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Watch Report

*An analysis of the transparency and  
accountability of the budget process*

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**A Note About the Governor's Vetoes** – *In a historically quick turnaround for a budget passed well before the start of the new budget year, the Governor signed the budget and vetoed \$64.1 million in line items. Over half of the vetoes were local transportation projects, which make up the majority of our Budget Turkeys.*

*The five-day turnaround did not give Florida TaxWatch the time to complete our meticulous review of the budget before the Governor signed the bill. Even though our report cannot inform the Governor in his budget review, we are still releasing this report to highlight the large number of member projects and to continue to offering recommendations to improve the review and accountability of these projects.*

## HOUSE & SENATE RULES LIMIT TURKEYS BUT NOT MEMBER PROJECTS

*The 2018 Budget Turkey Watch Report: An analysis of the transparency and accountability of the budget process* is the result of an annual independent review of Florida's new budget by Florida TaxWatch. The report started in 1983, and having been published annually since 1986, promotes additional oversight and integrity in the state's budgeting process

based on the principle that: because money appropriated by the Legislature belongs to the taxpayers of Florida, the process must be transparent and accountable, and every appropriation should receive deliberation and public debate.

Budget Turkeys are items, usually local member projects, placed in individual line-items or accompanying proviso language that are added to the final appropriations bill without being fully scrutinized and subjected to the budget committee process or that circumvented established processes. **The Budget Turkey label does not signify judgment of a project's worthiness.** Instead, the review focuses solely on the Florida budget process, and the purpose of the Budget Turkey label is to ensure that all appropriations using public funds receive the deliberation, debate, and accountability they deserve.

**The \$88.7 billion budget passed by the Florida House and Senate for FY2018-19 contains 87 appropriations items qualifying as Budget Turkeys worth \$147.5 million.** Most of these (56 projects worth almost \$120 million) are transportation projects that are not in the Department of Transportation Work Program. Because appropriations rules adopted last year resulted in House member projects being heard in committee, and no projects being added during the budget conference committee process, many member projects in the budget do not qualify as Budget Turkeys. So, while the new rules have (relatively) limited the number of turkeys, it has not limited member projects. This year's budget contains 517 member projects worth more than \$560 million. This brings the two-year total (since the rules were adopted) to more than 1200 members projects worth \$1.2 billion.

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*The annual Budget Turkey Watch Report spotlights legislative projects placed in the budget without proper opportunity for public review and debate*

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## MORE CHANGES ARE NEEDED TO REIN IN MEMBER PROJECTS

Many member projects are worthwhile and some serve a regional or statewide interest, but most of them benefit a limited number of Floridians and should be a local community or local government responsibility.

Last year, with the Speaker pronouncing that something needed to be done about the “epidemic level” of member projects, the House adopted new rules governing them and a pledge of an open and transparent budget process. The rule change was significant, and Florida TaxWatch applauded the announcement, as the new rules promoted the same goals of transparency and accountability as the Budget Turkey Watch report. In practice, however, very little has happened to stem the tide of member projects.

The House rules require members to file a separate bill containing his or her member project request, as well as an informational form. For that appropriation to be eligible for inclusion in the House budget, the bill has to be approved by a House committee or subcommittee, but committee approval does not guarantee inclusion. The Senate does not require a bill, but does require a request form be filled out. Senate requests do not have to be heard in committee.

With a few exceptions, the House subcommittee hearings on member projects are simply pro forma events, with very little discussion or debate on any bill. One subcommittee this year passed 108 appropriations project bills in one meeting lasting two and a half hours. That means that each bill was addressed, at a maximum, for just over one minute. It takes nearly that long to explain what a bill does, let alone debate whether or not it is a worthwhile way to spend taxpayer hard-earned dollars.

Overall, House committees in 2018 approved 702 appropriations project bills and no bills were voted down. In fact, of the approximately 8,100 votes cast, there were a total of three no votes, all by the same legislator. In reality, this is understandable. Voting against another member’s spending project may do nothing more than endanger your own, and when there is no standard against which we may judge these projects, there is no information available to the members that would allow for a meaningful, let alone thorough, review.

