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GOVERNOR DESANTIS' BOLDER, BRIGHTER, BETTER FUTURE BUDGET PROPOSES \$9.9B IN FUNDING FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Governor Ron DeSantis today unveiled his Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The proposed budget provides \$9.9 billion in funding for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The investment will enable the department to continue to deliver much needed transportation projects to meet the needs of a growing Florida for generations to come.

Governor DeSantis said, "My Bolder, Brighter, Better Future Budget will further allow the Florida Department of Transportation to create a modern transportation system for our residents and visitors. Safely reducing congestion on our roadways is a critical component of my vision for transportation in Florida. This budget will ensure FDOT can invest in improvements to facilitate increased mobility and keep people and goods moving throughout our state."

FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. said, "The Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget is forward-thinking and shows Governor DeSantis' commitment to create a safe transportation system across Florida. The budget provides infrastructure funding that will allow the Florida Department of Transportation to continue to reduce congestion for all motorists and set Florida apart as a national leader in multimodal transportation."

Governor DeSantis' Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget transportation investments include:

- \$2.8 billion for highway construction to include 52 new lane miles
- \$865.7 million in resurfacing to include 2,057 new lane miles
- \$119.7 million in seaport infrastructure enhancements
- \$323.9 million for aviation improvements
- \$436.2 million for scheduled repairs of 57 bridges and replacement of 18 bridges
- \$686 million for rail/transit program advancements
- \$212.9 million for safety initiatives

Additionally, the budget includes \$8.8 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.

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