



## Transportation Funding

### **Policy Position Statement:**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation directing the Florida Department of Transportation to provide financial assistance and incentives to develop and implement multimodal transportation plans that optimize different modes of combined transport and are tailored to municipal transportation demands. The League SUPPORTS identifying additional transportation revenue to fund innovative infrastructure (e.g., electric vehicles) and transit projects to meet the surging transportation demands driven by growth in population 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.

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.