Given the nature of the process under these rules, this incredibly limited public review is to be expected, as there is simply not enough time during session to thoroughly debate each project when there are so many individual items requested. Most of the real decisions on what gets funded are made behind closed doors. Taxpayers have the right to see and question how their money is being spent, and lawmakers have a responsibility to ask many of those questions on their behalf to ensure that statewide dollars are being distributed in a way that benefits the most people possible.

While the new rules certainly increased the transparency of member projects, in that taxpayers could at least see what was being proposed, it certainly didn’t limit them—they were just added sooner. House members in 2018 filed 1,314 bills (nearly 11 per member) requesting appropriations projects, totaling **\$2.3 billion** (\$19 million per member). It is worth noting that the House rules state that

each member is limited to six bills per session that would change the laws of the state, but there is no limit on how many bills requesting statewide money a member is allowed to file per year.

Similarly, the 40-member Senate requested 1,453 projects, totaling **\$2.7 billion**. That's more than 36 projects and \$66 million per Senator. Most of the projects were requested in both the House and Senate, so there were likely between 1,500 and 2,000 unique projects requested, and anywhere from one-quarter to one-third of them made it into the final budget.

It must be remembered that the state shares approximately \$4 billion of state revenue directly with local governments and school districts (not including another \$1 billion that is dedicated to education fixed capital outlay.) Billions of dollars more are sent down to the local level every year through the state budget. Adding more through budget earmarks is done at the expense of statewide priorities, core functions, and accountable programs.

In total, this year's budget contains 517 member projects worth more than \$560 million, a surprising amount given that this was pronounced "a tight budget year." In the two sessions since the new rules for member projects were adopted with the goals of increased accountability and limiting projects, **there has been a total of more than 1,200 member projects worth \$1.2 billion funded in the state budget.**

This highlights the need for the establishment of more competitive review and selection processes that take place before the Legislature decides what to fund (see the Recommendations section of this report.)

## RECOMMENDATIONS

To further promote the integrity of Florida's budget process, and to get a handle on the proliferation of member projects, Florida TaxWatch offers these recommendations:

**Legislative Appropriations Project Rules** - The member project rules that were put in place last year should become permanent, and continue to be improved upon. The new practice of detailing the recurring projects in the base budget should also be continued.

**Competitive Selection Processes** - The lack of a systematic review and selection process in some areas of the budget is becoming a glaring problem. Member projects are peppered throughout the budget, but there are several line-items where one can count on numerous projects ending up.

The Economic Development Projects line-item in the Department of Economic Opportunity is one example. This line-item is not recommended by the agency or the governor, but is added to the budget each year simply as a place to put member projects.

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### *BUDGETING WITHOUT DISCIPLINE*

*Just as the Rule of Law is critically essential in a civil society, so is the integrity, transparency and accountability of the budget process to ensure the highest and best use of the taxpayers' hard earned money.*

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In addition to funding some projects that likely will have a very positive economic development impact, this has become a catch-all place for all sorts of projects, many of which have a tenuous connection to economic development. Many projects are funded here instead of other areas of the budget which fund similar projects, some of which have competitive grant programs that include significant state review. These include cultural and museum programs, local parks, historic preservation, affordable housing, education, social services, public safety and community development. This year, the 21 projects under this line item (totaling \$12.9 million) include an animal shelter, tennis courts, community service projects, a botanical garden, Goodwill stores and donation centers, a new museum, renovation of a community auditorium, an emergency shelter and providing wi-fi to users of a biking/walking trail.

