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End of Session Legislative Update 05/04/2019

Overview

Today the Legislature wrapped up the session by passing the budget and officially we can put this session in the books. The last week was a hectic one, amendments started flying onto various bills in last ditch efforts to get initiatives into law. As was stated earlier in the week, it is like a game of Whack-A-Mole. An amendment with a particular bit of language kept popping up in various bills and then being withdrawn. This is how the last days of session go.

Overall, transportation came out this session pretty well. The transportation budget is the same as last year and given that revenues for transportation are flat, that is a fair deal for the transportation community. We got the texting while driving bill and while we would have preferred cell phones to be hands free while driving, this is a step in the right direction. House Bill 5 which would have made it nearly impossible to pass a local sales tax referendum in the original form, was changed and is a bill that improves voter participation in important matters such as a sales tax referendum. The Senate President was clear from the beginning of session that he wanted increased investment in transportation and infrastructure. His priorities took shape in SB 7068 and it passed both chambers. It now awaits the Governor's signature. The bill provides an additional \$135M of funding for transportation. Small Counties were defined as any county having up to 170K persons, this session increased that threshold to 200K – A clear reflection of the population growth in Florida and a practical consideration.

The mid-week MPOAC Legislative Update covered the big items in the budget so there is not a need to rehash that information again. The only part we need to keep an eye on is how well, or badly, the transportation earmarks do when they are in front of the Governor. We will have to see.

I have been telling you all session to grab a cup of coffee and read the newsletter. I will end with that as a matter of tradition, but I have to share with you that it is nice to reach the end of session. I will look forward to the next session as I always do, but for now I am going to celebrate with something other than coffee, I encourage you to join me. See you next session!

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

Important Dates for the 2019 Legislative Session

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

Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature's website as of May 04, 2019. Bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session and bills progress, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any particular bill you are tracking. All updates to this section of the newsletter and bills shown below will be in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. Sections shown in ~~strike through~~ represent items removed due to an amendment to a bill.

HB 5: Discretionary Sales Surtaxes – (General Bill by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; DeCeglie; Co-Introducers: Hill) – Similar to SB 336 by Brandes (Requires Sales Surtax referendum be held on a general election ballot only). This bill does a number of things, the primary concern to transportation is the requirement that any sales surtax that could be used by transportation and/or infrastructure would have to be put to a vote of the residents in a general election and would require approval by two-thirds of electors voting on the ballot measure to pass. The bill would also require a county wanting to hold a discretionary sales surtax referendum to notify the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability at least 180 days prior to the vote. If not, the vote is voided. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 3 Nays. Passed Ways and Means Committee; 12 Yeas, 5 Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 7 Nays. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Placed on House Calendar for a full Floor vote 04/10/2019. Passed the House 69 Yeas, 44 Nays. Sent to the Senate, Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations Committees. **Passed both chambers, sent to the Governor for approval.**

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

Building. Passed Appropriations Committee; 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote. **Did not pass.**

HB 75: Expanded Uses of Unmanned Aircraft – (Yarborough; Co-Introducers: Grieco; Killebrew) – Similar to SB 132 by Rouson. Permits use of drones by law enforcement agencies & other specified entities for specified purposes. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 02/06/19, 9:00 am, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 14 Yeas, 1 Nay. On Committee agenda-- State Affairs Committee, 02/19/19, 3:00 pm, Morris Hall. Committee Substitute by State Affairs Committee, passed 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Passed Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 1 Nay. Pending review of Committee Substitute. This bill has passed all House committees. First reading on House Floor 03/11/2019. Placed on Special Calendar for a Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Amended on the Floor and Passed 114 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to the Senate, referred to Criminal Justice; Infrastructure and Security. **Withdrawn.**

