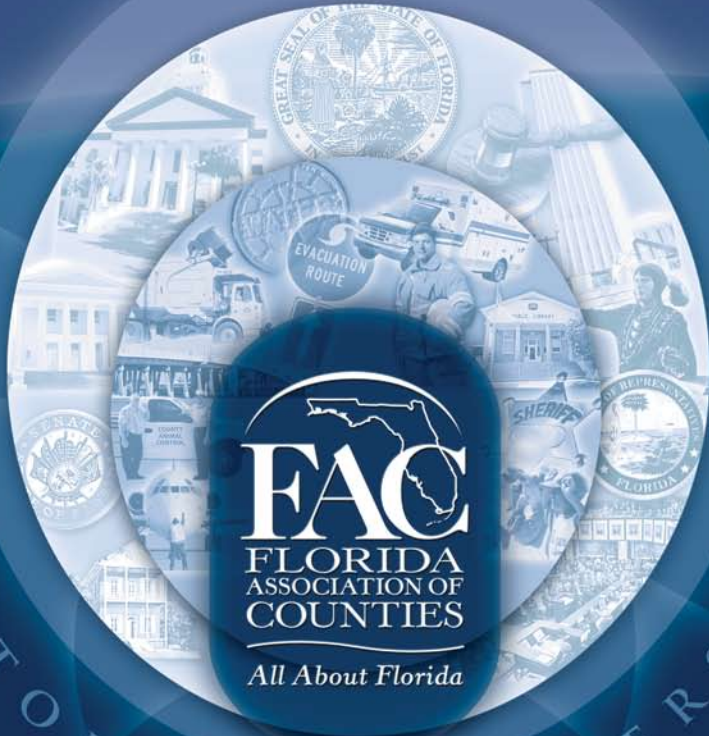


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Transportation / Economic Stimulus

To help stimulate the state's economy and facilitate needed transportation improvements, the Florida Association of Counties supports a broad-based funding strategy for this infrastructure. With a decline in state revenues, the 2008 legislature diverted more than \$500 million from the state transportation trust fund for general revenue purposes. This diversion not only impacted critical state road projects but it also reduced important grant funds for local transportation initiatives. Moreover, this reduction ultimately impacts the economy, as it is estimated that every \$1 invested in transportation yields \$5.50 in positive economic activity.

In light of reduced revenues and the continued need for transportation improvements, FAC has adopted the following position statements regarding transportation and economic stimulus:

Infrastructure Funding:

SUPPORT restoring the statutory commitment from SB 360 directing documentary stamp tax revenues for transportation (\$541 million), water protection and sustainability (\$100 million), and for educational facilities (\$105 million).

Regional Transportation Finance

Authorities: SUPPORT

legislation that authorizes regional transportation finance authorities to pledge a portion of the capacity improvement funds historically allocated to the respective transportation district from the State Transportation Trust Fund to finance eligible transit or transportation improvements over 30 years. **SUPPORT** allowing funds appropriated to a regional transportation authority to be extended over a term of years.

State Transportation Trust Fund:

OPPOSE any effort to divert revenues from the state transportation trust fund for non-transportation purposes.

Urban Transportation Funding:

To help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy conservation, and lower the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT), FAC **SUPPORTS** a change to the state's transportation funding investment policy by creating a more flexible and balanced allocation of funds between transit and traditional highway capacity improvements.