To make sure that these projects are funded with a coordinated, statewide vision, compete for limited funding fairly, and meet specified requirements to qualify for funding, Florida TaxWatch recommends the Legislature create such a competitive review and selection process in statute for each of these areas:

- Economic Development Projects
- Housing and Community Development Projects
- Workforce Projects
- Water Projects
- School and Instructional Enhancements
- Private Colleges and Universities
- Mentoring/Student Assistance Initiatives
- Special Local Law Enforcement Projects

**Supplemental Funding Lists** – In recent years, the budget conference process ends with each chamber accepting the other chamber’s supplemental funding lists worth tens of millions of dollars. This is done without public debate or discussion and the lists have been developed and already agreed to in private. The list includes increased funding for some projects already in the budget and can also introduce new projects, sometimes including items that had not been discussed before. It is understandable that there can be some money left over when negotiations are finished. Adding money to existing projects in this way, while certainly not the best budget practice, is not as bad as adding new projects, but these supplemental funding lists should be prohibited.

**Local Transportation Projects** – A few years ago, the Legislature created the Economic Development Transportation Projects program to fund transportation projects that promote economic development and growth. It became a way to simply add local transportation projects to the budget. Last year, the House attempted to repeal this program in a bill that would have eliminated Enterprise Florida. While the statute was not repealed, the budget no longer has a line-item for the Road Fund and there is now a line-item simply called Local Transportation Projects. While this is a more truthful description, it also removes even the appearance of a selection process. Projects that are not part of the DOT Work Program take scarce transportation dollars away from the vetted and comprehensively planned projects that are in the Work Program. If Local Transportation Projects are going to stay, a formal competitive selection process, with whatever criteria the Legislature sees fit, should be

established. Most importantly, a set amount of funding should be established so DOT may include it in the Work Program and the Legislature should not exceed that amount unless it uses general revenue to fund the additional cost. Florida TaxWatch recommends that the Legislature stop earmarking these projects and instead create a process to decide which projects have the highest return on investment and to ensure they are considered within the state's coordinated transportation planning process.

## CONCLUSION

### *THE STATE'S BUDGET OUTLOOK DEMANDS ACTION*

The latest edition of the state's annual *Long Range Economic Outlook*, released last September, warned that state general revenue spending is growing faster than available revenue and that budget shortfalls of \$1.1 billion and \$1.6 billion loom in FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21, respectively. After reducing recurring spending in 2011 and 2012, subsequent legislatures have increased recurring spending, resulting in projected future expenditures exceeding projected revenues.

We will have a better idea of how the actions of the 2018 Legislature will impact the future budget outlook when the state economists have made new revenue and expenditure forecasts, finished all the calculations and release the next Outlook in the Fall. But it appears not much was done to significantly improve the budget outlook. In fact, it appears it spent slightly more recurring revenue than it had available (using nonrecurring revenue to fund some recurring expenses.) As a result, the state's cash general revenue reserves will likely be at its lowest level since 2010 (approximately \$1 billion).

The next Governor and future legislatures are going to have to continue to grapple with projected budget shortfalls. The uncertainty of \$3 billion in revenue from the Seminole Gaming Compact and the unknown impact of federal tax cuts on state corporate income tax collections further complicate matters.

In this environment, the prudence of funding so many local member projects at the expense of core statewide functions is questionable. Florida TaxWatch urges the Legislature to attempt to rein in spending on these projects and adopt our recommendations to better ensure the ones that are funded provide the best return for taxpayer dollars. We also reiterate our call to adopt the recommendations of the constitutionally-created Government Efficiency Task Force. The Task Force released a 2016 report detailing 29 recommendations that would improve government operations while saving hard-working Florida taxpayers' money; 15 of which would come at little or no additional cost to the state. The potential cost-savings the state could realize if these recommendations were implemented could exceed \$2 billion annually. The Legislature cannot afford to continue to largely ignore this valuable resource that was endorsed by the voters.

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## THE FLORIDA TAXWATCH BUDGET TURKEY WATCH CRITERIA

The Florida TaxWatch Budget Turkey criteria are clearly defined. Appropriations must violate sound budgeting practices in at least one of these ways to be designated as a Budget Turkey:

- A project that circumvents established review and selection processes or has completed the established process but is funded ahead of much higher priority projects (as determined by the selection process);
- Appropriations that are inserted in the budget during conference committee meetings, meaning they did not appear in either the final Senate or House budgets; and
- Appropriations from inappropriate trust funds; duplicative appropriations; and appropriations contingent on legislation that did not pass.

