of metropolitan planning organizations.** While there is a need for strong leadership in regional transportation planning and project development, it should respect the complementary roles different agencies play in terms of planning for land use and transportation, funding, operating and outcome-driven evaluation. The TBARTA Regional Transit Development Plan should reflect project priorities established through the metropolitan planning organizations’ (MPOs) long range transportation plans. We believe that the Regional Transit Development Plan and TBARTA should serve to prioritize, advance, implement and operate transit projects or programs that are officially recognized in the MPO long range plan and on the regional transportation priority list adopted by the MPO.

- **Develop and provide funding for a regional express transit network that provides competitive travel times to get workers to their destinations throughout Tampa Bay.** This is a relatively low-cost initiative that TBARTA can advance through its Regional Transit Development Plan with application of technology (e.g. regional fare card, transit signal priority, and vehicle automation) and use of express toll lanes on major corridors.

- **Adapt existing state transportation funding sources to recognize the increasing need for transit in fast-growing or established urbanized areas.** The Forward Pinellas Board supports expanding the eligibility of Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to cover regional transit operating and capital costs for service within SIS corridors like I-275 and US 19 that connect major activity centers. Other programs like the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) can also be expanded to provide statewide transit matching dollars and the regulatory barriers reduced to fund transit projects. An example of this is SB 1200 and related HB 535 that revise the annual allocations in the TRIP program to include alternative transportation systems.
• **Make texting while driving a primary offense.** The Forward Pinellas Board urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation, such as SB 90 and HB 33, that would make texting while driving a primary offense, as opposed to its current status as a second offense. In 2015, distracted driving accounted for nine deaths and 569 injuries in Pinellas County alone, with an estimated economic impact of $72,293,100.

• Forward Pinellas requests that any legislative changes to the organizational structure of MPOs be postponed until after this year to allow the Regional Best Practices Study now underway to proceed and develop its recommendations for consideration at the end of the 2018 calendar year. SB 757 would reduce the allowed number of MPO members while increasing the percentage of members that represent Boards of County Commissioners, and SB 984/HB 807 would allow MPOs that merge to maintain their existing representation beyond existing statutory limits on total membership after the merger. Both bills undercut the development of impartial, evidence-based policy recommendations that will be considered for Tampa Bay’s regional transportation planning process in 2019.

• Support the continuation of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) as a local economic development tool. CRAs are used to support economic development, including the redevelopment of blighted areas. Monies used in financing CRAs are locally generated, must be spent in ways that are consistent with local government comprehensive plans, and are often used as a match for state and federal funds. They are a valuable tool for communities to invest in areas of high need. HB 17 would severely limit the effectiveness of this important local government tool.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me or Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

John Morroni
Chair

Cc: Delegation members
Beth Alden, Hillsborough MPO
Craig Casper, Pasco MPO
Ray Chiaramonte, TBARTA
December 11, 2017

The Honorable Rep. Jake Raburn, Chairman
Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation
402 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Representative Raburn:

The Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) voted on Tuesday, December 5th, to support the following positions for the 2018 legislative session:

- We strongly support the attached appropriations requests of our local governments, in addition to our adopted regional priorities for major transportation investments;
- We urge the Legislature to revise statutes for stronger enforcement against texting while driving, which has contributed to a recent upward trend in traffic fatalities;
- We support raising the standards for determining school hazardous walking conditions, and urge the State to continue to share the cost burden of the required school bus service;
- We advocate for new State funding opportunities for regionally significant transit services, such as Strategic Intermodal System designation, toll revenue set-asides, a new TBARTA matching grant program, or other methods; and
- We would like to emphasize the importance of population-proportional representation as an essential principle of MPO board composition; and further, request that any changes to the organizational structure of MPOs in our region be postponed until after this year, to allow our Regional Planning Best Practices Study to proceed in cooperation with TBARTA and the region's MPOs.

Please contact me or MPO Executive Director Beth Alden if further information is needed. With best wishes for a successful session,

Lesley “Les” Miller, Jr.
Chairman

Attachments

Cc: Delegation members
Brandon Wagner, Hillsborough County Legislative Affairs
Christina Barker, City of Tampa Mayor’s Office
Kim Leinbach, Plant City
Charles Stephenson, Temple Terrace
Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas
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2017 Top Priorities
Approved by consensus June 2, 2017

- **Interstate Modernization Projects**
  - Status: Funding is requested for reconstruction of two interchanges, I-275/SR 60 and I-275/I-4; interstate modernization including technology; reevaluation of Tampa Interstate Study EIS; and for locational studies for transit centers in the Gateway and Fletcher/Fowler areas. Environmental impact studies are underway, and construction is funded for the Howard Frankland Bridge replacement.

- **Regional Transit Catalyst Project(s) which may include:**
  - a. Central Avenue BRT, St. Petersburg downtown to beaches;
  - b. Westshore Multimodal Center with fixed guideway connections to downtowns and airports;
  - c. Further development of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan;
  - d. Regional Express Bus - opportunities include SR 60/Gulf-to-Bay Blvd, the Veterans Exwy/Suncoast Pkwy, the Gandy/Selmon Exwy corridor, the SR 54/56 corridor, and as a part of Tampa Bay Next; and expansion of regional farebox system to adjoining counties;
  - e. Elevated transit in the SR 60 corridor – pilot project from downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach.
  - f. CSX Rail Corridors – Funding is requested for right-of-way preservation for development of potential commuter routes.
  - g. Waterborne Transportation Projects – Funding is requested for regional waterborne transportation priority projects, which could include the Cross-Bay Ferry, waterborne service from south Hillsborough County to MacDill Air Force Base, and other regional projects.

- **SR 54/56 Corridor, from US 19 to Bruce B. Downs** – Funding is requested to complete a Multimodal Concept and Corridor Assessment/Impact Study.

- **I-75 improvements:**
  - a. I-75 at Overpass Road – new interchange (funding requested for construction)
  - b. I-75 at Big Bend Road – interchange reconfiguration
I-75 at Big Bend Road Interchange Project

Policy Statement
Seeking $5 million to undertake the design of new northbound entry and southbound exit ramps for Interstate 75 at Big Bend Road to address a significant traffic congestion problem.

Cost Estimate
Hillsborough County estimates the total cost to perform the design and documentation for the new ramps will be $5 million. The Florida Department of Transportation has already conducted a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study.

The full cost of the entire Big Bend project is $47.8 million. These costs include design, right of way acquisition, and construction of the following improvements:
- New westbound to northbound on-ramp
- New southbound to westbound off-ramp

Scope of Work
Work will include design, right of way acquisition and reconstruction of the I-75 and Big Bend Road interchange. Improvements to this location have been identified in the Interchange Operational Analysis Report (IOAR) for I-75 at Big Bend Road (2013) and the I-75 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study (2009). Upon completion, the improvements are expected to:
- Improve operation of the interchange which reduces the likelihood that traffic queues will extend onto I-75, thereby increasing the safety and efficiency of the interstate system.
- Improve operations along Big Bend Road by reducing delay at the signalized intersections, thereby improving the flow through the corridor.
- Create capacity for future demand.

