



Florida Department of Transportation

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**HURRICANE DEBBY (Invest 97L)
FDOT EMERGENCY ORDER 24-05
(Pursuant to Executive Orders 24-156, 24-157 and 24-158)**

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-156 declaring a state of emergency for fifty-four counties across the State of Florida due to the dangers presented by a tropical wave identified as Invest 97L, which strengthened into Hurricane Debby; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-157, amending Executive Order 24-156 and declaring a state of emergency for seven additional counties; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2024, Hurricane Debby made landfall near Steinhatchee, Florida, causing severe flooding and widespread power outages across North Florida and the Florida Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-158, amending Executive Order 24-156 and modifying the state of emergency to include thirty-seven counties in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation is continuing to deploy resources to support the disaster response efforts related to Hurricane Debby.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JARED W. PERDUE, P.E., Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, hereby find that the Department of Transportation's timely performance of

disaster response functions related to Hurricane Debby continues to be hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order 24-156, as amended by 24-157 and 24-158, I hereby:

1. Continue to waive and suspend the following rules and statutes: sections 316.515(1)-(3), 316.535(1) and (3), 316.545(2) and (4), 316.550(1), and 337.401(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rules 14-28.002(4) and (5), and 14-46.001(2), Florida Administrative Code, to the extent needed to allow the establishment of alternate size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes, and agricultural commodities and citrus as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and as needed to waive by special permit the warning signal requirements in the Utility Accommodation Manual to accommodate public utility companies from other jurisdictions to render assistance in restoring vital services, subject to the limitations expressed in Executive Orders 24-156, 24-157 and 24-158.
2. Continue to waive and suspend sections 112.061, 216.292, 216.313, 287.055, 287.056, 287.057(1)-(10), (12), (17), (20) and (25), 287.0823, 287.15, 337.02(2), 337.107, 337.11, 339.08, and 339.135(6), Florida Statutes, and Rules 60A-1.002, 60A-1.017, 60A-1.021, 60A-1.043, and 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, as they relate to leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, the conditions of employment and the compensation of employees, or the use of State Transportation Trust Funds off the State Highway System, to the extent necessary to ensure the timely performance of the Department of

Transportation's disaster response functions as prescribed in the State Comprehensive Management Plan or as directed by the State Coordinating Officer.

3. In accordance with section 1 of Executive Order 24-156, as amended by Executive Orders 24-157 and 24-158, the waivers and suspensions of statute include the following counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Nassau, Pasco, Pinellas, Putnam, Sarasota, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Wakulla Counties.
4. All actions taken by the Florida Department of Transportation with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Emergency Order are hereby ratified.

This order shall expire on August 30, 2024, the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 24-156 as amended by Executive Orders 24-157 and 24-158, or my further order, whichever is earlier.

Effective this 16th day of August, 2024.

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Jared W. Perdue

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Jared W. Perdue, P.E., Secretary
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