



2015 DRAFT SPACE COAST TPO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- ***Support Brevard County Road Project Priorities***
 - **St. Johns Heritage Parkway System** - Continue local/state partnerships to identify funding for all segments of the parkway from the south I-95 Interchange to Ellis Road.
 - **Ellis Road Improvements** - Secure funding for construction of the Ellis Road interchange and for widening Ellis Road to four lanes. Pursue Strategic Intermodal System designation.
 - **A1A Corridor** - Implement improvements to the A1A corridor from Pineda Causeway to Port Canaveral as recommended in the FDOT feasibility study.

- ***Complete the Rail Trail and KSC Loop Trail to Close the Gaps*** - Allocate state transportation trust funds to be used for development of regional multi-purpose trails including the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail and the Kennedy Space Center Loop Trail. The 55-mile Space Coast Loop will provide the eastern link to the Coast-to-Coast Connector and is the planned south end of the five-county St. Johns River to Sea Loop.

- ***Build Passenger Rail Stations in Brevard*** - Develop passenger rail stations in Titusville, Cocoa and Melbourne to allow connecting service from Orlando, Jacksonville, and Miami as passenger rail service is expanded throughout the state.

- ***Expand Port Canaveral's Passenger and Freight Capacity*** - Invest in strategic port projects to expand passenger and cargo facility development and support intermodal connections, including rail, to the port.

- ***Invest in Space Transportation Infrastructure*** - Continue to prioritize and fund spaceport projects in the Strategic Intermodal System five year plan. Incorporate spaceports into all long-range transportation plans and programs with specific policies and procedures for spaceport development.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

- ***Fund the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)*** – TRIP funds come from documentary stamps to provide matching funds (up to 50%) for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities. Allocated funds have been reduced as a result of the economic decline and may be further impacted by the Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment on the November, 2014 ballot.

- ***Consider Local Priorities for Flexible Transportation Funding*** - New federal guidelines allow increased state discretion for use of transportation funds. The state's transportation funding policies need to address local comprehensive transportation system needs and successful programs such as Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School.

- ***Protect the State Transportation Trust Fund and Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund*** - In the long term, diverting money from trust funds for non-transportation uses degrades the state's transportation system and impairs the state's economic competitiveness, public safety and quality of life.

- ***Support Space Florida's Budget for Space Development***
 - \$10 million - business development and operations
 - \$4 million recurring
 - \$6 million non-recurring
 - \$1.5 million - space tourism marketing
 - \$1 million - Israel research and development cooperative
 - \$7 million - aerospace financing fund