Background
Between 2010 and 2016, 41% of all people who relocated to the County moved to South County, where this project is located. This trend is expected to continue as the population is expected to grow from 1.3 million to 1.8 million by 2040. The proposed improvements will help to address specific needs related to population and employment growth in the area.

As an SIS facility, I-75 is a vital corridor that provides the highest degree of mobility for people and goods traveling through the region and the state. Big Bend Road, an SIS connector is an important East-West connection in the southern part of the County. It connects three State/Federal highways, namely US 41, I-75 and US 301 and the Port of Tampa, which are vital for regional movement of people and goods.

Funding for portions of the Big Bend Road corridor and associated improvements at the interchange were initially to be provided by several local developments. With recent changes to the Florida Statutes and changing schedules of development, funding availability from the aforementioned sources has dramatically decreased. While the County has committed to widening Big Bend Road in its 10 year transportation plan, additional funding sources are needed to construct a vibrant transportation system.

For more information, please contact Jim Taylor or Brandon Wagner with the Hillsborough County Office of Operations and Legislative Affairs – (813) 276-2640, Taylor@HCFLGov.net or WagnerB@HCFLGov.net
Orient Road Improvement
Project

Policy Statement
Seeking $2 million for improvements to Orient Road from Hillsborough Ave to Broadway ave.

Scope of Work
This project ultimately would provide for enhanced mobility which includes pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities. The county performed an alignment study for Orient Road – Hillsborough Ave to Broadway, which established a basis for the next step, a Preliminary Design and Engineering (PD&E) project. The appropriated funds will be used specifically for the PD&E.

Specifically, county staff will obtain daily travel times using Bluetooth technology and average delay at signal controlled intersections at large employer locations and connections to regional highways. This data will allow improved travel time including fewer delays at major traffic generators located along corridor.

Project Outcomes
- Widened four lane road
- Pedestrian, sidewalk, and Transit features.
- Enhanced roadway for travelers including better transit headways, walking conditions, and access to places of employee and economic activity.
- Improved access to the Florida State Fair Grounds, other attractions, and connectivity to regional arterial highways.
- Congestion relief for the citizens of Hillsborough County.

Background
Hillsborough County consistently ranks high in Florida for bicyclist death. This corridor is a major density corridor, with consistently high bicycle and foot traffic in addition to the traffic density. In 2010 we saw an average of 10,400 vehicles per day. By 2040 we anticipate that number to climb to 14,300 vehicles per day. In addition, Orient Road is expected to carry 50% over capacity of the existing road by 2040 per Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization. This corridor is also included in the Long Transportation Plan for widening to 4 lanes.

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School Sidewalk and Safety Enhancement Project

Policy Statement
Seeking $2 million to provide safe and enhanced routes for students walking to their nearby school.

Scope of Work
Funds will be used specifically to:
- Design and construct sidewalks
- Provide strategic lighting
- Construction of crosswalks
- Implementation of warning devices
- Additional pedestrian safety enhancements near schools.

These strategic safety enhancements will ensure students that do not use vehicle transportation, or lack school bus services within a two mile radius of schools, safe passage to their school.

Background
The Board of County Commissioners approved a program of transportation projects which includes pedestrian facilities as well as a Vision Zero Action Plan. These programs came through a series of countywide public meetings and include projects and initiatives that provide safer, more convenient and comfortable walking, cycling and access to transit.

On December 6th, 2017 the Hillsborough County School Board voted to end courtesy busing for those students living within 2 miles of their schools. This cost cutting measure shifted focus to the BOCC to provide a safe route for students now walking or riding their bike to school.
South Coast Greenway Trail Project

Policy Statement
Seeking $450,000 to fund the construction of phase 1B of the South Coast Greenway Trail.

Scope of Work
Funding will be spend on securing a contractor and building phase 1B of the trail, including construction engineering and inspection (CEI).

Cost Estimate
Hillsborough County estimates the cost to construct this segment at $450,000. These costs include:
- Project Manager (Licensed Professional Engineer).
- Construction
- Construction Engineering and Inspection

Background
A South County Recreational Corridor Plan was completed by a consultant and approved on March 6th, 2007 by County Board of Commissioners. A Project Development & Environment Study was completed by another consultant and approved March 3, 2008 for this phase I project. Design Plans were completed and approved on 8/25/15. Public Meetings in support held on 7/13/06 and 11/16/06.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has this project on the 2040 Long Range Transportation plan. It is also included on the 2013-2017 Florida Greenways & Trails System Plan, and in addition, the Hillsborough County Greenway’s & Trails Committee has included this Trail on their plan since 1995.

For more information, please contact Jim Taylor or Brandon Wagner with the Hillsborough County Office of Operations and Legislative Affairs – (813) 276-2640, TaylorJ@HCFLGov.net or WagnerB@HCFLGov.net
March 15, 2017

Ms. Beth Alden, AICP  
Executive Director  
Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
601 East Kennedy Boulevard, 18th Floor  
Tampa, Florida 33602

Re: Transportation Priorities of the City of Plant City for 2017

Dear Ms. Alden:

Per your request, listed below for your consideration are the City of Plant City’s priorities to use during this year’s development of the MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program. They are in order of importance [highest first]:

- **South Collins Street** – Streetscaping and lane reconfiguration from Alabama Street to East Laura Street. The total estimated cost of this project is $700,000. Implements complete street recommendations from the Collins Street Corridor Study, October 2013. Also supports the guiding principles of the Midtown Redevelopment Vision Plan, June 2007.

- **West Sam Allen Road** – Expand to a four lane facility from North Alexander Street to Paul Buchman Highway (SR 39). The total estimated cost for this project is $7,120,000. Addresses a mismatch of lane configuration that currently exists for this link between North Alexander Street (4 Lanes) and the funded expansion (4 Lanes) of Sam Allen east of Paul Buchman Highway. Also, significant population growth is expected in this area and further it implements a recommendation from the Northeast Plant City Area Master Plan, June 2008.
- **Alexander Street/James L. Redman Parkway (SR 39) – Intersection Improvements.** The total estimated cost of this project is $2,000,000. The improvements that would aid in traffic flow through this intersection include an improved east bound right turn lane on Alexander Street south bound onto SR 39 for semi-truck traffic. A new right turn lane on SR 39 onto west bound Alexander Street, which would greatly reduce the traffic backup which now occurs at this centrally located commercial node in Plant City. (Note: Once the exchange of Alexander Street for Collins Street is complete this will become a project for FDOT.)

- **US 92 – Expand to four lanes from Park Road to South County Line.** The estimated cost would be provided by FDOT. Significant industrial growth is expected in this area and further it would implement a recommended improvement from the Freight Logistics Zone Study, May 2016. In addition, this would reduce truck traffic on Interstate-4.

- **Rice Road – New two land road from Coronet Road to South County Line Road.** The estimated cost of a PD&E for this project is projected to be $2,500,000. Significant industrial growth is expected in this area and further it would implement a recommended improvement from the Freight Logistics Zone Study, May 2016. Also, this would provide an additional east-west thoroughfare between US 92 and SR 60, which would benefit truck traffic and industrial growth in eastern Hillsborough and western Polk Counties.

