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Governor DeSantis' Focus on Florida's Future Budget Invests an Unprecedented \$15.6 billion in Florida's Transportation System

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis revealed his Focus on Florida's Future Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Governor's proposed \$15.6 billion budget for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reflects a significant investment in transportation infrastructure across Florida. The Governor's budget proposal directly targets critical congestion relief and safety projects and aims to support the resiliency of Florida's existing and future transportation infrastructure. By focusing on these key areas, FDOT will continue to be a global leader in transportation technology and infrastructure, while continuing to promote a strong and effective supply chain.

"Governor DeSantis' proposed investments in our transportation infrastructure demonstrate his unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for Floridians and local communities. As Florida's population continues to grow, it is crucial that we have a robust transportation network to support our state," said **Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E.** "This budget proposal reaffirms the Department's commitment to addressing congestion relief, resiliency, improving safety on our roadways, and strengthening Florida's supply chain. I commend Governor DeSantis for his continued investments in Florida's transportation facilities and infrastructure now and in the future."

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Making Workers' Compensation Work Better for Your Workforce

A construction site can be a hive of activity. It's one reason why construction is one of the [most dangerous industries](#). According to the [2023 Travelers Injury Impact Report](#), the construction industry has the highest average of missed workdays per injury: 99. Construction employees are exposed to various hazards on the job. Injuries such as cuts, burns, sprains and strains can result in lost work time, reduced productivity, increased medical expenses and costly workers' compensation claims.

For minor injuries, a visit to a hospital emergency department may not be the best solution. And based on the time of day or location of a worksite, urgent care might not be an option. Many of these injury types can be treated virtually using telemedicine, a technology that allows health care providers to communicate with patients via video, phone or online platforms. Telemedicine visits can be conducted using an employee's smartphone or mobile device. Today's mobile device and smartphone features are sophisticated enough to offer an exceptional video and audio experience, and constant upgrades to these devices enable health care providers to effectively conduct medical evaluations virtually.

TREATABLE CONDITIONS

Telemedicine can be used to treat a variety of minor injuries and illnesses that commonly occur on construction sites, such as:

Minor strains (e.g., pulled muscles)

Minor sprains

Bruises/contusions

Tendonitis/repetitive-use injuries

Minor burns

Minor cuts and scrapes

Work-related rashes

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About The FDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on FDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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