## FLORIDA TAXWATCH FY2018-19 BUDGET TURKEYS

### *APPROPRIATIONS BYPASSING ESTABLISHED REVIEW / APPROVAL PROCESSES*

The following projects did not violate the Legislature's member project rules, but Florida TaxWatch finds they circumvented established competitive review and prioritization processes and are funded over projects that adhered to these processes.

**College Fixed Capital Outlay Projects** - The Legislature funded 10 college construction projects with \$31.0 million, using \$19.9 million in general revenue. The Division of Colleges ranks college projects based on expected available revenue in the PECO Trust Fund. The Division requested \$159 million over the next three years to fund 13 projects. The priority list also includes 46 additional approved projects for year 4 and beyond. The Legislature funded five of these, including only two of the top eight. These five will receive relatively small appropriations, an average of 17 percent of what was requested. The Legislature also funded four projects not requested until year 4 or beyond (ranked 21, 22, 25, and 26). Florida TaxWatch has long recommended that the Legislature focus on finishing projects that are already in the pipeline and not adding new ones with significant future year funding needs. Another project, funding a charter school building, was not on the approved list.

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*"Public money ought to be touched with the most scrupulous conscientiousness of honor. It is not the produce of riches only, but of the hard earnings of labor and poverty."*

*Thomas Paine*

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Note: throughout this report, **bold** bill numbers indicate that a bill did pass a House committee. Items in **RED** were vetoed by the Governor.

Agency	Item	College Fixed Capital Outlay Projects	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S #
DOE	23	St. Johns River St. Coll. - Ren/Rem/Add instruction support - Orange Park	5,239,692		Clay	S		
DOE	23	Miami-Dade College - Rem/Ren Fac 14 (Gym) for Justice Center - North	1,697,180		Miami-Dade	H/S		
DOE	23	Daytona State College - Const Classroom/Lab/Office, site imp-Deltona	3,000,000		Volusia	S		
DOE	23	FL SW State College - Physical Plant West Chiller Replacment - Lee	1,000,000		Lee	S	<b>2055</b>	2369
DOE	23	FL Keys State College - Key West Collegiate Academy classroom Facility and Storm Shelter	5,000,000		Monroe	S		1611

**Agricultural Promotion and Education Facilities** - Florida has a program (established in Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes) to allow local governments and fair associations to apply for state funding for facilities that can be used to promote agriculture in Florida, such as county fair agricultural exhibition halls. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is charged with reviewing applications, making sure projects qualify and ranking requests based on factors such as the proposed use of funds, the amount of local match, projected attendance, and history of the requester. This year, the department provided the Legislature with a ranked list of thirteen projects that met the requirements for funding. Despite this process, the department does not request money for these projects in its legislative budget request and the Governor did not recommend funding. The Legislature funded seven projects worth \$5.3 million. Three of these projects were vetted and approved through the statutory process, although none of the seven top-ranked projects was funded. Four projects circumvented the process. Two of these were for organizations that had projects on the approved list, but the member requests that were funded were different projects.

Agency	Item	Agricultural Promotion and Education Facilities	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S #
DACS	1452B	Arcadia Rodeo Equestrian Facility	1,000,000		Desoto	S	3487	1166
DACS	1452B	Bradford County Fair Association	1,500,000		Bradford	H	<b>3311</b>	2479
<b>DACS</b>	<b>1452B</b>	<b>Hardee County Agricultural Training/Conference</b>	<b>500,000</b>		<b>Hardee</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2241</b>	<b>1154</b>
DACS	1452B	Marion Co SE Livestock Pavillion Phase 3 (horse storm shelter)	300,000		Marion	H	<b>2135</b>	1058

**Beach Projects** – The Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program provides and manages grants to local governments for the planning and implementation of beach and inlet management projects including beach restoration and nourishment, environmental studies and monitoring, inlet sand transfer, and dune restoration. These grants are reviewed and ranked in priority order and submitted to the Legislature, which this year provides \$50 million for approved projects. This project circumvented the grant application and ranking process.

