



Florida Department of Transportation

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SECRETARY

**BROWARD COUNTY FLOODING
EMERGENCY ORDER
(Pursuant to Executive Order No. 23-65)**

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2023, certain areas of Broward County, including the City of Fort Lauderdale, witnessed record breaking, severe, and heavy rainfall of over 25 inches and consequential flooding; and

WHEREAS, preliminary reports indicate that the rainfall and flooding has affected, and may continue to impact, the operational capability of critical infrastructure, including major state and county roadways, airports, hospitals, schools, and other critical infrastructure throughout Broward County; and

WHEREAS, this broad area of low pressure is affecting the majority of the Southeast United States, to include the entire State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-65 regarding the flooding in Broward County;

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 the flooding in Broward County is hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 4(B) of Executive Order 23-65, I hereby:

1. 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 and supplies in response to the emergency, subject to the limitations expressed in Executive Order 23-65.

2. Waive and suspend sections 112.061, 216.292, 216.313, 287.055, 287.056, 287.057(1)-(10), (12), (17), (20), and (25), 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. 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 April 19, 2023, the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 23-65, or my further order, whichever is earlier.

Effective this 14th day of April, 2023.

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Jared W. Perdue

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Jared W. Perdue, P.E., Secretary
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