SB 76: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Simpson; Co-Introducers: Passidomo; Hooper; Mayfield; Book; Rouson; Berman) – Similar to HB 107 (Toledo, Slosberg) and H 45 (Slosberg). Creating the "Florida Ban on Wireless Communications Devices While Driving Law"; prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while listening or talking on a wireless communications device for the purpose of voice interpersonal communication; deleting a provision requiring that enforcement of this section be accomplished only as a secondary action, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/19, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Committee Substitute by Infrastructure and Security; passed with 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee. Passed Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee; 9 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 03/25/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. *Editorial Note: This bill was changed to be limited to only texting while driving, the sponsor stated that he would like a hands free bill.* Passed Judiciary Committee; 5 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Rules Committee. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 04/17/19, 2:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Amended to be hands free while driving, Passed Rules 15 Yeas, Zero Nays. Scheduled for a Senate Floor vote 04/23/2019. This version is preferred by MPOAC (see our legislative policy position #2) over the current House version. Laid on Table, picked up HB 107 with some amendments. School zones and construction zones are cell phone hands free zones with the amendments. Bill with amendments sent back to the House.

SB 78: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez) – Identical to HB 169 by Fernandez. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to develop by rule standards for such studies; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. On the Committee Agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM Room 37 Senate Office Building. Passed Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee Agenda – Infrastructure and Security, 04/09/2019, 10:00AM, 110 Senate Office Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government. **Did not pass.**

HB 107: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Toledo; Slosberg; Co-Introducers: Beltran; Casello; Cortes; Duran; Eskamani; Gottlieb; Grieco; Hattersley; Killebrew; Massullo; McClure; Overdorf; Polo; Smith, C.; Stark; Stevenson; Thompson; Webb) – Similar to SB 76 (Simpson). Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits person from operating motor vehicle while using wireless communications device for purpose of nonvoice or voice interpersonal communication; redefines term "wireless communications device" to include voice communications; requires deposit of fines into Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; removes provision requiring that enforcement be accomplished only as secondary action. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 03/26/19, Noon, Reed Hall. *Editorial Note: This bill was changed to be limited to only texting while driving. The second committee stop was also removed this week meaning the bill only has one more committee prior to a full House Floor vote.* Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Original reference to Appropriations Committee Removed, Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Scheduled for a House Floor vote 04/23/2019. This version prohibits texting while driving only, other cell phone uses would be permissible while driving unless it is amended. The House can lay this bill on the table and substitute the Senate version. Sent to the Senate where it was amended and passed. School zones and construction zones are cell phone hands free zones with the amendments. Bill with amendments sent back to the House. **Sent to the Governor for approval.**

SB 116: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Stewart) – Identical to HB 611 (Mercado). Increasing the criminal penalty for a third or subsequent violation related to motor vehicle racing within a specified period after the date of a prior violation that resulted in a conviction, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/19, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Criminal Justice. Favorable by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 03/18/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Judiciary; 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 04/23/19, 2:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules with 17 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to the Senate Floor, laid on the table and substituted HB 611. HB 611 passed the Senate 39 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is the Governor's desk.

SB 144: Impact Fees – (Gruters) – Similar to HB 207 (Donalds). Revising the minimum requirements for impact fees adopted by a local government; exempting water and sewer connection fees from the Florida Impact Fee Act, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/05/19, 2:00 pm, 301 Senate Building --Temporarily Postponed. Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Finance and Tax. On Committee agenda-- Finance and Tax, 03/20/19, 1:30 pm, 401 Senate Building. Favorable by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 03/27/19, 1:00 pm, 412 Knott Building. Passed Appropriations Committee; 19 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote. Read 3 times, Substituted HB 207, Laid on Table, refer to HB 207.

HB 207: Impact Fees – (Donalds) – Similar to SB 144 (Gruter). Revises minimum requirements for adoption of impact fees by specified local governments; authorizes prevailing party to recover attorney fees under certain circumstances; exempts water & sewer connection fees from Florida Impact Fee Act. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/20/19, 4:00 pm, 12 HOB. Committee Substitute by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Favorable by

Commerce Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. This bill has passed all committees and now goes to a full House floor vote. Placed on Special Order Calendar for Full House Floor Vote, 03/27/19. Passed the Florida House; 101 Yeas, 12 Nays. Sent to Senate, Substituted for SB 144, Passed Senate 39 Yeas, 1 Nay. House – Ordered enrolled. **Sent to the Governor for approval.**

SB 306: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Brandes) – Similar to HB 6003 by Sabatini.

