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2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Voter Registration:

Republicans 5,259,406

Democrats 4,966,873

NPA/Other 4,325,476

Voter Turnout: 53.67%

Republicans 3,527,779

Democrats 2,586,345

NPA/Other 1,638,957

FEDERAL RACES

- 1 U.S. Senate seat was on the ballot and Senator Marco Rubio won re-election by over 16%
- The 2020 Census yielded Florida an additional Congressional District giving the state 28 seats in the U.S. House
- The Election resulted in **20 Republicans** and **8 Democrats** winning office (+4 Republican seats)

FLORIDA CABINET

GOVERNOR



Ron DeSantis (R)

ATTORNEY GENERAL



Ashley Moody (R)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



Jimmy Patronis (R)

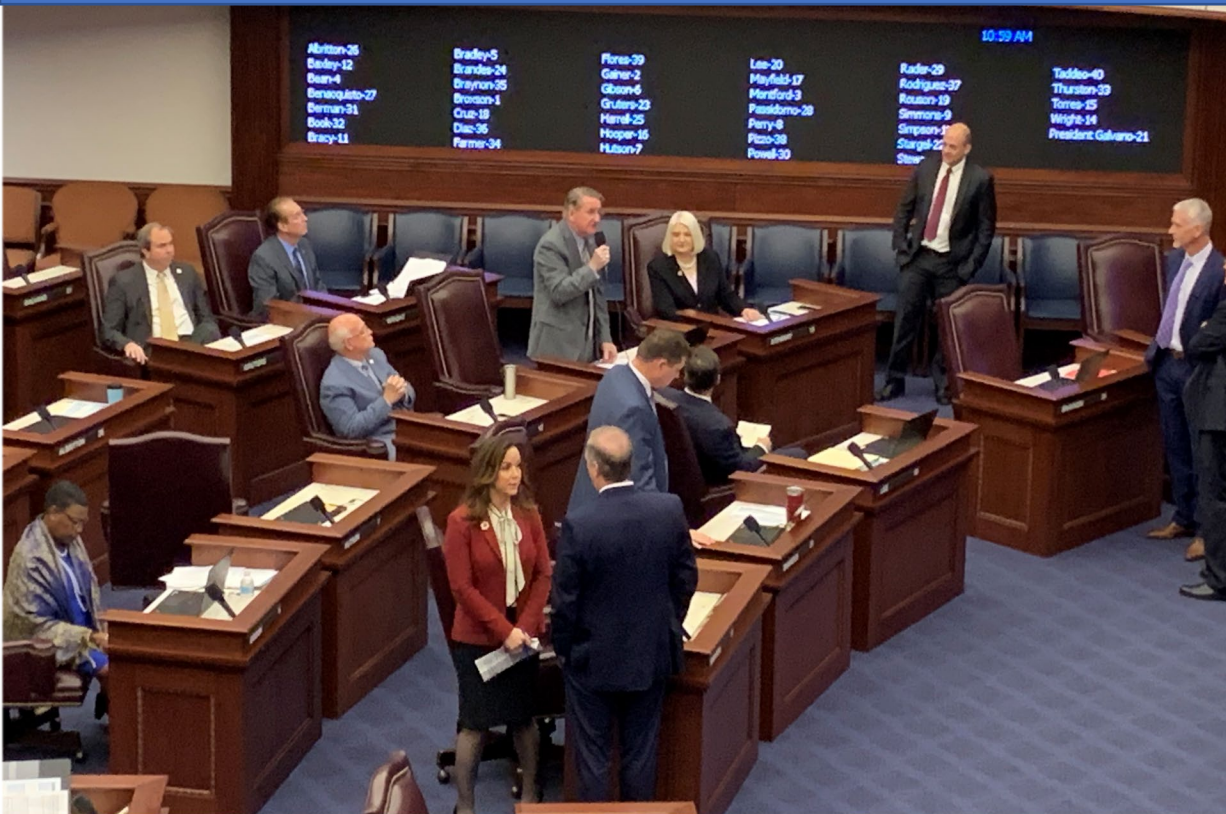
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Wilton Simpson (R)