- **East Sam Allen Road – New four lane facility from North Park Road to North County Line Road.** The estimated cost of a PD&E for this project is projected to be $2,150,000. Also, significant population growth is expected in this area and further it would implement a recommendation from the Northeast Plant City Area Master Plan, June 2008.
Plant City Transportation Priorities
March 15, 2017

- **Alexander Street/Jim Johnson Road – Intersection Improvements.** The total estimated cost of the project is $2,000,000. Improvements to this intersection will aid traffic flow by widening the intersection, allowing for a dual left turn lane onto Jim Johnson Road from Alexander Street. This intersection will require widening at the crossing of CSX Railroad.

- **South Park Road/Coronet Road – Intersection Improvements.** The total estimated cost of the project is $2,000,000. Improvements to this intersection will aid traffic flow by widening the intersection, allowing for dedicated left turn lanes onto Park Road from Coronet Road and East Alsobrook Street. Other intersection improvements would include a relocated right turn lane onto Coronet Road from Park Road and a relocated right turn lane from East Alsobrook Street onto Park Road.

- Projects to implement the recommendations of the Plant City Walk/Bike Plan - Total estimated cost to be determined once the study is completed by the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization in the fall of 2017.

All of these proposed projects above are consistent with the Imagine 2040: Plant City Comprehensive Plan. Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions, please contact either Mark Hudson, AICP our Planning and Zoning Director or Michael Schenk, P.E. our City Engineer at (813) 659-4200.

Sincerely,

Mike Herr
City Manager
City of Plant City

CC: Plant City City Commission
January 3, 2018

The Honorable Sen. Darryl Rouson
212 Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Senator Rouson:

RE: SB 1188 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide more information about our December 11 letter promoting regionally significant transit services, especially as they relate to S3 1188. **SB 1188 is an important step toward squeezing more capacity and faster service from existing traffic corridors.**

Under current state law, FDOT’s Strategic Intermodal System funds are allowed to be used for light rail or rapid bus operating in bus-only lanes. Funds cannot be used for rapid bus operating in managed-price express toll lanes that are open to regular cars, even though the real-time pricing helps guarantee travel speeds.

In the Tampa Bay region, emphasis has been placed on advancing regionally-significant rapid bus service that would link major destinations in Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco, taking advantage of managed-price express toll lanes that are proposed for I-275, I-75, I-4, the Veteran’s Expressway/Suncoast Parkway corridor, and others.

To date, FDOT focuses 75% of its available resources on the Strategic Intermodal System, and bus-only lanes are eligible for SIS funding. However, bus-only lanes are not the most efficient use of road-space, since even a very frequent bus service would leave the lane empty for nine minutes out of every ten.

**SB 1188 would not mean the Tampa Bay region gets more SIS funding than it typically does.** It would simply make rapid bus in managed lanes an eligible expenditure.

Potentially a rapid bus system in managed lanes could be converted to autonomous-vehicle (AV) transit as the technology evolves. In fact, two of the major destinations mentioned – Downtown Tampa and the USF area – are already working on pilot projects to operate AV transit circulator shuttles in protected areas. It is only an incremental step to then connect those areas with an autonomous rapid bus operating in express lanes.
SB 1188 would support the Tampa Bay region as it moves forward to relieve traffic congestion with the latest transit in transit technology. We greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Beth Alden
Executive Director

Cc: Bay Area Legislative Delegation Members
    Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas
    Craig Casper, Pasco MPO
    Ray Chiaramonte, TBARTA
DATE: December 15, 2017
COMMITTEE: MPO Board
FROM: Transportation Planning Division / MPO Manager
STAFF: Craig T. Casper
SUBJECT: Legislative Recommendations from Hillsborough MPO
ACTION: Information

SUMMARY
As the 3 MPOs that comprise the Transportation Management Area create closer collaborations, the staff directors of the MPOs have begun sharing position statements and activities among ourselves. Attached is a letter from the Hillsborough MPO stating their positions for the 2018 legislative session. An obvious question is does the Pasco MPO wish to take formal action on positions, or do you prefer to work individually with state legislators on the questions included in the attached letter, or on other issues that are relevant to the Pasco region?

Pasco MPO staff cannot lobby, but we are able to provide information related to policy questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (S)
MPO Board members to review letter.

ATTACHMENT(S)
1. Hillsborough MPO Board of Directors letter dated December 11, 2017
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SUMMARY

As discussed at previous legislative committee meetings, Forward Pinellas staff reached out to local governments, chambers of commerce and other agency partners regarding their legislative positions. Based on the information received to date from the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, Pinellas County, the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber and the City of Largo, staff has developed (several/multiple) statements that address some of the common positions.

- Continue to explore and expand Pinellas County’s transportation system with innovations in transportation technology. This includes Pinellas County’s request for appropriations of $6 million towards a cooperative County/State project to implement a fully functional Connected Vehicle Arterial System that can be used for operational and original equipment manufacturer (OEM) testing of a wide range of smart city and connected vehicle technologies. It also incorporates the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce’s draft positions that discuss the use of emerging technology.

- Implement express transit service from Tampa International Airport to the beaches. This is included in the draft Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce advocacy agenda. The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) has this service, specifically to Clearwater Beach, as one of its state legislative priorities.

- Support use of and improvements to Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs). Both City of Largo and Pinellas County address the role and importance of CRAs in their legislative positions.

- Continue to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety, through projects and educational efforts. This is a priority of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber and relates to Pinellas County’s monitoring of support for Pinellas County transportation projects.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only; or as deemed appropriate by the committee
SUMMARY

Updates will be provided on the PSTA Legislative Committee, the MPOAC legislative monitoring and activity, and other regional and countywide areas of interest.

ATTACHMENT(S):
- Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association 2018 Legislative Priorities
- MPOAC Legislative Update 12-08-2017
- American Planning Association (APA) Florida Legislative Update 12-08-2017

ACTION: None required; informational item only; or as deemed appropriate by the committee
2018 Legislative Priorities

Support current level of state funding of $50M for beach nourishment and inlet management projects to preserve our beaches

- **Support amendments to Chapter 375, F.S., to provide $50M in recurring, dedicated funding for beaches from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.** For FY 17/18, the Legislature provided $50M, $29.5M as recurring LATF. A recurring $50M annual LATF allocation is needed to predictably fund the statewide beach management program, and maximize federal and local matching dollars.

- **Assist coastal communities with Hurricane Irma storm damage recovery, supporting a separate, one-time state appropriation for local government sponsors to match Congressional (USACE and FEMA) supplemental funding for beaches.**

- **Increase funding emphasis on inlet management/sand bypassing projects.** Florida’s 60 inlets starve adjacent beaches and are the major cause of erosion on Florida’s East Coast. Effective inlet sand management will reduce nourishment costs and frequency on downdrift eroded beaches, and conserve sand resources.

- **Ensure annual funding is used for projects in greatest need by revising ranking criteria for beach and inlet management projects to better capture the economic benefits of tourism, storm damage reduction and resource protection.**

**FLORIDA’S BEACHES ARE LOSING GROUND**

The cost of doing nothing is too great

Historically, the Legislature committed $30M annually in doc stamp revenues for the statewide beach program. Following passage of Amendment 1, the 1998 allocation was replaced in law, recognizing the program as an eligible recipient of LATF.

