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**GOVERNOR CRIST'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET CONTINUES MISSION  
OF PROVIDING HIGHWAY SAFETY AND SECURITY**  
*Includes funding for increased customer service systems*

**TALLAHASSEE** – Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) Executive Director Electra Bustle today applauded Governor Charlie Crist's Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget recommendations. The proposed budget includes \$436.8 million for the agency and demonstrates the Governor's commitment to the Department's mission of providing highway safety and security through service, education, and enforcement.

The Department touches millions of Florida citizens and visitors each year through the issuance of driver licenses and identification cards. The Governor's commitment to excellence in customer service is reaffirmed through the funding of an electronic customer queuing system which employs cutting edge technology to enhance customer flow and the ability to serve our customer needs with the highest of quality.

The Governor has also recommended funding for additional positions to provide for rapid dispatch of state law enforcement officers on the Florida Turnpike. Additional resources taking calls from the motoring public and dispatching officers will enhance response times and calls for assistance through \*FHP.

"Providing safety and security on Florida's highways is paramount. With the commitment and support of Governor Crist and Lt. Governor Kottkamp, we are pleased that the Department will be able to provide those essential safety and security services on our highways as well as continue to provide excellence in customer service," said Director Bustle.

For more information on Governor Crist's proposed budget, visit [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com).

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