

**7. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**a. Informational Items**

- iii. Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands (ATPPL) Public Informational Meeting at Sanibel Community Center (SCA) Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30 p.m.**

Lee County Transit (LeeTran)  
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**PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Alternative Transportation Study for J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge**

**Public Information Meeting**

**4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at the Sanibel Community House**

**Sanibel, FL, January 5, 2011** – A formal presentation and comment session for the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Alternative Transportation Study will be held at **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL.** At this meeting the project team will present the Draft Locally Preferred Alternative to the public. This alternative, which the public helped generate last year in Phase I of the study, includes non-motorized elements in and near the Refuge and motorized circulators (shuttle/tram) connecting the Refuge to other areas of the islands.

**Meeting Agenda (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.)**

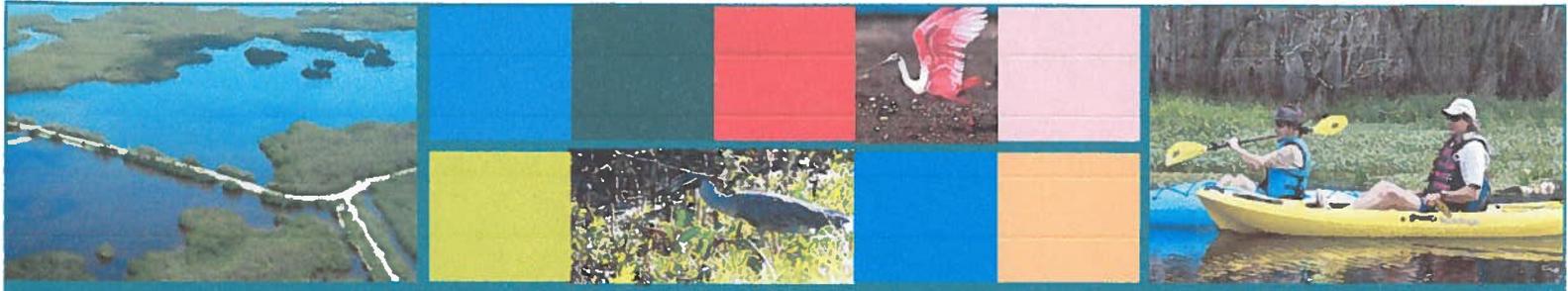
<b>4:30 – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Open house and project overview</b>
<b>5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Formal presentation of <u>Draft Locally Preferred Alternative</u></b>
<b>5:30 – 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Comments/questions on the <u>Draft Locally Preferred Alternative</u></b>

Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. to allow the public to view display boards and review project information. At 5 p.m. there will be a formal presentation of the Draft Locally Preferred Alternative. This will be followed by a question and answer session. Representatives from the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, City of Sanibel, LeeTran, and the consultant team, will be available to answer questions and take comments.

In 2008 Lee County Transit (LeeTran) in cooperation with its partners, the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the City of Sanibel, Florida, was awarded a grant through the Federal Transit Administration under the Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program (ATPPL-now funded by the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Public Parks Program). The program is designed to assist national parks and public lands (including wildlife refuges) in managing their visitation, while protecting habitat for wildlife and flora.

Alternative transportation strategies aim to protect environmental resources by reducing congestion, pollution and automobile dependency. The Refuge, LeeTran and the City of Sanibel desire transportation options that will complement the mission, goals and objectives of the Refuge and Sanibel Plan and improve transportation conditions on Sanibel Island. This public information meeting is being held to give people an opportunity to express their views concerning the Draft Locally Preferred Alternative.

To review project documentation prior to the workshop, visit the project website at [www.dingdarlingtransportation.com](http://www.dingdarlingtransportation.com).



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# J.N. "Ding" Darling

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

## Alternative Transportation In Parks & Public Lands

funded by the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Public Parks Program

### Please Join Us at a Public Meeting to Discuss Our Transportation Options

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sanibel Community House  
2173 Periwinkle Way



Transportation on Sanibel and in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is an ongoing concern for our residents and visitors. Join us as we discuss solutions that have been identified to address this issue. The open format of the meeting provides an opportunity for you to learn about the transportation solutions, ask questions of the project team and provide your comments.

After a detailed study of possible transportation options, a variety of transportation solutions were selected as the Draft Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). The LPA is an environmentally sensitive solution seeking to fulfill visitors' transportation needs while also protecting our habitat and wildlife. The Draft LPA includes non-motorized elements, such as existing trail enhancements for walking and biking within the Refuge, and motorized connections to other areas of the islands from the Refuge using circulators (shuttle/tram).

This project was made possible through a grant awarded by the Federal Transit Administration under the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program to Lee County Transit (LeeTran), the Refuge, and the City of Sanibel. The program assists national parks and public lands (including wildlife refuges) in managing their visitation, while protecting habitats for wildlife and flora.

**Your participation is an important part of the process and we encourage you to get involved!**

For more information, please visit  
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