Agency	Item	Beach Projects	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S #
<b>DEP</b>	<b>1597A</b>	<b>Bal Harbour Village Bakers Haulover Inlet Bypassing Project</b>	<b>750,000</b>		<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>4109</b>	<b>1909</b>

**Local Parks** - The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) is a state competitive grant program that allows local governments to apply for financial assistance grants to develop and/ or acquire land for public outdoor recreational use. It is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, which reviews the grants. This year, the department

submitted a ranked list of 13 eligible projects to the Legislature. After not providing any funding last year, the Legislature provided \$2.0 million for approved projects. The maximum award is \$50,000. Instead, the Legislature funded these (member project) local parks with appropriations ranging from \$300,000 to \$800,000. The Legislature also provided \$4.0 million for a new grant program for parks that provides recreational enhancements and opportunities for children. This is another potential avenue for these projects to obtain state funding.

Agency	Item	Local Park Projects	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S#
DEP	1687A	Cooper City Flamingo West Park	\$ 800,000		Broward	S		2266
DEP	1687A	Delray Beach Atlantic Dunes Park Coastal Dune Restoration	\$ 300,000		Palm Beach	H	<b>2605</b>	
DEP	1687A	Historic Spring Park Public Access St. Johns River	\$ 600,000		Clay	S	3267	2441
DEP	1687A	Lakeland's Seven Wetlands Wastewater Treatment Facility	\$ 800,000		Polk	H	<b>2275</b>	<b>1146</b>
DEP	1687A	Plant City - The Development of McIntosh Regional Park	\$ 300,000		Hillsborough	S	<b>4051</b>	2067

**Transportation Projects Not in the Work Program** - This year saw an unacceptable number of local member transportation projects that are not in the DOT Work Program being put in the budget. The Turkey Watch report consistently flags these programs. The Work Program is developed jointly each year with metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, and the federal government. The Work Program is funded through the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) and spending those limited dollars on other projects can leave approved projects unfunded, negatively impacting the Work Program and Florida's coordinated, statewide transportation system. The Legislature created the Economic Development Transportation Projects (Road Fund) program to give them some discretion to add projects that promote economic development and growth. DOT, with input from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Enterprise Florida are supposed to review the projects and give final approval. The law contains requirements and criteria for evaluation. However, this fund simply became a way to get local projects in the budget. There is \$15.8 million allocated in the work program for these projects, but the Legislature has consistently exceeded that amount. Last session, when the House attempted (unsuccessfully) to eliminate the Road Fund, the budget did not have a line-item for the Road Fund, but instead one simply called Local Transportation Projects. While this is a more truthful description, it also removes even the appearance of a selection process. This line-item appears again this year, funding 58 projects at a cost of \$119.7 million, \$38.2 million more than last year. Florida TaxWatch recommends that the Legislature stop earmarking these projects to allow the process to decide which projects have the highest return on investment and to ensure they are considered within the state's coordinated transportation planning process. They should stick to the amount provided in the work program, unless they provide addition general revenue. (see Appendix A for full list). Most of these projects are local roads, which the statutes do not authorize to fund from the STTF, excepted for specific programs, such as the economic development transportation program. Some projects may not qualify as transportation projects and others have other avenues to pursue funding.

Agency	Item	Transportation Projects Outside of the DOT Work Plan	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S#
DOT	1906A	56 Local Transportation Projects - See Appendix A for List	\$118,424,538	38	Multiple	H/S		

**Historic Preservation Grants** - The Department of State has grant programs to fund historic preservation—Small Matching (up to \$50,000) Special Category (up to \$500,000) grants. The Legislature funded these projects but six others circumvented the established competitive review processes. These projects include \$270,000 to purchase a museum building (a private organization would still own) which, according to testimony on the Senate floor, was appraised at \$98,000.

