

November 12, 2013

(Sent via E-mail and U.S. mail)

The Honorable Cecil L. Pendergrass  
Chairman  
Lee County Board of County Commissioners  
Post Office Box 398  
Fort Myers, Florida 33902-0398

RE: Commissioner discussion of SunPass system and current toll system

Dear Chairman Pendergrass:

Let me begin by emphasizing the fact that the current toll and discount system for the Sanibel Causeway is a critical issue to the citizens of Sanibel and their elected City Council. The cost of the toll charged by Lee County, as well as the current system of discounts and the toll structure itself, have a direct bearing on the jobs of Island workers (the vast majority of whom commute from their homes in other parts of Lee County), our businesses, residents and the economic well-being of the City itself. The causeway is the lifeline of each and every resident and the safety, welfare, and convenience of each Island resident are clearly and directly connected to the causeway structure. I cannot overemphasize the interest of our citizens and business owners in this matter.

Please consider this correspondence as a request from the Sanibel City Council that the Board of County Commissioners include a City representative in the meetings, formal or informal, that are to take place with respect to the County's review of the current toll system and the Florida's SunPass system. We anticipate that the meetings would be to review the economic impact study to be conducted by the County, the bond covenants which must be met with regard to the toll structure, the merger or variation of the existing discount programs and related toll system issues.

As in the past, the City Council wishes to work with the Board of County Commissioners to identify legitimate issues and problems, if they exist, and to address any such issues in a fair and equitable way. As you know from past experience, public officials are better served when they have access to all of the relevant information and have been advised of the legitimate concerns of all stakeholders.



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The City of Sanibel looks forward to its continued constructive working relationship with the Board of County Commissioners and I look forward to hearing from you with respect to the City's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kevin Ruane  
Mayor

Cc: Board of County Commissioners  
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