

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Traffic Engineer's Annual Report provides a comprehensive look at the conditions of four of the seven toll facilities throughout the state that are owned by the Florida Department of Transportation (the Department). The information in this report is intended as a resource for traffic, revenue, operating and maintenance expenses, liabilities, debt service and major events affecting these facilities. The toll facilities reported herein include Alligator Alley, Pinellas Bayway System, Sunshine Skyway Bridge, and the Department's portion of the Wekiva Parkway. Also included are the Garcon Point Bridge (Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority) and the Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway (Mid-Bay Bridge Authority) which the Department operates under Lease-Purchase Agreements. **Figure 1** shows the location of each toll facility.

FY 2018 OVERVIEW

In FY 2018, all of the facilities, except the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority, experienced growth in toll revenue compared to FY 2017. The revenue growth occurred despite a 15-day toll suspension to aid in the evacuation and recovery efforts due to Hurricane Irma. In addition to this toll suspension, Mid-Bay Bridge Authority experienced a revenue decrease

due to FY 2018 being the first full year of a lower threshold frequent-user discount program. The continued improvement of the economy, lower unemployment rates in Florida and an increase in tourism attributed to the general growth on the facilities.

Table 1 provides a summary of transactions and toll revenue by toll facility for FY 2018. Approximately \$65.5 million was collected by the Department-owned facilities. Correspondingly, \$33.9 million was collected on the Department-operated toll facilities in FY 2018.

Table 2 shows that transactions in FY 2018 from SunPass® on the combined Department-owned and Department-operated facilities totaled 36.9 million or 66.2 percent of all transactions. As shown in **Table 3**, revenue contributions in FY 2018 from SunPass® on the Department-owned and Department-operated facilities totaled \$62.0 million or 62.4 percent.

Table 4 provides a summary of Operations and Routine Maintenance Expenses by toll facility for FY 2018.

**TABLE 1 - DEPARTMENT-OWNED AND DEPARTMENT-OPERATED TOLL FACILITIES⁽¹⁾
TRANSACTIONS AND GROSS TOLL REVENUE
FY 2018**

Facility	Length (miles)	Transactions (000)		Gross Revenue (\$000)		Average Toll
		Volume ⁽²⁾	Percent	Amount ⁽³⁾	Percent	
Alligator Alley	78.0	9,733	17.5%	\$32,845	33.0%	\$3.37
Pinellas Bayway System	15.2	9,899	17.8	5,100	5.1	0.52
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	17.4	22,238	39.8	26,674	26.9	1.20
Wekiva Parkway	3.1	1,099	2.0	878	0.9	0.80
Department-owned Total	113.7	42,969	77.1%	\$65,497	65.9%	\$1.52
Garcon Point Bridge	3.5	2,155	3.9	7,469	7.5	3.47
Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway	15.4	10,604	19.0	26,475	26.6	2.50
Department-operated Total	18.9	12,759	22.9%	\$33,944	34.1%	\$2.66
Total	132.6	55,728	100.0%	\$99,441	100.0%	\$1.78

Source: FDOT Office of the Comptroller and Turnpike Enterprise Finance Office.

⁽¹⁾ Traffic and revenue for three other Department-owned facilities with express lanes (95 Express, 595 Express and 75 Express) are reported under separate cover.

⁽²⁾ Includes revenue and non-revenue transactions.

⁽³⁾ Per new revenue reporting methodology, toll revenues exclude violation and miscellaneous revenues, which are immaterial to toll revenues reported within.

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**TABLE 2 - DEPARTMENT-OWNED AND DEPARTMENT-OPERATED
TOLL FACILITIES⁽¹⁾
TRANSACTIONS BY PAYMENT METHOD
FY 2018**

Facility	Transactions (000)			
	SunPass®	Non-SunPass®	Total	Percent SunPass®
Alligator Alley	6,483	3,250	9,733	66.6%
Pinellas Bayway System	7,040	2,859	9,899	71.1
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	14,298	7,940	22,238	64.3
Wekiva Parkway	950	149	1,099	86.4
Department-owned Total	28,771	14,198	42,969	67.0%
Garcon Point Bridge	1,155	1,000	2,155	53.6
Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway	6,975	3,629	10,604	65.8
Department-operated Total	8,130	4,629	12,759	63.7%
Total	36,901	18,827	55,728	66.2%

Source: FDOT Office of the Comptroller and Turnpike Enterprise Finance Office.

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**TABLE 3 - DEPARTMENT-OWNED AND DEPARTMENT-OPERATED
TOLL FACILITIES⁽¹⁾
REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS BY PAYMENT METHOD
FY 2018**

Facility	Toll Revenue (\$000) ⁽²⁾			
	SunPass®	Non-SunPass®	Total	Percent SunPass®
Alligator Alley	\$22,764	\$10,081	\$32,845	69.3%
Pinellas Bayway System	2,772	2,328	5,100	54.4
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	15,946	10,728	26,674	59.8
Wekiva Parkway	800	78	878	91.1
Department-owned Total	\$42,282	\$23,215	\$65,497	64.6%
Garcon Point Bridge	3,844	3,625	7,469	51.5
Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway	15,912	10,563	26,475	60.1
Department-operated Total	\$19,756	\$14,188	\$33,944	58.2%
Total	\$62,038	\$37,403	\$99,441	62.4%

Source: FDOT Office of the Comptroller and Turnpike Enterprise Finance Office.

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Table 5 shows long-term debt due to the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) by toll facility at June 30, 2018.

Noteworthy events affecting Department-owned or operated facilities in FY 2018 included:

- Hurricane Irma hits the spine of Florida in September 2017 (FY 2018), resulting in toll suspensions for 15 days on all Department-owned and operated toll facilities reported herein;
- Effective October 29, 2017 (FY 2018), cash and electronic toll rates were indexed to CPI on all Department-owned facilities;
- Hurricane Michael makes landfall in the Panhandle of Florida as a powerful category four storm. On October 8, 2018 (FY2019), tolls were suspended for 11 days on the Garcon Point Bridge and Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway;
- Garcon Point Bridge remains in debt service payment default.

Further details can be found in each individual chapter. The individual chapters of this report include the forecasts for traffic and revenue for Department-owned facilities.

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**TABLE 4 - DEPARTMENT-OWNED AND DEPARTMENT-OPERATED TOLL FACILITIES
OPERATING AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE EXPENSES BY TOLL FACILITIES⁽¹⁾
FY 2018**

Facility	Expense Category (\$000)		
	Operating	Routine Maintenance	Total
Alligator Alley	\$5,063	\$4,910	\$9,973
Pinellas Bayway System	2,167	977	3,144
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	4,870	2,677	7,547
Wekiva Parkway	350	181	531
Department-owned Total	\$12,450	\$8,745	\$21,195
Garcon Point Bridge	1,279	486	1,765
Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway	3,270	281	3,551
Department-operated Total	\$4,549	\$767	\$5,316
Total	\$16,999	\$9,512	\$26,511

Source: FDOT Office of the Comptroller and Turnpike Enterprise Finance Office.

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**TABLE 5 - DEPARTMENT-OWNED AND DEPARTMENT-OPERATED
TOLL FACILITIES
STTF LONG-TERM LIABILITY BY FACILITY
FY 2018**

Facility	Balance June 30, 2018 (\$000)
Pinellas Bayway	\$44,686
Sunshine Skyway	14,455
Department-owned Total	\$59,141
Garcon Point	27,766
Mid-Bay Bridge	4,862
Department-operated Total	\$32,628
Total	\$91,769

Source: FDOT Office of the Comptroller.