

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Traffic Engineer's Annual Report provides a comprehensive look at the conditions of four of the six 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 2016 OVERVIEW

In FY 2016, all of the facilities experienced growth in both transactions and toll revenue compared to FY 2015 (with the exception of Wekiva Parkway, which opened in January 2016, and is therefore not applicable). The continued improvement of the economy, lower

unemployment rates in Florida and an increase in tourism attributed to the growth on the facilities. The July 1, 2015 (FY 2016) toll rate indexing of 1.6 percent for SunPass® was also a factor in the increase in revenue on the Department-owned facilities. In addition, the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority implemented a toll rate increase at the start of their fiscal year, October 1, 2015, with the exception of frequent 2-axle SunPass® users of their facilities. Tolls were increased \$1.00 for cash and infrequent 2-axle SunPass® users on the Mid-Bay Bridge and \$0.50 on the Spence Parkway (for Toll-By-Plate® and infrequent 2-axle SunPass® users).

**Table 1** provides a summary of transactions and toll revenue by toll facility for FY 2016. Approximately \$60.2 million was collected by the Department-owned facilities. Correspondingly, \$31.7 million was collected on the Department-operated toll facilities in FY 2016.

**Table 2** shows that transactions in FY 2016 from SunPass® on the combined Department-owned and Department-operated facilities totaled 31.4 million or 60.4 percent of all transactions. As shown in

**Table 1**  
**Transactions and Gross Toll Revenue**  
**Department-owned and Department-operated Toll Facilities**  
**FY 2016**

Facility	Length (miles)	Transactions (000)		Gross Revenue (\$000)		Average Toll
		Volume <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent	Amount	Percent	
Alligator Alley	78.0	9,169	17.6%	\$30,533	33.2%	\$3.33
Pinellas Bayway System	15.2	9,875	19.0	4,657	5.1	0.47
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	17.4	21,046	40.4	24,809	27.0	1.18
Wekiva Parkway	3.1	223	0.4	166	0.2	0.74
<b>Department-owned Total</b>	<b>113.7</b>	<b>40,313</b>	<b>77.4%</b>	<b>\$60,165</b>	<b>65.5%</b>	<b>\$1.49</b>
Garcon Point Bridge	3.5	1,737	3.3	6,327	6.9	3.64
Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway	14.5	10,036	19.3	25,371	27.6	2.53
<b>Department-operated Total</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>11,773</b>	<b>22.6%</b>	<b>\$31,698</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>\$2.69</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.7</b>	<b>52,086</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$91,863</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$1.76</b>

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

(1) Includes revenue and non-revenue transactions.

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## Department Owned & Operated Toll Facilities

Figure 1



- ..... Future Wekiva Parkway (FDOT Section)
- FDOT Owned and Operated Facility
- Existing Turnpike System Facility
- Interstate Highway
- ..... Future Wekiva Parkway (CFX Section)
- FDOT Operated Facility
- Other Toll Road or Bridge
- Principal Arterial

Sources: NAVTEQ 2016  
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, 2016

**Table 2**  
**Transactions by Payment Method**  
**Department-owned and Department-operated**  
**Toll Facilities**  
**FY 2016**

Facility	Transactions (000)			
	SunPass®	Non-SunPass®	Total	Percent SunPass®
Alligator Alley	5,535	3,634	9,169	60.4%
Pinellas Bayway System	6,323	3,552	9,875	64.0
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	12,210	8,836	21,046	58.0
Wekiva Parkway	188	35	223	84.3
<b>Department-owned Total</b>	<b>24,256</b>	<b>16,057</b>	<b>40,313</b>	<b>60.2%</b>
Garcon Point Bridge	757	980	1,737	43.6
Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway	6,427	3,609	10,036	64.0
<b>Department-operated Total</b>	<b>7,184</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>11,773</b>	<b>61.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,440</b>	<b>20,646</b>	<b>52,086</b>	<b>60.4%</b>

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

**Table 3**, revenue contributions in FY 2016 from SunPass® on the Department-owned and Department-operated facilities totaled \$54.1 million or 58.8 percent.

**Table 4** provides a summary of Operations and Routine Maintenance Expenses by toll facility for FY 2016.

**Table 5** shows total debt due to the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) by toll facility at June 30, 2016.

Noteworthy events affecting Department-owned or operated facilities in FY 2016 included:

- A new Memorandum of Agreement with the South Florida Water Management District with respect to excess Alligator Alley toll revenues;
- Tropical Storm Colin hitting the Tampa Bay area in June 2016 affecting both the Pinellas Bayway and Sunshine Skyway Bridge;

- January and March 2016 wind closures of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge;
- Hurricane Matthew striking along the east coast of Florida in October 2016, prompting toll suspensions on Alligator Alley and Wekiva Parkway;
- Garcon Point Bridge remains in debt service payment default and SR 87 widening continues; and
- The US 331 widening is expected to be complete from US 98 to I-10, possibly having a negative effect on Mid-Bay Bridge toll revenues.

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.

**Table 3**  
**Revenue Contributions by Payment Method**  
**Department-owned and Department-operated**  
**Toll Facilities**  
**FY 2016**

Facility	Toll Revenue (\$000)			
	SunPass®	Non-SunPass®	Total	Percent SunPass®
Alligator Alley	\$19,755	\$10,778	\$30,533	64.7%
Pinellas Bayway System	2,443	2,214	4,657	52.5
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	13,990	10,819	24,809	56.4
Wekiva Parkway	148	18	166	89.2
<b>Department-owned Total</b>	<b>\$36,336</b>	<b>\$23,829</b>	<b>\$60,165</b>	<b>60.4%</b>
Garcon Point Bridge	2,597	3,730	6,327	41.0
Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway	15,119	10,252	25,371	59.6
<b>Department-operated Total</b>	<b>\$17,716</b>	<b>\$13,982</b>	<b>\$31,698</b>	<b>55.9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,052</b>	<b>\$37,811</b>	<b>\$91,863</b>	<b>58.8%</b>

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

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**Table 4**  
**Operating and Routine Maintenance Expenses (\$000)**  
**By Toll Facilities**  
**FY 2016**

Facility	Expense Category		
	Operating	Routine Maintenance	Total
Alligator Alley	\$4,507	\$4,225	\$8,732
Pinellas Bayway System	1,891	764	2,655
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	4,684	2,326	7,010
Wekiva Parkway	62	-	62
<b>Department-owned Total</b>	<b>\$11,144</b>	<b>\$7,315</b>	<b>\$18,459</b>
Garcon Point Bridge	1,101	82	1,183
Mid-Bay Bridge/Spence Parkway	2,969	220	3,189
<b>Department-operated Total</b>	<b>\$4,070</b>	<b>\$302</b>	<b>\$4,372</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,214</b>	<b>\$7,617</b>	<b>\$22,831</b>

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

**Table 5**  
**STTF Long-Term Liability (\$000) By Facility**  
**FY 2016**

Facility	Balance June 30, 2016
Pinellas Bayway	\$42,687
Sunshine Skyway	27,436
<b>Department Owned Total</b>	<b>\$70,123</b>
Garcon Point	23,069
Mid-Bay Bridge	11,080
<b>Department Operated Total</b>	<b>\$34,149</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,272</b>

Source: FDOT Office of the Comptroller.