

2017 Legislative Priorities and Positions

Top priorities:

- Increased funding to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety awareness programs and bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements.
- Funding for implementation of quiet zones along the SunRail corridor.
- Funding for SunRail Phase II North to DeLand and Phase III to the Orlando International Airport.
- Funding for expansion of wrong-way driving detection equipment on limited access facilities that are currently not monitored.

We support legislation that:

- Preserves the State Transportation Trust Fund and funding for paratransit (ACCESS LYNX) service.
- Authorizes a local option rental car surcharge (up to \$3.00; implemented through a public referendum) with proceeds committed to regional transportation projects.
- Increases funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) in order to promote regional planning and project development.
- Strengthens legislation to make distracted driving a primary offense.

Monitor legislation that:

- Involves moving Florida towards a Mileage Based User Fee in lieu of the traditional fuel tax.
- Moves to rescind the legislation that authorized the use red light cameras.
- Impacts funding for regional Shared Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail projects.
- Revises language in statutes in order to better define crosswalks and addresses pedestrian safety.
- Authorizes an exception to F.S. 934.50 to allow for the use of Drone technology for traffic incident management and/or emergency response.
- 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.