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

HB 311: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher) – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield) –

Similar to SB 932 by Brandes. Exempts autonomous vehicles & operators from certain prohibitions; provides that human operator is not required to operate fully autonomous vehicle; authorizes fully autonomous vehicle to operate regardless of presence of human operator; provides that automated driving system is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating with system engaged; authorizes Florida Turnpike Enterprise to fund & operate test facilities; provides requirements for operation of on-demand autonomous vehicle networks; revises registration requirements for autonomous vehicles. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. On State Affairs Committee Agenda for 03/28/2019 – Temporarily Postponed. Passed State Affairs Committee with Amendments, 20 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, 1 Nay. Full House Floor Vote, Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/23/19. Passed House 110 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to Senate, referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **Sent to the Governor for approval.**

HB 341: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains – (LaMarca) – Identical to SB 1002 by

Hutson. Requires that, in event of crash involving railroad train, collection of certain information be at discretion of law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to investigate crash; specifies that certain persons are not considered passengers for purpose of making crash reports. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. CS by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee. Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 19 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next Stop is a full House Floor vote. Placed on Special Order Calendar 04/10/2019. Passed Full House Floor Vote 116 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to the Senate, Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Rules. **Sent to the Governor for approval.**

HB 385: Transportation – (Avila) – *Editorial Notes: This bill had a strike-all amendment filed and passed at the last committee stop. The primary provisions of this bill are: Eliminates the MDX and assigns all assets and liabilities to the Florida Department of Transportation,*

restricts the expenditures of the half-penny sales tax to only being expended on capital improvements, restructures the Miami-Dade TPO Board, and prohibits the collection of an optional membership fee by the Miami-Dade TPO for use on non-federally eligible expenditures. Please note, this bill is advancing rapidly and seems likely to pass.

Requires certain authority members to comply with financial disclosure requirements; limits levy of & revises authorized uses of certain surtaxes; revives Pilot Rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program; revises provisions relating to DOT design plan approval, transportation project programs, toll collection & use, & M.P.O. membership; repeals pts. I & V of ch. 348, F.S., related to Florida Expressway Authority Act & Osceola County Expressway Authority Law. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 1:30 pm, Reed Hall. Committee Substitute by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Ways and Means Committee. CS/CS by Ways and Means Committee; 17 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee with Amendments, 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Placed on Special Order Calendar for a Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Amended on the House Floor, passed 80 Yeas, 33 Nays. Sent to the Senate, referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations. **Sent to the Governor for approval.**

HB 453: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Toledo) – Similar to SB 542 (Brandes). Authorizes county or municipality to regulate operation of micromobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters; authorizes county or municipality to require licensure; requires proof of certain insurance coverage; provides that regulation of micromobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters is controlled by state & federal law; provides that operator has all rights & duties applicable to rider of bicycle; exempts micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain requirements; provides that person is not required to have valid driver license to operate micromobility device or motorized scooter; authorizes parking on sidewalk; removes requirements for sale of motorized scooters; exempts micromobility devices & motorized scooters from certain emblem requirements. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in State Affairs Committee. *Editorial Note: This bill was amended to put in place some local controls over the implementation of scooter sharing services. This bill does not allow a municipality to prohibit scooters.* Amendment adopted which now gives counties and municipalities the ability to regulate scooters so long as the regulation(s) do not contradict state or federal law. Local units of government may not regulate parking of scooters and must offer a license if certain conditions are met (insurance, etc.). Scooters would be treated the same as bicycles. Favorable by State Affairs; 21 Yeas, 1 Nay. Amended on the House Floor to match the Senate version (SB 542), passed Full House 115 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to the Senate, referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations. **Sent to the Governor for approval**

HB 476: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) – Identical to HB 567 (Slosberg). Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 04/08/19, 4:00 pm, 301

Senate Building. Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Rules Committee. **Did not pass.**