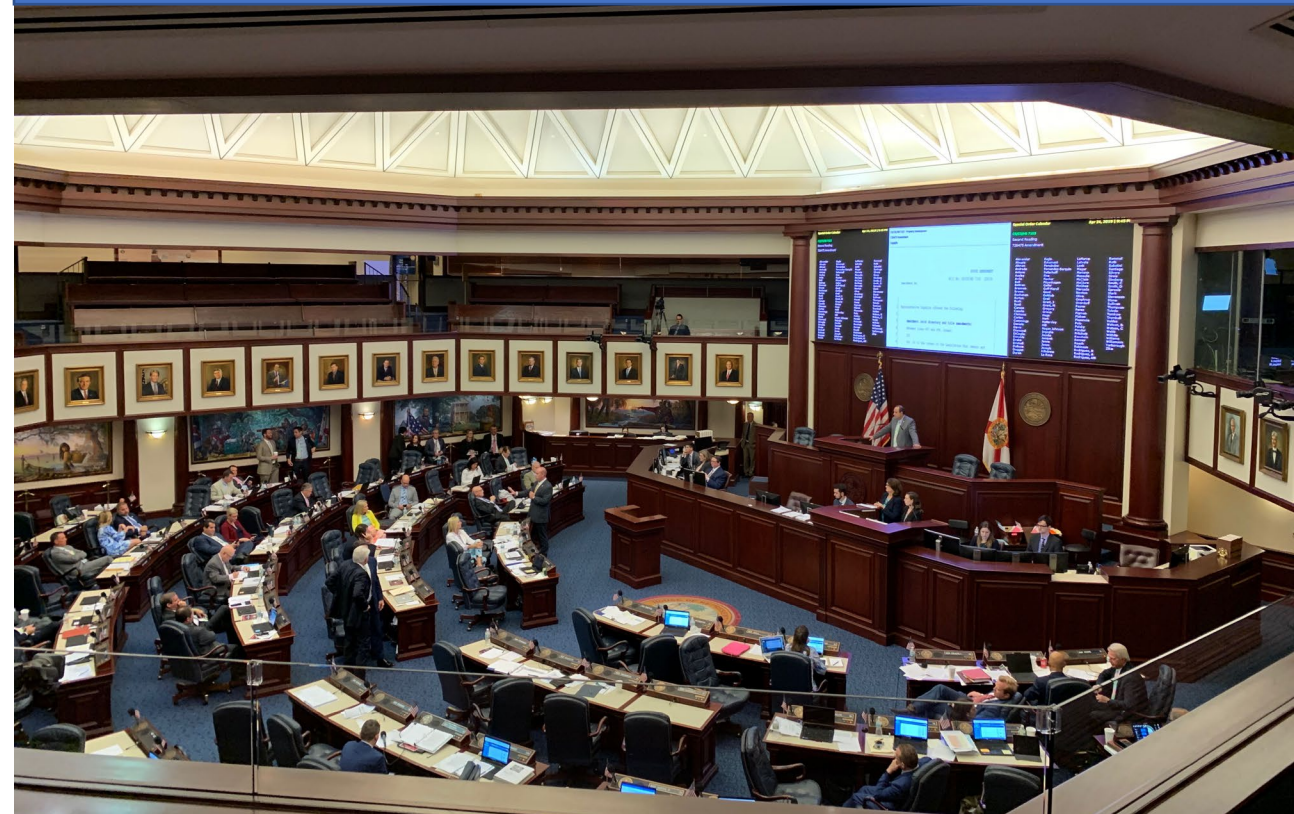
- Republicans dominated statewide races - Governor Ron DeSantis defeated former Governor Charlie Crist by **more than 1.5 million** votes.
- In the only open Cabinet seat former Senate President Wilton Simpson **won by almost 19%** to become Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture.