Why $50M? The miles of critically eroded beaches have increased since 1998 from 317 to 416 and are growing with recent storm events. Miles of beaches participating in the program have increased over 50%. We now have almost 200 miles of critically-eroded beaches not part of any solution. A $50M dedicated, recurring annual allocation for beaches is needed to repair the growing backlog of eroded beaches, maintain the 229 miles of projects already part of the program, and begin to address the most eroded segments of beach not part of any shore protection project.
Beaches are a Worthy State Investment

The Office of Economic & Demographic Research’s 2015 study concluded that beaches are the most important feature of Florida’s brand and are the #1 tourist attraction, with an ROI of 5.4 to 1. An annual state investment of $44M increased state revenues by $237.9M and increased the GDP by $2.4B per year.

Intergovernmental Partnership

Consistent dedicated state funding is vital to match local and federal funding for beach and inlet projects. Requiring equal cost-sharing, the state has partnered with local government project sponsors to manage over 60 projects (229 miles). Of those, 26 projects (134 miles or 59% of total project miles) are Federally authorized and average a 62% Federal cost share (replacement of post-storm sand losses is 100%).

Healthy Beaches Drive Our Economy

Healthy beaches grow state revenues by increasing coastal property values, associated doc stamp revenues, and tourism-related sales tax revenues. Without healthy beaches, visitors will travel elsewhere and upland development will be more vulnerable to beach erosion.

Nourished and Maintained Beaches Reduce Storm Damage

During Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, beaches with nourishment projects did an outstanding job absorbing storm impacts and protecting upland development from beach erosion and coastal flooding. They worked and reminded us of the importance of maintaining dunes! Florida’s beach program can maximize its cost-effectiveness by making state funds available post-storm to match Federal and local government dollars to replace sand losses and reestablish the project’s nourishment interval before the next major storm event.

“Experience shows the most cost-effective, socially and environmentally suitable way to reduce storm damages and coastal flooding on most open coast sites occurs through beach nourishment.”

(ASCE, 2016 Report Card)
Legislative Update for the week ending 12/08/2017

Overview

This week of committee meetings produced some movement on bills and the Governor’s budget proposal was brought before committees for review. The Governor is proposing a total state budget of $87.4 Billion for the upcoming state fiscal year. Transportation Secretary Mike Dew presented the proposed Department of Transportation budget to the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Transportation and Infrastructure on Wednesday and on Thursday he was back at the Capitol presenting to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. The proposed transportation budget is $10.84 Billion for the coming state fiscal year. A breakdown of the budget is as follows:

10.1 Billion for the Transportation Work Program
   - Highway Construction - $4 Billion
   - Seaport Infrastructure Improvements - $171.6 Million
   - Aviation Improvements - $359 Million
   - Bridges (63 bridges repaired, 18 replaced) – $167.7 Million
   - Safety Initiatives/Bicycle & Pedestrian Trails - $337 Million
   - Transportation Work Program Integration Initiative - $14 Million

The last item listed is the system used by the work program office to develop and track projects for the work program. The plan is to revise and update the system which will increase the department’s effectiveness and efficiency in managing the work program. The Secretary also commented that the new system will increase transparency. The proposed budget does involve a reduction of 90 Full Time Equivalents to a total of 6209 positions within the Department of Transportation. There were a few questions, but the focus of the committees seemed to be on other agencies whose directors fielded some tough questions. Not Secretary Dew, the Department and Secretary enjoy the benefits of a good reputation, one that is well deserved. Congrats to Secretary Dew on a successful round of presentations.

A pleasing event this week was a press release announcing the filing of House Bill 33 which would move texting and driving from a secondary offense to a primary offense. The bill is co-sponsored by Representative Toledo (Tampa) and Representative Slosberg (Boca Raton). This by itself would not sound like a big deal but the big news contained in the press release was that Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran would be supporting this piece of legislation! He pointed to data that demonstrates the need for this legislation in Florida. Our many thanks to the Representatives Toledo, Slosberg and the Speaker for their support of this important legislation.
In related news, Senate Bill 90 which is the Senate ban on Texting While Driving by Senator Perry (Gainesville), passed out of it’s first committee. Members of the committee asked to make the law more stringent and the Senator wisely explained that a more stringent law would be less likely to pass both chambers. Our compliments to Senator Perry for taking a pragmatic approach in order to make headway on this important issue.

Lastly, House Bill 575 which is the bill that will reduce the cap on the number of MPO Board members was presented to it’s first committee and unfortunately passed. I had a chance to visit with the bill sponsor, Representative Beshears (Monticello), earlier in the week about this bill. He wants more nimble and effective MPOs and sees this piece of legislation as a step in that direction. The next stop for this bill is Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, a date for the subcommittee to hear the bill has not been set.

As in the last update, shown below are the dates of events for the 2018 legislative session, and included in this legislative update is a listing of bills filed thus far in the session related to transportation. Updates will occur on an as-needed basis until the official start of the 2018 legislative session, then your MPOAC updates will be issued weekly.

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.

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

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### Important Dates for the 2018 Legislative Session

- August 01, 2017 – Deadline for filing claim bills
- November 17, 2017 - Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- January 5, 2018 – Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- January 9, 2018 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction
- February 24, 2018 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day
- February 27, 2018 - 50th day, last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- March 9, 2018 - 60th day, last day of Regular Session

### Committee Meeting schedule prior to the official Legislative Session beginning on January 9th

- October 2017 - Week of the 9th
- October 2017 - Week of the 23rd
- November 2017 - Week of the 6th
- November 2017 - Week of the 13th
- December 2017 - Week of the 4th
This is a summary of bills filed and published on the legislature’s website as of December 07, 2017. The 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.

Changes from last update are shown in RED

**HB 33: Texting While Driving** – (Toledo; Slosberg – Co-Introducers: Ahern; Burgess; Fitzenhagen; Jacobs; Metz; Stark) – Similar Bill SB 90. Revises legislative intent; requires law enforcement officer to inform motor vehicle operator of certain rights; prohibits certain actions by such officer; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. Bill has been filed, but not yet assigned to committees.

**SB 72: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving** – (Garcia – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield) – Withdrawn. Identical to SB 90.

**CS/SB 90: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving** – (Perry – Co-Sponsor: Garcia; Mayfield; Rodriguez; Campbell; Baxley) – Identical to SB 72. Similar to HB 33. Revising the legislative intent relating to the authorization of law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are texting while driving; requiring deposit of fines into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund, etc. Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Committee Substitute (amendment) and passed by Communications, Energy and Public Utilities (Yeas 7, Nays 1). This bill also picked up three more co-sponsors. Now in Transportation. The bill now has five co-sponsors.

**SB 116: Operation of Vehicles** – (Baxley – Co-Introducers: Passidomo) - Requiring drivers to vacate lanes closest to, or reduce speed and pass, vulnerable road users, authorized emergency, sanitation, and utility service vehicles or workers, and wrecker operators under certain circumstances, subject to certain requirements, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 117: Operation of Vehicles** – (Slosberg; Stark) – Similar to SB 72 and SB 90. Revises short title & legislative intent; revises penalties for violations of provisions re: texting while driving; provides enhanced penalties for violations committed in school zones & crossings; requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies prohibiting racial profiling in enforcement; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee.