Agency	Item	Historic Preservation Grants	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S #
DOS	3090	Historic Hampton House Community EduCatin and Redaptive Reuse	\$ 250,000		Miami-Dade	H	3685	2051
DOS	3090	Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Keeper's Cottages Reconstruction	\$250,000		Brevard	S	3953	1515
DOS	3090	Historic Cocoa Village Palyhouse, Inc - RM Rembert Building	\$ 250,000		Brevard	H	3949	1487

Agency	Item	Acquisition, Restratorion of Historic Properties	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S #
DOS	3094A	Historic Hernando School Reconstruction	\$ 396,400		Citrus	H	4427	1896
DOS	3094A	UF: St Augustine Historic Building Roof Replacement	\$ 250,000		St. Johns	H	4229	1889
DOS	3094A	Acquisition of Florida Quilt Museum	\$ 270,000		Gilchrist	S		2563

**Cultural and Museum Grants** - The Legislature provided \$2.65 million for the Department of State 2018-2019 Cultural and Museum General Program Support Grants ranked list. This will fund 489 projects whose approved requests totaled \$41.6 million. These approved recipients will receive only 6.25 percent of their requested amount, with awards ranging from \$369 to \$9,375. The Legislature instead funded several projects that did not go through the process. Five of those projects will each receive between \$200,000 and \$1.7 million. It's not surprising when an organization avoids the grant process and instead approaches a legislator to submit a request for funding. The Legislature provided no money for 169 other projects that were approved for funding through three other state cultural grant programs, including 18 in the Cultural Facilities grant program. One facility, that did not go through the process, was funded.

Agency	Item	Cultural and Museum Grants	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S #
DOS	3121	Okaloosa County Historical Museum Cooperative	\$30,000		Okaloosa	H	2007	
DOS	3121	Bill Edwards Foundation - Arts & Education Programming	\$ 750,000		Pinellas	H	3313	1742
DOS	3121	Florida Symphony Youth Orchestras Concert Funding	\$30,000		Orange	H	4627	2488
DOS	3121	Miami Military Museum and Memorial Education Center	\$800,000		Miami-Dade	S	2661	1087
DOS	3121	Camp Blanding Museum - Expansion	\$1,651,630		Clay	S	3281	2252
DOS	3121	American Craftsman Museum, Inc.	\$500,000		Pinellas	S	4437	2021
DOS	3121	Great Explorations Children's Museum	\$200,000		Pinellas	S	4497	2022
DOS	3121	Exploration of Culture and Humanities Options	\$50,000		Orange	S		2382
DOS	3126A	Ruth Eckerd Hall Expanding the Experience Campaign	\$500,000		Pinellas	H	2473	2153

### *APPROPRIATIONS CONTINGENT ON LEGISLATION*

Sometimes, the Legislature will add proviso language to an appropriation, making it contingent on legislation. It is usually contingent on the bill passing. This year, there was an appropriation contingent on a bill not passing. This appropriation was contingent on the HB 647 (or similar legislation)—which would delay the scheduled imposition of a tax on natural gas motor fuel—not passing. The language was added to the tax package (HB 7087) which passed. Since the new tax will not take effect the funds for the Department of Revenue to implement to new tax are not needed.

Agency	Item	Appropriations Contingent on Legislation Not Passing	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S#
DOR	3042	implementation of the Natural Gas Fuel Tax	\$ 109,938		Statewide	S		

### *OTHER PROJECTS OF NOTE*

These member projects do not qualify as Budget Turkeys, because they followed the appropriations project rules, were not added in conference, and there is no established selection process for these projects (see Recommendations). However, they are areas that have historically contained numerous member projects that deserve special scrutiny.

**DEP 1595A Water Projects** - 51 projects worth \$30.1 million. There is a Water Projects Grant Program in statute, but over the years that process has been stripped of most of its criteria, requirements, and oversight. It should be noted that the appropriations project rules require additional information in project request forms for water projects.

**DEO 2178A Work Force Projects** - 5 projects worth \$1.8 million, a much smaller list than usual.

**DEO 2216 Housing and Community Development Projects** -- 8 projects worth \$5.4 million, much less than the 52 projects worth \$23.1 million funded last year.

