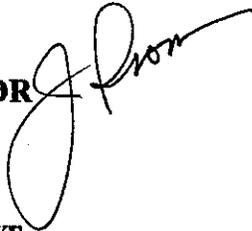




MEMORANDUM

THRU: JUDIE ZIMOMRA, CITY MANAGER

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JIM ISOM, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR 

DATE: JUNE 5, 2006

SUBJECT: DRAFT LETTER CONCERNING PUNTA RASSA EXIT

Based on comments received to date, attached is a revised version of the draft letter to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners (Attn: Chairwoman Tammy Hall) concerning the elimination of the Punta Rassa exit for traffic traveling from Sanibel.

June 6, 2006

Chairwoman Tammy Hall
District 4, Lee County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 398
Fort Myers, FL 33902-0398

Subject: Punta Rassa Access From Sanibel

Dear Chairwoman Hall:

It has come to the attention of City Council that as currently designed the Punta Rassa left turn option from the Sanibel side of the Sanibel Causeway will be eliminated with the construction of the causeway and new toll facility.

The elimination of this left turn option will necessitate that vehicle operators proceed approximately another mile on Summerlin Road, perform a u-turn and return toward the causeway and use the right turn exit to Punta Rassa. The majority of the vehicles desiring to make a left turn into Punta Rassa from Sanibel are generally trailing boats. Vehicles trailing boats and making u-turns on Summerlin will create an extremely dangerous situation for both lanes of traffic.

We respectfully request that the elimination of the left turn exit to Punta Rassa be reconsidered during the current causeway construction phase rather than create a hazardous situation and potentially create major disruption to the flow of traffic.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Carla Brooks Johnston
Mayor

Mick Denham
Vice Mayor

Steve Brown, Councilmember

Jim Jennings, Councilmember

Tom Rothman, Councilmember



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