

Lake Belt SEIS – Public Meeting Talking Points for Doug Callaway

- Thank you for allowing me to speak this evening. My name is Doug Callaway... and I have been President of Floridians for Better Transportation since 2003.
- Floridians for Better Transportation is a statewide business and transportation association that was formed by the Florida Chamber in 1988. We are committed to making Florida transportation safer and more efficient.
- Our organization has a diverse membership of government associations, local businesses and transportation providers all throughout the state.
- While very diverse, our members have **one** thing in common—they will **ALL** be affected by the Lake Belt ruling, as will residents throughout the state. At least 15.4 million Floridians will be **directly** and adversely affected, plus a majority of Florida's 80 million visitors.
- We at Floridians for Better Transportation created the "Keep Florida Rockin" coalition in an effort to publicize the negative implications a shut-down on Lake Belt mining would cause **ALL of Florida**.
- And with the recent ruling for a halt in limestone quarrying we are only moving closer to those dire consequences.
- I have spoken passionately about this topic before, and I will **continue to voice the unpleasant truth**.
- Upholding this reduction of limestone rock production will:
 - halt many of Florida's necessary transportation projects,
 - bring housing construction to a standstill,
 - drive up construction costs, and
 - seriously cripple Florida's economy.

Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln ... how was the play?

Let's Keep Florida Rockin ... so we can Keep Florida Rollin!