



2019 Legislative Priorities and Positions

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Top priorities:

- Increase funding to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety awareness programs and bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements.
- Advocate for changes in legislation that makes texting while driving and/or distracted driving a primary offense.
- Seek funding for implementation of quiet safety zones along the SunRail corridor, Phase II South.
- Seek flexibility in the use of local option discretion taxes such as Charter County & Regional Transportation System Surtax and the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax.

We support legislation that:

- Provides funding for implementation of wrong-way driving detection equipment on limited access facilities where not currently in use.
- Further allows for testing and implementation of Autonomous Vehicle technology, including funding for infrastructure improvements that may be needed.
- Includes vulnerable road users (cyclists) in current *Move Over* Law (316.126 F.S.).
- Removes provision requiring FDOT Secretary approval of Central Florida Expressway Authority projects in Lake County.
- Authorizes a local option rental car surcharge (up to \$3.00; implemented through a public referendum) with proceeds committed to regional transportation projects.
- Preserves the State Transportation Trust Fund and funding for paratransit (ACCESS LYNX) service.
- Restores Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding to 2007 levels in order to promote regional planning and project development.
- Authorizes an exception to F.S. 934.50 to allow for the use of drone technology for traffic incident management and/or emergency response.

Oppose legislation that:

- Moves to rescind the legislation that authorized the use red light cameras.
- Negatively impacts funding for regional Shared Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail projects.

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