

BAD GOVERNMENT AND BAD POLICY

The toll roads bill (CS/SB7068) was rushed through the Florida legislature with almost no discussion or debate and quietly signed by the Governor despite the enormous public demand for a veto. While supporters claim they were “well vetted,” these tollways were never publicly discussed before spring 2019. The proposed routes were not included in FDOT’s 5-year plans, and in 2016, the FDOT Interstate 75 Relief Task Force recommended expanding the vehicle capacity of the interstate and connecting highways rather than build new roads. While the bill’s sponsors often cited hurricane evacuation as the impetus, the State’s own emergency management website urges people to “select an evacuation destination that is nearest to your home, preferably in the same county.”

BAD FOR OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Small towns may be left behind as new toll roads bypass their communities or create an influx of new, unwanted growth. The “Old Florida” that still remains will be lost forever, replaced with strip malls and subdivisions.

BAD FOR OUR FUTURE

Every day Florida faces threats from air and water pollution, an exploding population, and a changing climate. With so many immediate and pressing priorities, our state legislature should be investing in ways to ensure a healthier environment and brighter future for all, rather than in these “roads to ruin.”

BAD FOR FLORIDA!



SPEAK UP and **SAY NO** to the
“roads to ruin!”

- Engage with the task force by speaking up at public hearings. Your voice matters.
- Submit op-eds and letters-to-the-editors.
- Talk to your friends and family about this process.



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