This bill was withdrawn and the bill sponsor (Slosberg) is a co-sponsor of the newly filed HB 33: Texting While Driving bill.

**SB 176: Traffic Infraction Detectors** – (Hutson) – Similar to HB 6001 - 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, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.
SB 182: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Rodriguez)  – Similar Bill HB 567. Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the program to disburse grants using funds allocated to the department by the Legislature to certain qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a construction project of the department, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 188: Public School Transportation – (Steube) - Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations.

SB 206: Highway Memorial Markers – (Perry) – Requiring the Department of Transportation to establish a process, including the adoption of any forms deemed necessary by the department, for submitting applications for installation of a memorial marker; authorizing the department to install a certain sign at no charge to an applicant; authorizing an applicant to request an emblem of belief not specifically approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration for incorporation in a memorial marker, subject to certain requirements, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 215: Autocycles – (Payne) – Related bill SB 504 (Perry). Defines "autocycle" & revises definition of "motorcycle"; requires safety belt usage by autocycle operator/passenger; authorizes autocycle operation without motorcycle endorsement; provides applicability. Definition of an autocycle: A three-wheeled motorcycle that has two wheels in the front and one wheel in the back; is equipped with a roll cage or roll hoops, a seat belt for each occupant, antilock brakes, a steering wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it; and is manufactured in accordance with the applicable federal motorcycle safety standards provided in 49 C.F.R. part 571 by a manufacturer registered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Not knowing from the description what an autocycle looks like, I thought it best to share with you a picture of one. The image of an autocycle is shown below. Bill referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee (Yeas 12, Nays 2) and is now on the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee agenda for 11/15/2017. Bill passed the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, now in Government Accountability Committee.

HB 243: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Avila; Perez) – Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for refinancing existing bonds; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. The bill was amended by the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee to define eligible uses of surtax monies. The bill as written does not allow for surtax monies to be used for salaries or other personnel expenses. The bill passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays.
SB 272: Local Tax Referenda - (Brandes) – Companion bill HB 317. Revises the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; and Rules. Passed Community Affairs, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax.

HB 317: Local Tax Referenda – (Ingoglia) – Companion bill SB 272. Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified dates & approved by specified percentage of voters. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Bill is now in Ways and Means Committee.  Bill passed Ways and Means Committee, 18 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Government Accountability Committee.

SB 346: Motorcycle and Moped Riders – (Perry) – Increasing the age (from age 16 to age 21) at which persons who are operating or riding upon a certain motorcycle are exempt from protective headgear requirements, etc. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.

HB 525: High-Speed Passenger Rail – (Grall; Magar) – Similar bill SB 572. Requires railroad companies operating high-speed passenger rail system to be responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, & upgrade costs; specifies that governmental entity is not responsible for such costs unless it consents in writing. Referred...
to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee.

**HB 535: Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority – (Avila)** – Please see the 11/17/2017 MPOAC Legislative Update Newsletter Overview for more information on this bill. Renames Florida Rail Enterprise as Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; revises annual allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & authority for certain purposes; provides requirements for use of funds provided to authority; requires enterprise contracts to remain with authority; provides requirements for funding requests & county matching funds; revises & provides definitions; replaces powers & duties of enterprise re: high-speed rail system with powers & duties of authority re: alternative transportation system; exempts proposed projects funded under authority from certain development requirement. The bill was referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. **Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 13 Yeas, Zero Nays.**

**SB 542: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (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 publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations. **SB 544: Procurement Procedures – (Brandes)** – Specifying the applicability of procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contract solicitation or award process for certain procurements by specified transportation, expressway, and bridge authorities, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. **Was Temporarily Postponed. Passed Transportation, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.**

**SB 548: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Campbell)** – Companion Bill is HB 6001. Repealing provisions relating to the definitions of “local hearing officer” and “traffic infraction detector,” respectively and 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 that cap fines and provide for the deposit and use of fines, and the distribution of specified penalties, respectively, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 567: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Richardson)** – Similar Bill SB 182. Requires DOT to create Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requires disbursement of grants to qualified businesses; limits grant amount; provides application & eligibility requirements; requires assistance by DEO; provides for award prioritization; requires report & rulemaking. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. **Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays.**

**SB 572: High-Speed Passenger Rail – (Mayfield; Co-Introducer: Gainer)** – Similar bill HB 525. Designating the "Florida High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act"; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; requiring the Florida Division of Emergency Management to offer, under certain circumstances, the local communities and local emergency services located along the rail corridor training specifically designed to help them respond to an accident involving rail passengers or hazardous materials; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, and upgrade costs, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations. On

HB 575: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Beshears) – Revises M.P.O. voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. Filed on 11/08/2017, no analysis or related bills at this time. MPOs with an urbanized population under 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 11 members, MPOs with an urbanized population over 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 15 members. The bill does not affect the Miami-Dade TPO. The bill bans weighted voting and places term limits on Governing Board Members. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Local, Federal and Veteran Affairs Subcommittee.

HB 633: Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program – (Fischer; Co-Introducer: Jacobs) - Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program within DOT; provides program goals & grant eligibility requirements; requires DOT to issue request for proposals; provides proposal requirements, grant award requirements, & requirements for use of grant funds; requires reports; requires administrative support by DOT; provides appropriation. Annual amount: $15,000,000.00. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee.

SB 688: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Garcia) – Requiring counties, except under certain circumstances, to use surtax proceeds only for specified purposes; prohibiting the use of such proceeds for non-transit purposes, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Passed Community Affairs with 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax.

SB 712: Autonomous Vehicles – (Brandes) – Related to HB 353. Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from the driver’s seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the review of automated driving systems, etc. Referred to Transportation; Banking and Insurance; Rules.

SB 782: Bollards Grant Program – (Rodriguez) - Requiring the Department of Transportation to develop the Bollards Grant Program in order to provide grants to municipalities and counties for the installation of bollards in their jurisdictions; requiring a county or municipality to specify in its application the area, which may include private property, where it intends to install bollards and why the installation is needed, etc. Annual amount: $250,000.00. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 807: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Diamond) – Companion Bill is SB 984. Allows MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as the result of a merger of two or more existing MPOs to have at least 5 Governing Board members. The bill does not place an upper limit on the number of Governing Board members for MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as a result of the merger of two or more existing MPOs. The bill has been filed but not yet assigned to committees.

SB 984: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Brandes) – Companion Bill is HB 807. Allows MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as the result of a merger of two or more existing MPOs to have at least 5
Governing Board members. The bill does not place an upper limit on the number of Governing Board members for MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as a result of the merger of two or more existing MPOs. The bill has been filed but not yet assigned to committees.

