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Florida Bridges Ranked Most Structurally Sound in the Country According to 2012 Federal Highway Administration Report

- 97.8 percent of Florida's nearly 12,000 bridges considered structurally sound-

(Tallahassee, FL) – September 16, 2013 – According to an article published in the August 2013 edition of *Governing* magazine, Florida has the greatest percentage (97.8 percent) of structurally sound bridges in the country, 11.7 percent better than in 2011. This is according to a review and analysis of the 2012 Federal Highway Administration's inspection data for all 50 states. The complete article may be found at www.governing.com/bridgeinspections.

"The Florida Transportation Commission praises Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Ananth Prasad and the entire department for all of its hard work in making Florida's nearly 12,000 bridges the most sound in the county," said Ron Howse, Chairman of the Florida Transportation Commission. "Being number one in structurally sound bridges means we are making the investment in our state's current transportation system to ensure its ongoing safety and functionality for the millions who travel our roadways."

Florida ties Nevada at 2.2 percent, boasting the lowest percentage of troubled bridges. Nationwide, those states with the most bridges considered structurally deficient in 2012 include Pennsylvania (24.4 percent), Oklahoma (22.6 percent), Iowa (21.2 percent), and Rhode Island and South Dakota both at 20.6 percent.

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The mission of the Florida Transportation Commission is to provide leadership in meeting Florida's transportation needs through policy guidance on issues of statewide importance and by maintaining oversight and public accountability for the Department of Transportation and other statutorily specified transportation authorities. More information may found at <http://www.ftc.state.fl.us>.