FLORIDA SENATE



28 Republicans
12 Democrats

FLORIDA HOUSE



85* Republicans
35 Democrats

SENATE 2023-24 LEADERSHIP

28 Republicans - 12 Democrats



**President
Kathleen Passidomo
(R-28)**



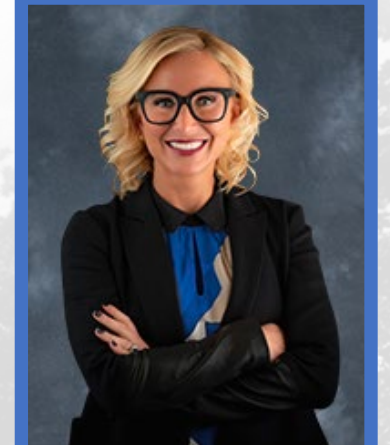
**President
Pro Tempore
Dennis Baxley
(R-13)**



**Majority Leader
Ben Albritton
(R-27)**



**Appropriations
Chairman
Doug Broxson
(R-1)**



**Democratic Leader
Lauren Book
(D-35)**

HOUSE 2023-24 LEADERSHIP

85* Republicans - 35 Democrats

**Special election for H-24 held May 16th*



**Speaker
Paul Renner
(R-19)**



**Speaker Pro Tempore
Chuck Clemons
(R-22)**



**Majority Leader
Michael Grant
(R-75)**



**Appropriations Chair
Tom Leek
(R-28)**



**Minority Leader
Fentrice Driskell
(D-67)**

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SCHEDULE

Interim Committee Meetings

Monday, December 12 – Friday, December 16, 2022

Tuesday, January 3 – Friday, January 6, 2023

Tuesday, January 17 – Friday, January 20, 2023

Monday, January 23 – Friday, January 27, 2023

Monday, February 6 – Friday, February 10, 2023

Monday, February 13 – Friday, February 17, 2023

Monday, February 20 – Friday, February 24, 2023

**The 2023 Legislative Session convened on Tuesday,
March 7, 2023 and ended on Friday, May 5, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

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Legislative Updates, Alerts and Reports

Periodically throughout the year - especially during Florida Legislative Session - members receive important communications from the FAA regarding issues involving the tourism industry. Please remember that if you receive a LEGISLATIVE ALERT, timing is critical and minutes matter - read it and take immediate action on behalf of the FAA.

Legislative Update

A **Legislative Update** is a summary of recent activity in the Florida State Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

A **LEGISLATIVE ALERT** is an immediate call to action on behalf of the tourism industry.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

A **Legislative Report** is information provided by **Liberty Partners of Tallahassee** on important industry issues

FLORIDA TOURISM DAY 2023



FL Attractions Assoc @FLattractions · 3/24/23

Thank you to all of our Board Members, FAA Members and industry partners who joined us in Tallahassee this week for [#FloridaTourismDay](#) and supported Florida's #1 Industry!



FAA – FIGHTING FOR THE INDUSTRY



Liberty Partners @LibertyPartners · 3/28/23

Great comments from [@FLattractions](#) President and CEO Bill Lupfer on the critical value of tourism marketing and the benefits to hai members and their employees statewide. [#FloridaAttractions](#) [#flapol](#)



KEY STATEWIDE SESSION ISSUES

- Lawsuit Limits
- Affordable Housing
- School Vouchers
- Abortion Rights
- Permit less Carry
- Immigration Enforcement
- Election Reform
- Environmental, Social & Governmental (ESG)
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION STATS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BILLS FILED</u>	<u>BILLS PASSED</u>
2019	1862	197 (10.5%)
2020	1884	210 (11.0%)
2021	2036	275 (13.5%)
2022	1956	285 (14.5%)
2023	1873	356 (19.0%)

FLORIDA GOVERNOR VETO HISTORY

Governor	Term	Total Vetoed	Full Overrides
Bryant	1961-65	17	0
Burns	1965-67	10	3
Kirk	1967-71	41	22
Askew	1971-79	123	7
Graham	1979-87	116	5
Martinez	1987-91	78	0
Chiles	1991-98	159	2
Bush	1999-2007	166	0
Crist	2007-2011	54	10
Scott	2011-2019	66	0
DeSantis	2019-2023	31	0