SB 542: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Brandes) – Similar to HB 453 (Toledo). Defining the term “micromobility device”; revising the definition of the term “motorized scooter”; authorizing a county or municipality to regulate the operation of micromobility devices and for-hire motorized scooters, subject to certain restrictions; authorizing a county or municipality to require that a person offering micromobility devices or for-hire motorized scooters be licensed; exempting a micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain registration, insurance, and licensing requirements, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. *Editorial Note: Expect an amendment to this bill to address some localized concerns about local control over scooters in communities. Editorial Note: This bill was amended to allow local units of government to retain control over the launching of scooter sharing services with their jurisdictions.* Passed Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 04/09/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. *Editorial Note: This bill will allow municipalities to prohibit scooters.* Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. Passed Appropriations 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Placed on Senate Calendar, on 2nd reading. **Laid on Table, see HB 453.**

HB 611: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Mercado) – Identical to SB 116 (Stewart). Motor Vehicle Racing; Increases criminal penalty for third or subsequent violation related to motor vehicle racing within specified period after date of prior violation that resulted in conviction. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee. Amended in Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Passed; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary Committee. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary Committee, 04/09/19, 2:00 pm, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, Zero Nays. Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Passed Full House 114 Yeas, 1 Nay. Sent to the Senate, passed the Senate 39 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is the Governor’s desk.

HB 693: Communications Services – (Fischer) – Reduces communications services tax rate on sales of communications services; revises authority for municipalities, and counties to impose permit fees on providers of communications services that use or occupy municipal or county roads or rights-of-way; deletes procedures, requirements, & limitations with respect to such fees. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Commerce. Amended by Energy and Utilities Subcommittee, Passed; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Ways and Means Committee. Passed Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 14 NAYS. Now in Commerce Committee. On Committee agenda-- Commerce Committee, 04/10/19, 8:15 am, Webster Hall -- Temporarily postponed. On Committee Agenda – Commerce Committee 04/18/2019. Passed Commerce Committee 21 Yeas, 1 Nay. Sent to the House Floor for a full House Vote, Temporarily Postponed on 2nd reading. **Laid on Table. Did not pass.**

HB 725: Commercial Motor Vehicles – (Payne) – Repeals assistive truck platooning technology pilot project; revises provisions relating to platoon vehicle operation, commercial motor vehicle safety regulations & penalties, apportionable vehicle requirements, certain license plate fees, vehicles registered under International Registration Plan, & theft of certain commercial cargo; authorizes DHSMV to partner with tax collector to conduct Fleet Vehicle

Temporary Tag pilot program. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Committee Substitute Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next step is a full House Floor vote. Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Amended on the House Floor, passed Full House Floor Vote; 115 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to the Senate, referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations. **Sent to the Governor for approval.**

SB 728: Growth Management – (Lee) – Authorizing sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which a petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of a new community development district to also be identified in a petition to establish the new district under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the petition; providing notification requirements for the petition, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. On Committee Agenda – Community Affairs, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM, 301 Senate Office Building. Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building – Not Considered. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 04/02/19, 2:00 pm, 110 Senate. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 04/23/19, 2:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules Committee, 16 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to Senate Floor, placed on Special Order Calendar. **Laid on Table, substituted HB 437. HB 437 passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor for approval.**

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

Revising the authorized uses of proceeds from charter county and regional transportation system surtaxes; revising the preservation goals of the Department of Transportation to include ensuring that all work on the State Highway System meets department standards; requiring the department to approve design plans for all transportation projects relating to department-owned rights-of-way under certain circumstances; prohibiting the department from using toll revenues from high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes to offset certain funding, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee Agenda – Infrastructure and Security, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM, 110 Senate Office Building. The bill was revised and now it does nothing to the Miami-Dade TPO. Passed Infrastructure and Security with the amendment removing the restricting of the Miami-Dade TPO; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Next step is Appropriations Committee. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 04/18/19, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building. Passed Appropriations; 19 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next step is a Full Senate Floor Vote. Bill was read for 1st time on Senate Floor. **Laid on Table, substituted HB 385 which passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor for approval.**

