

Transportation Revenue Related Legislation Passed During the 2009 Session

Distribution to Veterans Programs

[HB 509](#) annually deposits motor vehicle license “base fees” collected from certain Armed Services Stamped Plates to the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund. This is a negative impact of \$250,000 in FY 2009-10.

Transportation: Assorted Issues

[HB 1021](#) extends the SCRAP program starting FY 2013; allows DOT to pay a stipend to unsuccessful bidders on design-build contracts; increases the cap on the local government reinvestment outside the adopted work program from \$100 million to \$250 million; authorizes DOT to contract with small counties to advance projects not in the Work Program to be repaid over long term periods; increases max outdoor advertising permit fees; and authorizes DOT to issue bonds backed by tolls from I-95 Express in Dade and Broward counties.

[HB 5013](#) revises eligibility of the SCOP program; increases max outdoor advertising permit fees; authorizes the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority to sell bonds; and allows DOT to assist the Northwest Florida Regional Planning Organization with a feasibility study on bonding against capacity funds.

Motor Vehicle Fee Increase

[SB 1778](#) increases various transportation related fees collected by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, such as title fees, motor vehicle license “base fees” and initial registration fees. The additional collections are deposited into General Revenue. There will be no impact to the department.

Taxation of Public Private Partnerships (P3’s)

[HB 1213](#) exempts P3’s from property tax, documentary stamp tax, intangibles tax and any other special assessment. This bill also expands the authority of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority.

Documentary Stamp Loophole

[SB 2430](#) closes a corporate loophole that allowed evasion of the documentary stamp tax. This is a positive impact of \$6.15 million in FY 2009-10.

Increased General Revenue Service Charge

[SB 1806](#) increases the general revenue service charge from 7% to 8%, which is collected on aviation fuel tax and the rental car surcharge. There is also a negative impact on FDOT’s portion of documentary stamp taxes. Altogether, this is a negative impact of \$3.13 million in FY 2009-10.

Trust Fund Transfers and Everglades Restoration Bonds

The Appropriations Bill transferred \$120.2 million from the State Transportation Trust Fund and \$40 million from the Toll Facilities Revolving Trust Fund to General Revenue in order to help with the budget shortfall. This will have a negative impact to the department. The bill also authorized the sale of additional Everglades Restoration Bonds backed by the documentary stamp tax. In FY 2009-10, this will have a negative impact of \$1.9 million on FDOT's portion of the documentary stamp tax receipts.

For more information on the Appropriations Act go to: [SB 2600](#)