



Transportation Funding

Priority Statement:

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation:

- Directing the Florida Department of Transportation to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance for the installation of publicly available electric vehicle charging infrastructure on public or private property
- Providing technical assistance for the development and adoption of local or regional plans for charging infrastructure and associated equipment
- Identifying additional transportation revenue to support innovative infrastructure and transit projects to meet the surging transportation demands driven by dramatic growth throughout Florida.

Background:

- Transportation infrastructure is paramount to the prosperity of all cities. It dramatically affects the quality of life by influencing people's decisions about where to live, work and spend their free time.
- While federal, state and county governments have a variety of tools available to address transportation funding, municipalities have limited revenue options for funding transportation projects. For example, charter counties may currently hold a referendum on imposing up to a 1% sales tax to fund transportation infrastructure projects.
- Electric vehicle use in Florida is on the rise. Having the necessary infrastructure will help Florida keep pace with this growing industry.
- Transportation projects are often the catalyst for economic development and the result of growth within a community. As municipalities lack options to increase revenue and continue struggling to fund local transportation projects, increased and alternative funding sources at the state level are a necessity.