



## NEWS RELEASE



### **Florida's I-95 Named America's Most Dangerous Road**

#### **Florida's Public Transportation Provides a Safe, Green and Inexpensive Option**

TALLAHASSEE, FL – June 8, 2010 – The most dangerous road in America for fatal traffic accidents is the 382 mile stretch of I-95 in Florida according to National Highway Safety Administration data. To make matters worse, June marks the beginning of “the hundred deadliest days of the year for drivers”.

Thanks to public transportation, drivers have a safer and saner alternative than the stress of navigating America's most dangerous roadway. Transit agencies from Miami to Jacksonville offer convenient, safe, and reliable alternatives to driving for Floridians and visitors.

Wes Watson, Executive Director of the Florida Public Transportation Association said, “Travel by public transportation in Florida is one of the safest travel modes available anywhere. Bus and train safety statistics far surpass automobile or airline travel”. According to the Federal Transit Administration, the fatality rate per mile travelled is a 28 times higher for automobile travel versus bus transit.

According to National Traffic Safety Administration data on fatal accident crunched by the DailyBeast.com and as reported widely by USA Today and other major newspapers, between 2004 and 2008, there were 1.73 deaths per mile of I-95 in Florida. Interstate 4 in Florida is ranked the third-most dangerous road in the country.

To learn about public transportation alternatives anywhere in Florida, please call 511. A list of all of Florida's transit agencies is available at [www.FloridaTransit.org](http://www.FloridaTransit.org)

The Florida Public Transportation Association is a nonprofit association whose members include every major public transit agency in Florida as well as interested citizens and businesses. The FPTA acts as a collective voice in promoting the recognition, use, expansion and enhancement of public transportation in the state of Florida. The transit industry in Florida already employs tens of thousands of Floridians, transports about 262 million riders a year, and creates billions of dollars per year in annual economic activity.

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