KEY LEGISLATION

NOTABLE BILLS THAT PASSED

- **HB 1** – Education
- **HB 5** – Economic Programs
- **SB 102** – Housing
- **SB 242** – Fiscal Accountability
- **HB 799** – Property Insurance - Wind and Flood
- **HB 837** – Civil Remedies
- **HB 1091** – License Fee Relief
- **HB 7073** – Tax Package
- **HB 1305** - Transportation
- **SB 902** – Safety Standards for Amusement Rides

TAX PACKAGE – HB 7063

- Provides \$1.7 million in tax cuts
- Provides for a 7-day Skilled Worker Tools Sales Tax Holiday for skilled trade items such as certain power tools, safety equipment and toolboxes
- Provides for two 14-day Back-to-School Sales Tax Holidays and Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holidays
- Provides for a 3-month Freedom Summer Sales Tax Holiday exempting sales tax on outdoor recreational items and admission to music and sporting events

(Continued...) **TAX PACKAGE - HB 7063**

- Permanent sales tax exemptions on baby and toddler products such as diapers, wipes, shoes, clothing and strollers
- Permanent sales tax exemption on hygiene products such as incontinence products, adult diapers, toothpaste, toothbrushes and floss.
- Provides for a 3-year freeze on local communications services tax rates
- A 1-year sales tax exemption on energy efficient appliances
- Reduces the business rent tax from 5.5% to 4.5%

NOTABLE BILLS THAT FAILED

- **HB 309 / SB 640** – Tourist Development Taxes
- **HB 833 / SB 714** – Vacation Rentals
- **HB 7053 / (no Senate companion)** – Tourism Development
- **SB 1110** – Term Limits (*similar to **HB 477** Term Limits for School Boards*)

STATE BUDGET PROCESS

FY 2023-24

THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS

- **October 15, 2022** – Agency Budgets including Legislative Budget Requests (LBRs)
- Governor's Budget Recommendations - Due at least **30-days** prior to Session
- House and Senate pass their appropriations bill, differences reconciled through the budget conference
- Conference report must be on the desk at least **72 hours**
- Governor: 7 days during Session, or **15 days** outside of Session to take action, has line-item veto authority.
- Budget bill, implementing bill, conforming bills – Effective **July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.**

GOVERNOR VS HOUSE/SENATE BUDGETS

Governor's Recommended Budget: \$114,753,678,328

House Passed Budget: \$112,966,304,311

Senate Passed Budget: \$113,665,523,805

FY 2023-34 Conference Budget: \$117,026,747,547

Governor Vetoes: **\$ TBD**

PREVIOUS AND CURRENT YEAR BUDGETS

FY 2021-22

Legislature passed:
\$101.5 billion

Governor Vetoed:
\$1.5 billion

Final Budget:
\$100 billion

FY 2022-23

Legislature passed:
\$112.1 billion

Governor Vetoed:
\$3.1 billion

Final Budget:
\$109 billion

FY 2023-24

Legislature passed:
\$117 billion

Governor Vetoed:
\$ TBD

Final Budget:
\$ TBD

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS – FY 2023-24

- **VISIT FLORIDA Funding: \$80 Million** (*+\$30 Million*)
- **Pay Raises: 5%** for all State Employees
- **Tax Cuts: \$2.7 billion**
- **Hurricane Relief & Recovery: \$3.7 billion** (*\$350 million for Hurricane Ian and Nicole Recovery Grants*)

BUDGET AREA TOTALS

- **General Government:** \$113 billion
- **Health & Human Service:** \$47.3 billion
- **Education:** \$27.9 billion (*State University System: \$682.2 million*)
- **Transportation, Tourism & Economic Development:** \$21 billion
- **Agriculture, Environment & General Government:** \$11.3 billion
- **Criminal & Civil Justice:** \$6.7 billion

- **State Reserves:** \$10.9 billion
 - \$5.3 billion General Revenue Unallocated
 - \$4.1 billion Budget Stabilization Fund
 - \$1.4 billion added to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund
 - \$200 million to retire outstanding state debt



THE HONORABLE DAVID SMITH (R)

