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A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH CITIES TO REBUILD AND STRENGTHEN AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO ENACT A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN THAT CREATES JOBS, INCLUDES A LOCAL VOICE IN PLANNING AND PROJECT SELECTION, AND CHOOSES THE BEST MIX OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO FIT THE NEEDS OF EACH REGION.

WHEREAS, the Highway Trust Fund (Trust Fund) was created to provide dedicated, consistent federal funding for the highway and mass transit accounts, which together fund the majority of federal surface transportation programs; and

WHEREAS, the primary method of revenue generation for the Trust Fund is the federal fuel tax of 18.4 cents per gallon on gasoline and 24.4 cents per gallon on diesel fuel, and has not been changed since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office projects that without Congressional action, the Trust Fund's expenses will exceed revenues by 2021; and

WHEREAS, Congress has relied on non-transportation related funding patches and bailouts from the general fund, which will total more than \$100 billion by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the lack of investment in Florida's transportation system continues to impact our economy and cities, which are the economic engines of our state; and

WHEREAS, continued federal funding of a successor program to the Fixing Americas Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2016 and the need to provide flexibility to local governments to address local transportation needs are critical to Florida and its urban, suburban and rural communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., strongly urges Congress to create a federal surface transportation program that provides adequate funding for federal transportation programs to support bridges, roads, highways and mass transit, and provides funding directly to local governments for transportation programs.

Section 2. Congress ensure an increased role of local governments in statewide and regional planning as the nation's transportation system becomes more multimodal and integrated.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution be provided to the Florida Congressional Delegation, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, the secretaries of the U.S. and Florida Departments of

Transportation, the National League of Cities, the chairs of the U.S. Congressional Transportation Committees and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 93rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 17th Day of August 2019.

Leo E. Longworth, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Bartow

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff