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## GOVERNOR DESANTIS' FLORIDA LEADS BUDGET PROPOSES \$10.4B IN FUNDING FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Governor Ron DeSantis today unveiled his Florida Leads budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The proposed budget provides \$10.4 billion in funding for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). This budget continues to invest in essential improvements and enhancements that will allow FDOT to stay focused on providing a safe and efficient transportation system, while also preparing for the state's inevitable growth.

**Governor DeSantis said,** "Having a safe and efficient transportation system is critical in the everyday lives of Florida's families and visitors and is an essential part of Florida's prosperity. My Florida Leads budget provides critical funding for innovative and multimodal projects that will enhance safety and keep Florida moving well into the future."

**FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. said,** "Governor DeSantis' continued support of transportation investments through the Florida Leads budget will allow the Florida Department of Transportation to build an innovative transportation system that will fit the needs of a growing and flourishing Florida. Investments in transportation are crucial to our communities, our economy, and the future of our state."

Governor DeSantis' Florida Leads budget includes the following transportation investments:

- \$2.5 billion for highway construction to include 210 new lane miles
- \$1 billion in resurfacing to include 2,689 lane miles
- \$122.6 million in seaport infrastructure enhancements
- \$331 million for aviation improvements
- \$516 million for scheduled repairs of 89 bridges and replacement of 18 bridges
- \$717 million for rail/transit program advancements
- \$172.2 million for safety initiatives

The Governor's budget includes \$9.47 billion for the department's Work Program. FDOT's Work Program is a five-year plan of transportation projects as defined in Section 339.135, Florida Statutes. The department identifies needs-based projects, which must be consistent with laws, policies, program objectives and priorities.