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**TRANSPORTATION ADVOCATES TO RALLY AGAINST TF SWEEP:** Members of the Florida Transportation Builders' Association (FTBA) will rally at the Capitol next week against a proposed sweep of more than \$450 million from the transportation trust fund that leaders in the House of Representatives want to use to balance the cash-strapped state budget. The House's \$67.2 billion budget includes one-time sweep of the transportation trust fund of \$278 million. The House would also resurrect an annual redirection of 8 percent of gas tax collections to purposes other than road building, which would take another \$278 million from trust fund. Neither plan is included in the more than \$69 billion budget approved the Senate, and with the chambers looking to conference on the budget this weekend or next week, organizers of the rally are trying to sway them to lean toward the Senate, which holds the transportation trust fund harmless. Organizers estimate 400 people will attend the rally. FTBA President Bob Burleson along with Doug Callaway from Floridians for Better Transportation, Dominic Calabro from Florida TaxWatch will speak.