**DEO 2233A Economic Development Projects** - 21 projects worth \$12.9 million, including an animal shelter, tennis courts, community service projects, a botanical garden, a new museum, renovation of a community auditorium, an emergency shelter and providing wi-fi to users of a biking/walking trail. See the Recommendations section for more information on this line-item.

**DOE 111 School and Instructional Enhancements** - 39 projects worth \$22.8 million. This includes 12 projects that are recurring programs in the base budget.

**Various Non-State Fixed Capital Outlay** – Tens of millions of dollars going to private organizations and local governments construct, renovate, repair, or even purchase buildings/facilities the state does not/will not own. Governor Scott, and governors before him, have vetoed some of this fixed capital outlay spending because local government facilities are a local responsibility and there is no clear statewide return on investment for constructing, maintaining or renovating privately-owned facilities.

## APPENDIX A

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS - NOT IN WORK PROGRAM

Agency	Item	Transportation Projects Not in the Work Program	GR	TF	County	H/S	HB	S #
DOT	1906A	City of Venice Road Improvement Project - Phase 3		\$1,000,000	Sarasota	H/S	2033	1018
DOT	1906A	Crosswalk Countdown Head Improvement Plan - Jacksonville		\$631,072	Duval	H/S	2349	1760
DOT	1906A	CR 361 Beach Road Curve Realignment		\$586,732	Taylor	H/S	2617	1412
DOT	1906A	Hillsborough County School Sidewalks and Safety Enhancement		\$2,000,000	Hillsborough	H	2429	2126
DOT	1906A	Hillsborough County Big Bend/I-75 Interchange Improvements		\$5,000,000	Hillsborough	H/S	2411	2116
DOT	1906A	Port of Fernandina - Multipurpose Dock Crane and Warehouse		\$2,000,000	Nassua	H/S	4015	1659
DOT	1906A	Tamarac - Commercial Blvd		\$734,764	Broward	H/S	4311	1405
DOT	1906A	Casselberry Quail Pond Circle Complete Street/Ped Connectivity		\$282,366	Seminole	H/S	2527	1574
DOT	1906A	Four-Laning of Williamson Blvd from Strickland Range Road to Hand Ave		\$2,000,000	Volusia	S	2443	1588
DOT	1906A	Integrated Transit Smartphone Application Dev and Imp		\$475,000	Pinellas	H	2509	1821
DOT	1906A	Hardee County Bridge Improvements		\$650,000	Hardee	H/S	3743	1155
DOT	1906A	Hillsborough County Orient Road		\$2,000,000	Hillsborough	H	2963	2124
DOT	1906A	US 98 Inlet Beach Pedestrian Crossing		\$2,000,000	Walton	H	4571	1471
DOT	1906A	Palmetto Bay Multimodal Transit Station		\$328,912	Miami-Dade	H	3821	
DOT	1906A	Escambia County Beulah Interchange Connector		\$1,000,000	Escambia	H/S	4177	1741
DOT	1906A	City of Apopka Harmon Road Extension		\$1,000,000	Orange	H/S	4435	1929
DOT	1906A	City of West Palm Beach - Rosemary Corridor Enhancement		\$400,000	Palm Beach	S	2163	2163
DOT	1906A	Suwannee County Railroad Crossing Relocation and Road Const.		\$300,000	Suwannee	S	2231	2400
DOT	1906A	State Road 7 Pedestrian Lights		\$650,000	Broward	S	2273	2036
DOT	1906A	I-75 and Overpass Road Interchange Design/Build Project		\$15,000,000	Pasco	S	4023	1883
DOT	1906A	Hernando County Calienta Street Stormwater and Roadway		\$260,000	Hernando	S	4483	1894
DOT	1906A	Hernando County Cyril Drive Bypass Roadway Creation Project		\$1,300,000	Hernando	S	4485	1886
DOT	1906A	US 301/US98/Clinton Avenue Intersection Realignment PD&E		\$1,000,000	Pasco	S	4025	1768
DOT	1906A	Collier County Lake Trafford Road, Sidewalk, and Bike Lane		\$175,000	Collier	S	2591	1233
DOT	1906A	Morningside Drive Extension, Dade City, Pasco County		\$4,700,000	Pasco	S	4043	1895
DOT	1906A	Blount Road Streetscape Improvements Project - Pompano Beach		\$250,000	Broward	S	2759	1033
DOT	1906A	Nassau County William Burgess Boulevard Extension		\$1,000,000	Nassua	S	3999	1543
DOT	1906A	Biscayne Green		\$1,000,000	Miami-Dade	S	2675	1199
DOT	1906A	City of Jacksonville McCoy's Creek Boulevard Project		\$200,000	Duval	S	2745	1761
DOT	1906A	Tampa Bay Area Reg Transit Auth Regional Transit Dev Plan		\$1,000,000	Hills +	S	2451	1630
DOT	1906A	Lake Worth Park of Commerce - Phase 1B		\$1,500,000	Palm Beach	S	2609	2111
DOT	1906A	Village of Biscayne Park - Street and Infrastructure Improvement		\$915,000	Miami-Dade	S	2773	2212
DOT	1906A	Bal Harbour Village - Roadway Infrastructure Improvements and Rehab		\$500,000	Miami-Dade	S	4127	1902
DOT	1906A	Hillsborough County South Coast Trail Enhancement Project		\$450,000	Hillsborough	S	2517	2127
DOT	1906A	Underline Multi-Use Trail/Mobility Corridor Funding		\$1,500,000	Miami-Dade	S	2597	1214
DOT	1906A	City of Crystal River Three Sisters Springs Infrastructure Improvement		\$400,000	Citrus	S	4429	1807
DOT	1906A	CR 280A Connector Road - Walton County		\$2,000,000	Walton	S	4551	1529
DOT	1906A	City of DeFuniak Springs US 331 Gas System Upgrades and		\$624,672	Walton	S	4549	1644
DOT	1906A	Glades Communities Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction		\$1,000,000	Palm Beach	S	3179	2420
DOT	1906A	DeLand Northwest Industrial Business Park Access Road		\$1,000,000	Volusia	S	2631	1484