**HB 6001: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Avila; Ingoglia)** – Similar to SB 176. Companion Bill is SB 548. Repeals provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal, provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors, & provisions for distribution of penalties collected for specified violations. Referred to Appropriations Committee, on the Committee agenda for 10/10/2017. Bill passed Appropriations Committee (Yeas 16, Nays 10). Bill has been placed on Calendar for Full House Vote.
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interior design, landscape architects, & geologists. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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**Similar**

| SB 526     | Deregulation of Professions and Occupations (Brandes)                                       |

### HB 17 Community Redevelopment Organizations by Raburn

Community Redevelopment Organizations: Provides reporting requirements; revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies; prohibits creation of community redevelopment agencies after date certain; provides phase-out period; creates criteria for determining whether community redevelopment agency is inactive; provides hearing procedures; authorizes certain financial activity from inactive community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds; revises county & municipal government reporting requirements; revises criteria for finding that county or municipality failed to file report; requires DFS to provide report to DEO concerning community redevelopment agencies with no revenues, no expenditures, & no debts. Effective Date: October 1, 2018

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**Similar**

| SB 432     | Community Redevelopment Agencies (Lee (T))                                                 |

### HB 53 Coral Reefs by Jacobs

Coral Reefs: Establishes Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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**Identical**

| SB 232     | Coral Reefs (Book)                                                                          |

### HB 65 Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision by Roth

Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase percentage of elector votes required to approve amendment or revision to State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 & 2/3 percent.

**Current Committee of Reference**: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

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| SB 978     | Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment or a Revision (Baxley)         |

### SB 66 Prohibited Discrimination by Rouson

Prohibited Discrimination; Creating the “Florida Competitive Workforce Act”; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; revising the purposes of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to conform to changes made by the act, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference**: Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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**Similar**

| HB 347     | Prohibited Discrimination (Diamond)                                                        |

**Identical**

<p>| SB 698     | Prohibited Discrimination (Book)                                                          |</p>
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<td>Adding a minimum population standard as a criteria that must be met before qualified electors of an independent special district commence a certain municipal conversion proceeding, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law</td>
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<td>Creating the “Florida Black Bear Protection Act”; prohibiting the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission from allowing the recreational hunting of Florida black bears mothering cubs that weigh less than 100 pounds under a black bear hunting permit; prohibiting prescribed burns in certain designated habitats during specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</td>
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<td>Revising the permissible activities and projects that may be undertaken, coordinated, or funded by the Florida Communities Trust to include flood mitigation projects; specifying the purpose of flood mitigation</td>
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mitigation projects under the trust; specifying a maximum grant award for such projects; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to establish by rule an application process for such grants, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation
8/16/2017 SENATE Filed
8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

### SB 170 Rural Economic Development Initiative

Rural Economic Development Initiative; Revising the duties, responsibilities, and membership of the Rural Economic Development Initiative; deleting a provision limiting the number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; deleting a provision listing the economic development incentives for which the Governor may waive criteria requirements or similar provisions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture
10/30/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 11/06/17, 4:00 pm, 110 S
11/6/2017 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/7/2017 SENATE Now in Agriculture

### SB 174 Coastal Management

Coastal Management; Revising the criteria to be considered by the Department of Environmental Protection in determining and assigning annual funding priorities for beach management and erosion control projects; requiring that certain projects be considered separate and apart from other specified projects; revising requirements for the comprehensive long-term management plan; requiring certain funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be used for projects that preserve and repair state beaches, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations
10/16/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources, 10/25/17, 1:00 pm, 301 S
10/25/2017 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
10/26/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations

#### Identical

**HB 131** Coastal Management (Peters)

### HB 175 School District Best Financial Management Practices

School District Best Financial Management Practices: Requires school districts to annually perform specified self-assessment; requires district school superintendents to provide certain recommendations & district school boards to receive & discuss self-assessment results & recommendations at a publicly noticed meeting; provides reporting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee
10/3/2017 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee
10/3/2017 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee
11/13/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

### SB 182 Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program

Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the program to disburse grants using funds allocated to the department by the Legislature to certain qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a construction project of the department, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation
8/21/2017 SENATE Filed
8/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

#### Similar

**HB 567** Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program (Duran)

### SB 188 Public School Transportation

Public School Transportation; Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from
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<td>Public Meetings; Specifying conditions under which members of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law</td>
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<td>Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Revising the specified appropriation for spring restoration, protection, and management projects; requiring a specified appropriation for certain projects related to the St. Johns River and its tributaries or the Keystone Heights Lake Region, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2018</td>
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<td>Growth Management: Requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plan to include private property rights element; requires counties &amp; municipalities to adopt or amend land development regulations consistent with private property rights element; provides deadlines; requires state land planning agency to approve private property rights element if it is substantially in specified form. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Schools of Hope; Revising enrollment requirements for a hope operator to receive a loan under the Schools of Hope Revolving Loan Program; requiring hope operators to employ school administrators and instructional and noninstructional personnel who meet specified certification requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</td>
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Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment: Prohibits performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; provides that permits for drilling or operating wells do not authorize performance of advanced well treatments; provides applicability. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

- 10/5/2017 HOUSE Filed
- 10/12/2017 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
- 10/12/2017 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

**Compare**

- SB 834 Well Stimulation (Farmer)
- Identical
- SB 462 Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Young)

**HB 243**

**Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax**

- Avila

Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax: Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for certain purposes; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

- 11/29/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 10:30 am, 102 H
- 12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 12/8/2017 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

**Similar**

- SB 688 Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax (Garcia)

**SB 272**

**Local Tax Referenda**

- Brandes

Local Tax Referenda; Revising the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

- 10/24/2017 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- 10/30/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax
- 12/7/2017 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 12/08/17, 9:30 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

**Similar**

- HB 317 Local Tax Referenda (Ingoglia)

**HB 273**

**Public Records**

- Rodrigues (R)

Public Records: Prohibits agency that receives request to inspect or copy record from responding to such request by filing civil action against individual or entity making request. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Government Accountability Committee

- 11/29/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 4:00 pm, 17 H
- 12/6/2017 HOUSE Favorable by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 12/6/2017 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee

**Identical**

- SB 750 Public Records (Perry)

**SB 292**

**Private Property Rights**

- Rodriguez (J)

Private Property Rights; Exempting from the definition of “public utility” property owners who own and operate a renewable energy source device and who produce renewable energy from that device and provide and sell such renewable energy to users on that property, under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

- 9/18/2017 SENATE Filed
- 9/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Rules

**HB 317**

**Local Tax Referenda**

- Ingoglia

Local Tax Referenda: Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified dates & approved by specified percentage of voters. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Government Accountability Committee

- 11/29/2017 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 11/30/17, 8:30 am, 117 K
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Sports Franchise Facilities; Prohibiting a sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving a facility on leased public land; requiring that a lease of a facility on public land by a sports franchise or a sale of public land for a sports franchise facility be at fair market value, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Commerce and Tourism

9/26/2017 SENATE Filed
10/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

**Similar**

**HB 13** Sports Franchise Facilities (Avila)

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**HB 353** Autonomous Vehicles

Autonomous Vehicles: Authorizes person to operate, or engage autonomous technology to operate, autonomous vehicle in autonomous mode; provides that autonomous technology is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating in autonomous mode; provides construction & applicability; defines "human operator." Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Committee

11/1/2017 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee, 11/08/17, 4:00 pm, 102
11/8/2017 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/8/2017 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

**Compare**

**SB 712** Autonomous Vehicles (Brandes)

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**SB 362** Growth Management

Growth Management; Requiring local governments to address the protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requiring the comprehensive plan to include a private property rights element that sets forth principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies to achieve certain objectives; providing a deadline by which each local government must adopt a private property rights element; requiring the state land planning agency to approve the private property rights element adopted by each local government if it is substantially in a specified form, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

9/28/2017 SENATE Filed
10/16/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Rules

**Similar**

**HB 207** Growth Management (McClain)

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**SB 370** Land Acquisition Trust Fund

Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the Florida Forever Trust Fund, etc.

