

## Session 2004 Report 3

### Week 2 Activities

#### Work Zone Safety

[HB 1103](#) by *Representative Dave Russell (R-Spring Hill)*

[SB 2414](#) by *Senator Jim Sebesta (R-St. Petersburg)*

**HB 1103 will be heard on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee.** We are meeting with members of the committee to educate them on the bill. Hopefully you have responded to our Urgent Request sent out by email on Thursday.

SB 2414 has been referred to several committees. We anticipate it being heard the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The bills will allow the use of camera-enforced radar in active construction work zones. Correction: The Governor has serious concerns with this bill.

#### **LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION**

FTBA is co-hosting a Legislative Reception with the Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida, Florida Concrete and Products Association and the Underground Utility Contractors Association of Florida. The reception will be held on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Hospitality Square, 200 W. College.

Please respond by email to: [arasmussen@ftba.com](mailto:arasmussen@ftba.com) by March 17<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

A block of rooms has been secured at the Holiday Inn Select on Tennessee Street (this is the round Holiday Inn). Please call 800-648-6135 for reservations. The code for the group rate is: TRA.

#### **State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF)**

No new updates. Previously, I reported that the Governor has recommended another “sweep” of the STTF. This year it is \$100 million (last year it was \$200 million). In the next few weeks we hope to have a better handle on what each of the Appropriations Committees will do. Under the leadership of *Senator Dan Webster (R-Orlando)*, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development, we are very confident he will do everything in his power to keep the State Transportation Trust Fund whole.

We have been working with Floridians for Better Transportation to obtain signed pledges from legislators stating they will oppose and vote against any sweep, raid or diversion of

transportation trust fund dollars. To date, 24 Senators (out of 40) have signed the pledge and 17 (out of 120) House members. Use this link to see who has signed on: [Legislators who have signed the Transportation Trust Pledge](#) Please let them know you appreciate their support. Simply click on their e-mail address to send an email. This information is also available on the FTBA website.

### **Diversions Bills**

[HB 491](#) by Representative Don Davis (R-Jacksonville)

[SB 1630](#) by Senator Gwen Margolis (D-Miami) -- WITHDRAWN

Senator Margolis withdrew her bill from further consideration! HB 481 relates to the Rental Car Surcharge. The bill reduces the percentage the STTF receives from the rental car surcharge and would give it to two tourism-related trust funds. According to FDOT the negative impact would be \$90 M to the work program.

[SB 2214](#) by Senator Evelyn Lynn (R-Ormond Beach)

[HB 1049](#) by the Committee on Transportation

These bills revise the specialty license plate formation process. The bills divert \$1 of motor vehicle license plate revenues from the STTF to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund for the recruitment and retention of state law enforcement. According to FDOT the negative impact would be \$140 M to the work program.

For more information on the Legislature, please use the following links:

[Florida Senate](#)

[Florida House of Representatives](#)