

## **FDOT Centennial Highlights**

### ***Celebrating 100 Years of Innovation, Mobility and Economic Development***

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2015 as *Florida Transportation History Month* in celebration of the *Florida Department of Transportation 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*.

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

#### **History**

- The State Road Department (SRD), the precursor to FDOT, was formed by the Florida Legislature in June 2, 1915 and it officially began operating in October 8, 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.

#### **Today**

- 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 set the pace for transportation innovation and it now accommodates the third largest state in the nation and the 20th largest economy in the world.
- At its core, transportation is about people. **FDOT employees and contractors are an integral part of this monumental effort.**
- **Florida is one of the fastest growing states in the nation. The historic investments in transportation infrastructure support Florida's continued economic success and job growth.**

#### **Joining the Celebration**

- We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate this 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.
- **How is it being celebrated?** Two examples include: **(1)** on a weekly basis, historical facts about the agency are being published on the Department's internet website and social media channels (Facebook and Twitter); **(2)** the Department's offices have also been posting weekly historical facts about their individual areas in their lobbies; and **(3)** our transportation partners have also joined us in the celebration by sharing information on the Department's accomplishments.

#### **Looking to the Future**

- **A great deal has changed in the past hundred years, and with the implementation of so many new technologies, we look forward to the innovations of the future.**
- As FDOT turns 100, we will continue to seek ways to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhance economic prosperity and preserve the quality of our environment and communities.
- **It has been an honor serving the people of Florida for the past 100 years and we look forward to the transportation innovations of the future.**