**APPROPRIATION:** $100,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations

11/27/2017 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources, 12/07/17, 9:00 am, 301 S
12/7/2017 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/7/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations

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**SB 378** Parking Garages

Parking Garages; Prohibiting a county, municipality, or other local governmental entity from adopting or maintaining in effect an ordinance or a rule which has the effect of prohibiting a driver from, or authorizing the issuance of a citation to a driver for, back-in parking a motor vehicle in a parking space located in a parking garage; providing that any such ordinance or rule in effect on a specified date is void, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

10/2/2017 SENATE Filed
10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation; Rules

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**SB 384** Electric Vehicles

Electric Vehicles; Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018
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**SB 958**
Public Records (Mayfield)

**Similar**
- SB 956: Public Records (Mayfield)

**Linked**
- HB 461: Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)

**HB 461**
Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)

Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency: Provides exemption from public record requirements for trade secret held by agency; provides notice requirements; provides process for responding to public record requests; provides exception to exemption; provides that agency employee is not liable for release of records in compliance with act; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 459 or similar legislation takes effect.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee
- 10/26/2017: HOUSE Filed
- 11/1/2017: HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
- 11/1/2017: HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

**Compare**
- SB 956: Public Records (Mayfield)

**Similar**
- SB 958: Public Records (Mayfield)

**Linked**
- HB 459: Public Records (Massullo, Jr.)

**SB 462**
Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Young)

Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment; Prohibiting the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; clarifying that permits for drilling or operating a well do not authorize the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation
- 10/9/2017: SENATE Filed
- 10/25/2017: SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

**Compare**
- SB 834: Well Stimulation (Farmer)

**Identical**
- HB 237: Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Peters)

**SB 464**
Little Wekiva River (Bracy)

Little Wekiva River; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the St. Johns River Water Management District from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for certain purposes related to the Little Wekiva River; reducing such appropriation by a specified amount for debt service; requiring an appropriation to acquire certain lands associated with the Little Wekiva River, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee
- 10/25/2017: SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations
- 11/17/2017: SENATE Withdrawn from Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations
- 11/17/2017: SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**SB 494**
Linear Facilities (Lee (T))

Linear Facilities; Revising the definition of the term “development” to exclude work by certain utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors; requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of an electrical power plant; clarifying that the Public Service Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to require underground transmission lines, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs
- 11/15/2017: SENATE Now in Community Affairs
- 11/27/2017: SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 12/05/17, 10:00 am, 301 S
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<td>HB 521</td>
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<td>Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting: Preempts to state regulation of trimming, removal, or harvesting of trees &amp; timber on private property; prohibits certain local governmental actions relating to trimming or removal of trees or timber &amp; burial of vegetative debris on private property. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</td>
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<td>HB 525</td>
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<td>High-Speed Passenger Rail: Requires railroad company operating high-speed passenger rail system to be responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, &amp; upgrade costs; specifies that governmental entity is not responsible for such costs unless it consents in writing. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</td>
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<td>SB 526</td>
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<td>Deregulation of Professions and Occupations; Repealing provisions relating to licensure and permit requirements for business agents; prohibiting a business organization from engaging in certain practices until it is qualified by a qualifying agent; authorizing the executive director or the chair of the board to authorize a temporary qualifying agent for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring the board to allow an applicant to qualify one or more business organizations or to operate using a fictitious name under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2018</td>
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<td>Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority: Adds alternative transportation authority as part of operations of DOT; provides requirements for operation &amp; fund expenditure; exempts authority from certain departmental policies; revises State Transportation Trust Fund allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA &amp; Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority for certain purposes;</td>
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requires matching funds for TBARTA; removes provision authorizing department, through Florida Rail Enterprise, to use specified funds for certain purposes; creates Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; provides requirements for use of specified funds; provides requirements for county funding requests; requires matching funds for certain distributions; prohibits use of funds to subsidize certain projects. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

11/29/2017  HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 10:30 am, 102 H
12/6/2017  HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/8/2017  HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

**Similar**

SB 1200  Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority (Young)

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**SB 542**  Public Financing of Construction Projects

Public Financing of Construction Projects; 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 publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

10/18/2017  SENATE Filed
11/2/2017  SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

**Identical**

SB 156  Florida Black Bears (Stewart)

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**HB 559**  Florida Black Bears

Florida Black Bears: Prohibits FWCC from allowing recreational hunting of certain Florida black bears; provides penalty for certain harvesting of saw palmetto berries; authorizes FWCC to designate certain habitats; prohibits prescribed burns in such habitats during specified times. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

11/7/2017  HOUSE Filed
11/15/2017  HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
11/15/2017  HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

**Identical**

HB 439  Public Meetings and Records (Donalds)

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**SB 560**  Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation

Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation; Expanding an exemption from public meetings requirements to allow specified entities to meet in private with an attorney to discuss imminent litigation if certain conditions are met; requiring the transcript of a private meeting concerning imminent litigation to be made public upon the occurrence of a certain circumstance, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Governmental Oversight and Accountability

11/6/2017  SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 11/14/17, 2:00 pm, 110 S
11/14/2017  SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 9 Yeas, 1 Nay
11/14/2017  SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

**Similar**

SB 572  High-speed Passenger Rail (Grall)

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**SB 572**  High-speed Passenger Rail

High-speed Passenger Rail; Designating the "Florida High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act"; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; requiring the Florida Division of Emergency Management to offer, under certain circumstances, the local communities and local emergency services located along the rail corridor training specifically designed to help them respond to an accident involving rail passengers or hazardous materials; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, and upgrade costs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

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**Similar**

SB 525  High-Speed Passenger Rail (Grall)

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**SB 574**  Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting

Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting

**Current Committee of Reference:**

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**Identical**

SB 156  Florida Black Bears (Stewart)
Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting: Preempting to the state the regulation of the trimming, removal, or harvesting of trees and timber on private property; prohibiting local governments from prohibiting the burial of vegetative debris on certain properties, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Community Affairs

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**HB 521** Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting (Edwards)

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**HB 575** Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Revises M.P.O. voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

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**Compare**

**HB 807** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Diamond)

**SB 984** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Brandes)

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**HB 585** Tourist Development Tax

Tourist Development Tax: Authorizes counties imposing tax to use tax revenues for specified purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Tourism & Gaming Control Subcommittee

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**SB 658** Tourist Development Tax (Brandes)

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**HB 589** Public Meetings

Public Meetings: Specifies that certain boards and commissions are subject to public meetings requirements; revises public meeting notice requirements; provides that member of public has right to speak at public meeting; requires members of board or commission to respond to questions made at public meetings within a specified timeframe; repeals provision relating to reasonable opportunity to be heard at public meetings; provides penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

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**Similar**

**SB 1092** Public Meetings (Rader)

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**HB 593** Homestead Exemptions