HB 905: Department of Transportation – (Andrade) – Identical to SB 1044 by Albritton. *Editorial Notes: This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation be selected from among three nominees chosen by the Florida Transportation Commission. The Secretary would be chosen directly by the Governor. Requires that 80% of the pavement in each*

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

Revises provisions related to DOT, including requirements for appointment of Secretary of Transportation, computation of mileage, pavement standards, construction contracts, use of toll revenue, allocation of transportation capacity funds, facility improvements, & project development & environmental studies. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 03/12/19, 12:30 pm, Reed Hall. Amendment passed on this bill in Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. The amendment removed the requirement that 80% of the pavement in each DOT district meet DOT standards. Also removed is the provision that requires 75% of capacity expansion funds be spent on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Subcommittee. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 23 Yeas, Zero Nays. Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Amended on the House Floor, Passed Full House Floor Vote 114 Yeas, 1 Nay. The amendment changed the definition of "Small County" from 170K to 200K or less. Sent to the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. **Passed Senate Floor Vote, sent to the Governor for approval.**

SB 932: Autonomous Vehicles – (Brandes) – Similar to HB 311 by Fischer. Exempting a fully autonomous vehicle being operated with the automated driving system engaged from a prohibition on the active display of television or video; exempting a motor vehicle operator who is operating an autonomous vehicle from a prohibition on the use of wireless communications devices; providing that a licensed human operator is not required to operate a fully autonomous vehicle; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a human operator is physically present in the vehicle, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/20/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 04/18/19, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building. Passed Appropriations 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a Full Senate Floor Vote. Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. **Laid on Table, substituted HB 311 which passed and was sent to the Governor for approval.**

SB 1002: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains– (Hutson) – Identical to HB 341 by LaMarca. Revising the definition of the term "railroad train"; requiring that, in the event of a crash involving a railroad train, the collection of certain information be at the discretion of the law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to investigate the crash; specifying that certain persons

are not considered passengers for the purpose of making crash reports, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/12/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Criminal Justice. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 03/25/19, 1:30 pm, 37 Senate Building. Passed Criminal Justice; 4 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Rules Committee. Committee agenda-- Rules, 04/10/19, 10:00 am, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Rules Committee; 16 Yeas, Zero Nays. Headed to a Full Senate Floor Vote. Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. **Laid on Table, substituted HB 341 which passed and was sent to the Governor for approval.**

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

Providing that the Department of Transportation consists of a central office that establishes policies and procedures and districts that carry out certain projects; requiring certain preservation goals to include ensuring that a specified percentage of the pavement in each of the department's districts meet department standards by a specified year; prohibiting local governments from adopting standards or specifications that are contrary to the department standards or specifications for permissible use of aggregates and materials that have been certified for use, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/20/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Next stop is Appropriations Committee. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 04/18/19, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building. Passed Appropriations 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a Full Senate Floor Vote. Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. **Laid on Table and substituted HB 905 which passed and was sent to the Governor for approval.**

HB 1235: Legal Notices – (Fine; Co-Introducer: Sabatini) – Similar bill to SB 1676 by Baxley. Removes provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; requires counties to publish legal notices on their websites; requires counties to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving notices; specifies form for affidavits of publication. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 03/26/19, 8:00 am, 12 HOB. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays. Now in Judiciary Committee. Passed Judiciary Committee; YEAS 11 NAYS 7. Reference to State Affairs Committee removed, next stop is Full House

Floor Vote. Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Passed Full House Floor Vote; 68 Yeas, 44 Nays. Sent to the Senate. Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules. **Did not pass.**

HB 6011: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Rommel)— Identical bill to SB 72 by Passidomo. Requires specified fees to be used indefinitely to reimburse local governmental entity for direct actual costs of operating specified fire station. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. *Editorial Note: This bill was shown as HB 6001 in error. Bill HB 6011 has been advancing.* Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Passed Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda— Commerce Committee, 04/10/19, 8:15 am, Webster Hall— Temporarily postponed. Did not pass all committee stops, committees are no longer meeting. This bill is dead.

