

JAXPORT

May 7, 2019

Port Canaveral

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Port Everglades

Re: Multiuse Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program

Port of Fernandina

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Port of Fort Pierce

The Florida Ports Council would like to express support for SB 7068, legislation that creates the Multiuse Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) Program, passed by the Florida Legislature during Regular Session 2019. We urge you to sign this important legislation that will create new transportation and economic opportunities in our state.

Port of Key West

PortMiami

The concept, planning, and funding in SB 7068 is not a new idea for transportation and economic development stakeholders; your Transition Advisory Team on the Economy has discussed the importance of similar policies during its hearings. This type of long-term planning and investment in our infrastructure will enhance the flow of trade and tourism in our state. The funds provided in this legislation can be leveraged with additional local and federal funds to help ease congestion and provide additional evacuation and hurricane resiliency routes.

Port Manatee

Port of Palm Beach

The planning and research requirements contained in the legislation will resolve any reasonable concerns over economic and environmental impacts, hurricane evacuation needs, and land use impacts. The leadership you have installed in the Department of Transportation has the expertise to ensure that all possible environmental and construction mitigation is in place to protect Florida's environment and citizens.

Port of Panama City

Port of Pensacola

We thank you for your leadership on the state's ongoing infrastructure needs, and urge your support of SB 7068.

Port of Port St. Joe

Sincerely,

Port St. Pete



Port Tampa Bay

Doug Wheeler
President & CEO
Florida Ports Council