



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

June 19, 2007

Mr. Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the Authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby transmit Council Substitute for Council Substitute for House Bill 985, with my signature, enacted during the 39th Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2007, and entitled:

An act relating to Transportation ...

This bill presents a comprehensive package of provisions designed to address Florida's growing transportation needs. A safe, reliable transportation system that ensures the mobility of our citizens, visitors and freight traffic is essential to both a vibrant economy and to our quality of life

As we advance the transportation agenda, Florida must focus on three important priorities. First, we must work to relieve the traffic congestion so many Floridians face each day. Expansion and improvement of existing roadways must and should take priority. The additional financial tools provided by this bill, especially the public private partnership authority, should therefore be used to maximize expansion and improvement of appropriate facilities. Second, and no less important, the link between growth management and transportation planning must be improved. Finally, Florida's transportation agenda must include consideration of the impacts of climate change. I look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature on these necessary reforms.

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I am pleased to sign Council Substitute for Council Substitute for House Bill 985 into law and urge both the Legislature as well as the members of the Executive Branch to remain vigilant so that Florida achieves the goals necessary to meet our transportation challenges well into this century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Crist". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a prominent "C" at the beginning.

Charlie Crist

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