HB 6003: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Sabatini – Co-Introducers: Grieco; Hill; Jacobs; Sirois)— Similar bill to SB 306 (Brandes). Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, 12 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Committee. Did not pass all committee stops, committees are no longer meeting. This bill is dead.

HB 6017: Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments – (Duggan) – Removes acreage limitations that apply to small-scale comprehensive plan amendments. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 8:30 am, 12 HOB. Favorable by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Commerce Committee. Favorable by Commerce Committee; 21 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 1 Nay. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19. Passed Full House Floor Vote 108 Yeas, 5 Nays. Sent to the Senate, Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. **Sent to the Governor for approval.**

HB 7007: OGSR/Toll Facilities – (General Bill by Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Andrade) – Removes scheduled repeal of exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information provided for purpose of paying, prepaying, or collecting tolls & associated administrative charges for use of toll facilities. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 1:30 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Placed on Calendar – Ready for a Full House Floor Vote. Full House Floor Vote, Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/27/19. Temporarily postponed, on 2nd Reading. Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19. Substituted SB 7036, Laid on Table – refer to SB 7036.

SB 7068: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (General Bill by Infrastructure and Security) – Similar to HB 7113 by House TED and Trumbull. This bill moves monies from vehicle registrations currently allocated to General Revenue into the State Transportation Trust Fund. The bill gradually shifts motor vehicle registration taxes into the State Transportation

Trust Fund, and by state fiscal year 2021-2022, this would place an estimated additional \$135 Million per year in the transportation trust fund. This would mean a reduction in state spending in some area(s), that is not addressed in the bill. The bill also creates the Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within FDOT. Identified roadways that are to be built by FDOT are the Southwest-Central Florida Connector (Collier County to Polk County); the Suncoast Connector (Citrus to Jefferson County) and the Northern Turnpike Connector (Suncoast Parkway to the Turnpike at Wildwood). The bill requires the new corridors to be tolled and specifies these will be SIS facilities. Additionally, the new corridors would be permitted to use monies from the transportation trust fund, as a loan to be repaid, which during construction would reduce available funds from the rest of the state. Bonding and other financing options are made available as well. Here is the description on the Florida Senate website: Creating the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within the Department of Transportation; specifying that projects undertaken in the corridors are tolled facilities and certain approved turnpike projects, and are considered as Strategic Intermodal System facilities; requiring the department to identify certain opportunities to accommodate or co-locate multiple types of infrastructure-addressing issues during the project development phase, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/19/19, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. Favorable by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Full Senate Floor Vote, Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/23/19. Passed the Senate with 37 Yeas, 1 Nay. Sent to the House. **Passed the House, sent to the Governor for approval.**

HB 7113: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee and Trumbull. – House companion bill to SB 7068 - Identical (General Bill by Infrastructure and Security) - This bill moves monies from vehicle registrations currently allocated to General Revenue into the State Transportation Trust Fund. The bill gradually shifts motor vehicle registration taxes into the State Transportation Trust Fund, and by state fiscal year 2021-2022, this would place an estimated additional \$135 Million per year in the transportation trust fund. This would mean a reduction in state spending in some area(s), that is not addressed in the bill. The bill also creates the Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within FDOT. Identified roadways that are to be built by FDOT are the Southwest-Central Florida Connector (Collier County to Polk County); the Suncoast Connector (Citrus to Jefferson County) and the Northern Turnpike Connector (Suncoast Parkway to the Turnpike at Wildwood). The bill requires the new corridors to be tolled and specifies these will be SIS facilities. Additionally, the new corridors would be permitted to use monies from the transportation trust fund, as a loan to be repaid, which during construction would reduce available funds from the rest of the state. Bonding and other financing options are made available as well. Here is the description on the Florida Senate website: Creating the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within the Department of Transportation; specifying that projects undertaken in the corridors are tolled facilities and certain approved turnpike projects, and are considered as Strategic Intermodal System facilities; requiring the department to identify certain opportunities to accommodate or co-locate multiple types of infrastructure-addressing issues during the project development phase, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by the House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 3 Nays. Next step is a Full House Floor Vote. **Laid on the Table, substituted SB 7068 which passed and was sent to the Governor for approval.**