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Regarding Florida's Next Governor, Rick Scott

"The future of Florida's transportation industry is in good hands. The people of Florida have chosen a candidate who has demonstrated his ability to advocate for a properly-funded transportation network. Today's news of Rick Scott's election to serve as Florida's next governor comes as no surprise to those who similarly understand the positive economic impacts of a thriving and robust transportation system.

Coming from meager beginnings, Rick Scott is cognizant what it takes to build from the ground up. He will take this same approach with turning our economy around and get the road and bridge building community back to work. During his campaign, Mr. Scott spoke to members of the Florida Transportation Builders' Association (FTBA) at our annual Convention and eagerly stressed his view of a state's role in maintaining a dedicated funding source for Florida's roadways as well as providing Florida businesses and citizens with a safe and reliable transportation system. FTBA applauded his stance as it supported an issue we continue to support – blocking any attempted raids of the transportation trust fund by the Florida legislature and ensuring transportation user fees are only utilized for Florida's transportation infrastructure needs.

Now, as Florida's next governor, Rick Scott will pursue an astute, inclusive approach to further the advancement of the state's transportation infrastructure and lead us into a new economic age. We congratulate Governor-elect Scott on his victory and are hopeful for the leadership he will bring Florida, its citizens and the hundreds of thousands of road building professionals our association represents. The Florida transportation construction industry is ready, so "let's get to work."

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