

## Florida Department of Transportation

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## FDOT Centennial: Celebrating 100 Years of Innovation, Mobility and Economic Development

In 2015, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The State Road Department (SRD), the precursor to FDOT, was formed by the Florida Legislature in June 1915 and it officially began operating in October 1915. SRD was originally tasked with the construction, maintenance and mapping of Florida's state roads. In 1916, the Bankhead Act passed by Congress further expanded these responsibilities and in 1969, FDOT was formed.

Transportation in Florida now includes 15 seaports and 2,365 miles of waterways; 2,753 miles of rail line; 122,088 centerline miles of public roadways with 12,164 bridges; 780 airports; two spaceports with 10 launch facilities; and 30 urban transit systems.

Florida has also set the pace for transportation innovation. It is now the third largest state, and in 2014, it had the fourth largest real gross domestic product in the nation.

Throughout the year, we invite you to join us as we celebrate this momentous achievement. You can follow us on Facebook (@FLDOT) and Twitter (@MyFDOT) or you can look for activities throughout the year that will highlight significant transportation milestones.

As FDOT turns 100, we will continue to seek ways to innovate and adapt to lay the foundation for a safe transportation system that will ensure the mobility of people and goods, enhance economic prosperity and preserve the quality of our environment and communities.

Sincerely,

Jim Boxolo Secretary

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