Homestead Exemptions: Requires Legislature to appropriate moneys, beginning in specified fiscal year, to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenue experienced by rural communities within rural area of opportunity which result from specified additional exemption; specifies how moneys are to be distributed; specifies mechanism for reversion of funds in specified situations. Effective Date: on the effective date of House Joint Resolution 7105 (2017)

**Current Committee of Reference:** Appropriations Committee

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**SB 772** Homestead Exemption Implementation (Grimsley)
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<td>Provides requirements for establishing quorum for meetings of certain agencies &amp; councils when voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; requires notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by specified time. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</td>
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<td>HB 613</td>
<td>Legislation by Initiative</td>
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<td>Proposes amendment to State Constitution to allow proposal of laws by initiative without legislative or gubernatorial approval; prescribe requirements for subject matter, proposal, &amp; approval of such initiatives; require extraordinary vote of each house of Legislature to amend or repeal laws approved by voters; require Legislature to adopt procedures for initiatives; provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions; require ballot statements for such initiatives to include statement of economic impact.</td>
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<td>Authorizing counties imposing the tax to use the tax revenues, under certain circumstances, for specified purposes and costs relating to public facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</td>
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respect to the sale or rental of housing, provision of brokerage services, financing of housing or in residential real
estate transactions, and land use decisions and in permitting of development, respectively, etc. Effective Date:
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**HB 703** Water Management District Surplus Lands  
Burgess

Water Management District Surplus Lands: Revises circumstances when water management districts must publish
intention to sell surplus lands; revises process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands. Effective Date: July 1,
2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

12/4/2017  HOUSE On Committee agenda - Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee, 12/06/17, 2:00 pm, 12 H
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**HB 705** Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands  
Burgess

Pub. Rec./Water Management District Surplus Lands: Provides exemption for certain records relating to sale of
surplus lands; authorizes disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; provides for future legislative
review & repeal. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 703 or similar legislation takes effect

**Current Committee of Reference:** Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

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**SB 712** Autonomous Vehicles  
Brandes

Autonomous Vehicles; Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain
prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from
the driver’s seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state
regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of
Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the
review of automated driving systems, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation

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**HB 725** Permit Fees  
Williamson

Permit Fees: Requires governing body of local government to post its permit and inspection fee schedules & link to
annual building permit & inspection utilization report on its website; provides reporting requirements. Effective
Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

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**SB 726 Smoking Marijuana for Medical Use**
Redefining terms to authorize the production, processing, transportation, sale, possession, and administration of marijuana in a form for smoking for medical use, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**SB 750 Public Records**
Increases property tax exemption for residents who are widows, widowers, blind, or totally and permanently disabled. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**SB 772 Homestead Exemption Implementation**
Requiring the Legislature to appropriate moneys, beginning in a specified fiscal year, to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenue experienced by rural communities within a rural area of opportunity which result from a specified additional exemption; requiring each rural community to apply to the Department of Revenue each year to participate in the distribution of the appropriation and provide documentation supporting the region's estimated reduction in ad valorem tax revenue, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 7105 (2017), if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2018, and shall apply to the 2019 tax roll

**HB 727 Property Tax Exemptions**
Increases property tax exemption for residents who are widows, widowers, blind, or totally and permanently disabled. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**HB 765 Truth in Millage Notices**
Authorizes property appraiser to make proposed property tax & non-ad valorem assessment notices available on property appraiser's website; requires that property appraiser's website provide option for taxpayer to request & receive e-mail notification when such notices are posted on website; requires property appraiser to mail postcard containing specified information for first 3 years in which he or she implements web-based noticing system. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**HB 773 Vacation Rentals**
Requires uniform application of local law, ordinance, or regulation relating to vacation rental; revises applicability to include certain amendments to local law, ordinance, or regulation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
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### Metropolitan Planning Organizations

**HB 807**

Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Provides voting membership requirements for certain metropolitan planning organizations designated on or after specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

**11/22/2017 HOUSE Filed**

**Compare**
- **HB 575** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Beshears)
- **SB 984** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Brandes)

### Public Records/Surplus Lands

**SB 808**

Public Records/Surplus Lands: Providing an exemption for valuations, certain records, and sales offers for sales related to surplus lands; authorizing disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 806 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

**11/8/2017 SENATE Filed**

**11/17/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules**

**Compare**
- **HB 703** Water Management District Surplus Lands (Burgess)
- **SB 806** Water Management District Surplus Lands (Baxley)

### Prohibition Against Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Forms of Well Stimulation

**SB 828**

Prohibition Against Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Forms of Well Stimulation; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to establish public policy against certain types of well stimulation in order to protect the state’s water resources and to prohibit extreme well stimulation, etc.

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

**11/9/2017 SENATE Filed**

**11/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations**

### Well Stimulation

**SB 834**

Well Stimulation; Citing this act as the "Stop Fracking Act"; prohibiting persons from engaging in extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits that authorize extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the department from authorizing certain permitholders to engage in extreme well stimulation on or after a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Environmental Preservation and Conservation

**11/9/2017 SENATE Filed**

**11/29/2017 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations**

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- **HB 237** Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment (Peters)
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subject to certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

**11/21/2017** SENATE Filed

**Compare**

**HB 575** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Beshears)

**Similar**

**HB 807** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Diamond)

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**SB 990**

**Rural Communities** Montford

Rural Communities; Designating the “Florida Rural Community Jobs and Business Resiliency Act”; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to accept an application seeking approval as a rural growth fund; prohibiting the department from reducing the investment authority of an application or denying an application for reasons other than the ones listed; providing that a taxpayer who makes an investor contribution is vested with a credit against state premium tax liability; specifying that an out-of-state business relocating employees to this state must satisfy a specific definition within a certain timeframe before a new principal place of business operations is recognized, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

**11/21/2017** SENATE Filed

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**SB 992** The C-51 Reservoir Project Book

C-51 Reservoir Project; Revising requirements related to the operation of water storage and use for Phase I and Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project if state funds are appropriated for such phases; authorizing the South Florida Water Management District to enter into certain capacity allocation agreements and to request a waiver for repayment of certain loans; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to waive such loan repayment under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

**11/21/2017** SENATE Filed

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**SB 1014** Recyclable Materials Stewart

Recyclable Materials; Deleting a preemption of local law relating to regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** No Current Committee

**11/28/2017** SENATE Filed

**Identical**

**HB 6039** Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by Retail Establishments (Richardson)

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**HB 2499** St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I La Rosa

St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I: Provides an appropriation for the St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Phase I. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

**11/13/2017** HOUSE Filed

**11/27/2017** HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee

**11/27/2017** HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

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**HB 6005** Sports Development Avila

Sports Development: Repeals provision relating to state funding for sports facility development by unit of local government, or by certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by local government. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**Current Committee of Reference:** Careers & Competition Subcommittee

**8/22/2017** HOUSE Filed

**8/30/2017** HOUSE Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

**8/30/2017** HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee

**Similar**

**SB 778** Sports Development (Lee (T))

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**HB 6039** Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by Retail Establishments Richardson

Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings, and Disposable Plastic Bags Used by Retail Establishments: Removes state preemption on regulation of certain auxiliary containers, wrappings, & disposable plastic bags. Effective Date: July
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