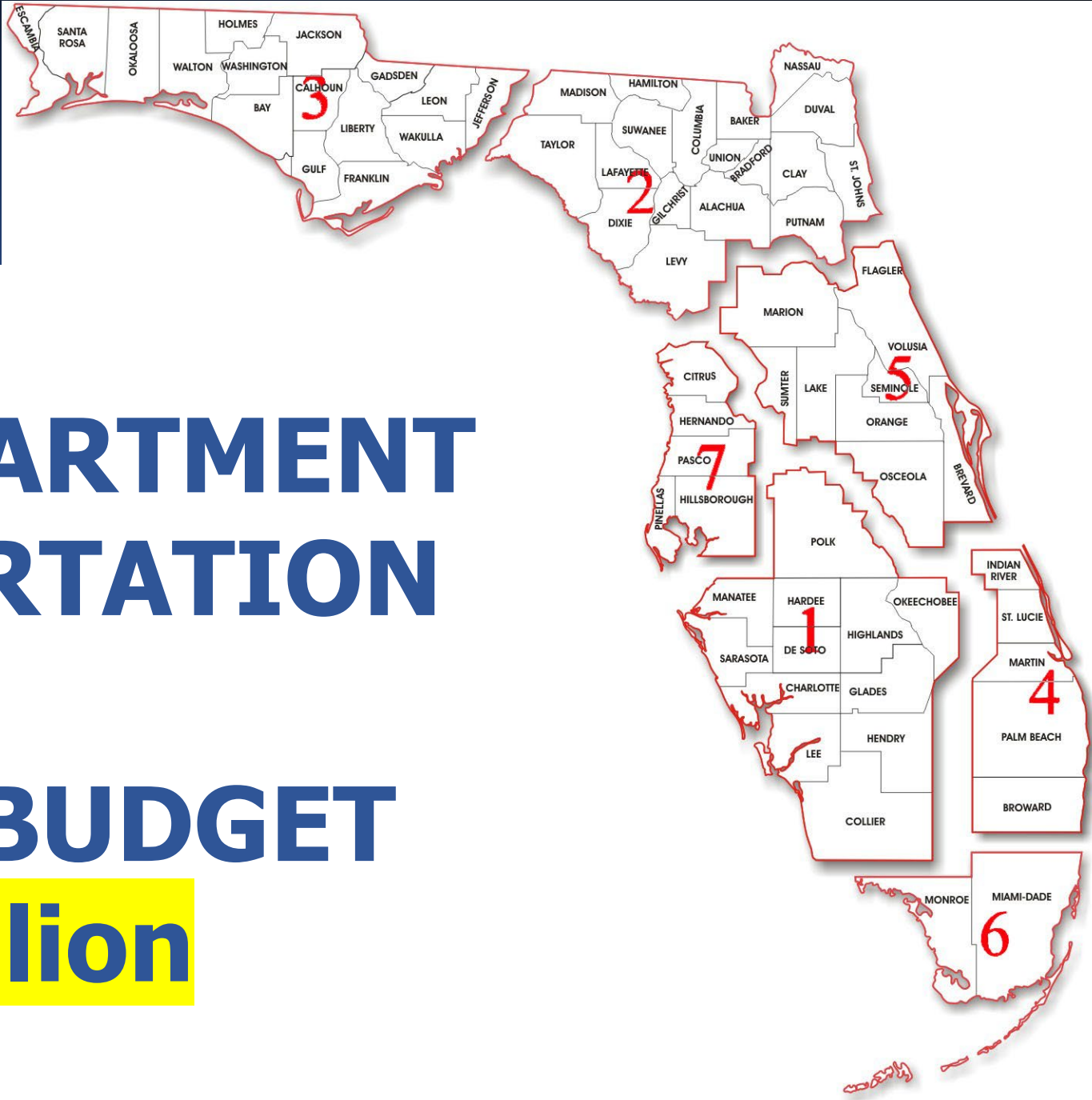
**Florida House of
Representatives
District 38 -Winter Springs**

