



## 2014 Legislative Priorities and Positions

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### Top priorities:

1. Funding for the Coast-to-Coast Trail; change in state statutes to allow for State Transportation Trust Funds to be used for multi-purpose trails.
2. Implementation of the Orlando International Airport Master Plan, with the development of the Intermodal Center as an immediate priority.
3. Commit some of the \$850 million budget surplus to transportation infrastructure projects.
4. Redirect the additional motor vehicle tag and title fees that were enacted by the legislature in 2009 and used for general revenue purposes to the State Transportation Trust Fund.
5. In connection with items #3 and #4 above, restore funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP).

### We support legislation that:

1. Protects the State Transportation Trust Fund and the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund
2. Authorizes a \$3.00/day local option rental car surcharge (implemented through a public referendum) with proceeds committed to regional transportation projects.
3. Makes texting while driving a primary offense.
4. Increases funding to improve pedestrian safety awareness programs and pedestrian facility improvements.
5. Provides funding for the implementation of quiet zones along the 61-mile SunRail corridor.
6. Preserves the coordinated system for paratransit (Access Lynx) service.

7. Expands the Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax to allow municipalities over 150,000 in population (or the largest municipality in a county) and all counties located in MPO areas to enact up to a one-cent local option surtax by referendum.
8. Indexes local option fuel taxes to the consumer price index in a manner similar to the current indexing of state fuel taxes.
9. Directs the Florida Department of Transportation to develop a plan to move Florida toward a Mileage Based User Fee in lieu of the traditional fuel tax which does not rely on GPS technology as a tracking device.

Monitor the following:

1. Possible move to rescind the legislation that authorized the use red light cameras
2. Reintroduction of bill to create a regional expressway authority