DOT	1906A	St. Johns County CR 244 4-Lane Widening		\$1,500,000	St.Johns	S	4247	2221
DOT	1906A	Pensacola Int Airport Commercial Aircraft Maintenance, Repair		\$3,000,000	Escambia	S	3609	1786
DOT	1906A	CR 437 Realignment from Central Avenue to SR 46		\$7,000,000	Lake	S	4205	1361
DOT	1906A	City of Zephyrhills-Route Alignment Study - SR 56 Extension		\$750,000	Pasco	S	3877	2069
DOT	1906A	LYNX Operations Center Expansion for Paratransit/On Demand		\$2,000,000	Org, Osc, Sem	S		1479
DOT	1906A	SR 826/NE 163rd Street Transportation Safety Infrastructure Improvement		\$1,000,000	Miami-Dade	S		2273
DOT	1906A	Central Polk Parkway Segment 1		\$15,000,000	Polk	S		2471
DOT	1906A	Rosery Road NE Road Reconstruction - City of Largo		\$1,000,000	Pinellas	S		2010
DOT	1906A	Virginia Drive Rehabilitation		\$229,000	Volusia	S		1466
DOT	1906A	City of Coconut Creek - Traffic Signal at Lyons Road and St. Andrew's		\$225,000	Broward	S		1448
DOT	1906A	Improvements at Zephyrhills Municipal Airport		\$5,900,000	Pasco	S		2362
DOT	1906A	Trans. Safety Improvements along CR 315C from Putnam Co Line to CR214		\$2,827,500	Clay	S		2379
DOT	1906A	Opa-Locka Airport - Service Center		\$2,500,000	Miami-Dade	S		2381
DOT	1906A	CR 220 Capacity Improvements		\$4,000,000	Clay	S		2278
DOT	1906A	Rales Rides - Senior Transportation		\$179,520	Palm Beach	S		2185
DOT	1906A	Talleyrand Connector		\$12,500,000	Duval	S		2545
<b>TOTAL - 56 PROJECTS</b>				<b>\$118,424,538</b>				

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