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FDOT: SUNPASS CUSTOMERS ARE OUR PRIORITY UPDATED

Tallahassee, Fla. – Governor Ron DeSantis ordered the continued suspension of administrative fees and penalties for SunPass and TOLL-BY-PLATE customers.

"Since I've been governor, I've heard the concerns from citizens and customers of SunPass and the hardships they've been facing related to their delayed bills and billing errors by the contractor, Conduent. I've directed the Florida Department of Transportation to continue suspending administrative fees and penalties until June 1st," said **Governor Ron DeSantis.** "This is a technology issue for Conduent, but it's a customer service issue for citizens. I've been working closely with the new FDOT Secretary Kevin Thibault to ensure customers are protected and receive a premium level of service."

While the Department will continue to suspend penalties and administrative fees until June 1, 2019, the final reminders are now being sent to TOLL-BY-PLATE customers that include transactions that occurred through the end of December 2018.

"From my first day on the job, correcting this has been a priority for Governor DeSantis and me," explained **Secretary Thibault**. "One of the first directives I gave was to continue to withhold payments to Conduent for its performance since Go-Live in June of 2018. I've also instructed the Turnpike's Executive Director to assess maximum performance penalties allowed under the contract for the Conduent's operational and performance deficiencies, which totals \$4.6 million to date."

Secretary Thibault also adds: "We have made multiple personnel changes related to this problem, including appointing a new Acting Director of Toll Systems. We are directing Conduent to provide additional support to the customer service centers and the Department has also added resources to help better serve our customers. We are committed to fixing the issues related to Conduent's performance and we will continue to hold them accountable."

As FDOT continues to make customer service a priority, TOLL-BY-PLATE customers can <u>save up to 25</u> <u>percent</u> on their invoice and future tolls by opening a SunPass® Prepaid account. This means if customers convert to a SunPass account today, <u>the discount will be applied retroactively</u> to their TOLL-BY-PLATE invoice.

If customers have any questions, they can log onto www.sunpass.com or call 1(888) TOLL-FLA (1-888-865-5352).

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