DISTRICT OFFICES

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FY 2023-24 BUDGET

\$15.2 Billion



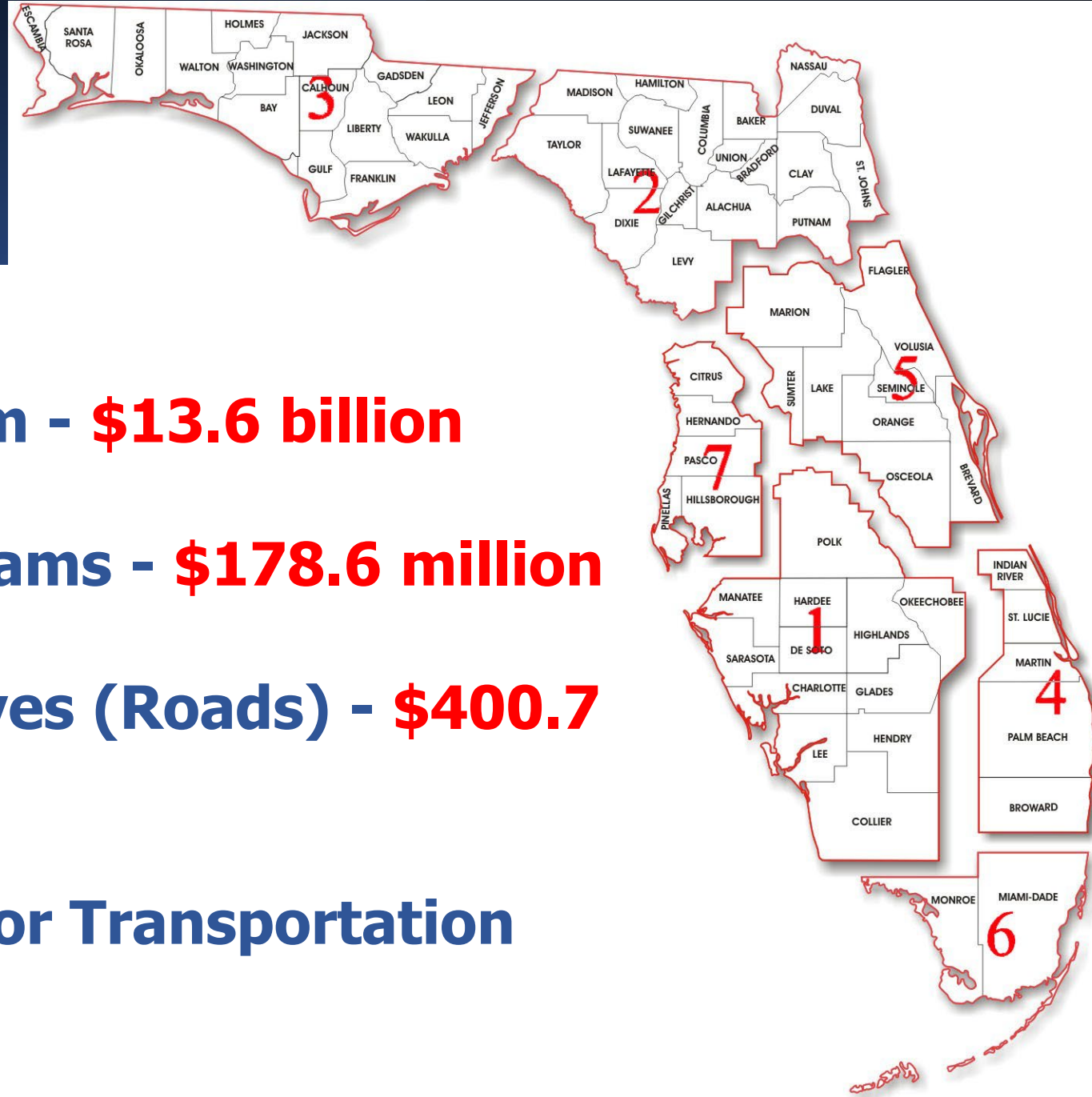
FDOT FY 2023-24

Transportation Work Program - \$13.6 billion

County Transportation Programs - \$178.6 million

Local Transportation Initiatives (Roads) - \$400.7 million

Innovative Grant Programs for Transportation Disadvantaged - \$8 million





KEVIN GUTHRIE

**Director
Florida Department of Emergency
Management**

QUESTIONS?

