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a. Informational Items

iii. Letter to Town of Fort Myers Beach regarding the proposed
Transit Authority

August 19, 2008

Mayor Larry Kiker
Town of Fort Myers Beach
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33931

RE: Interlocal Agreement for Support and Participation
in the Lee County Transit Authority

Dear Mayor Kiker:

On Tuesday, August 5, 2008, Sanibel City Council voted to authorize the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement for support and participation in the Lee County Transit Authority.

City Council's support for the interlocal agreement is based in part on the important opportunity that participation as a member of the Transit Oversight Committee presents to influence the future of transit service for each of our communities and Lee County.

Based on City Council's discussions with Lee Tran and the Metropolitan Planning Organization, we are confident that, within the scope and considerations defined by the interlocal agreement, this important effort will move forward through a process that will ensure that the unique operational and environmental issues and opportunities facing each of our communities will be appropriately addressed.

The Transit Oversight Committee will provide a forum for not only considering the financial, planning and organizational issues related to the potential creation of a Transit Authority, but most importantly, the opportunity to ensure consistency and coordination with the transit policies that have been adopted by the City of Sanibel, Town of Fort Myers Beach and the other participating Lee County communities.

It will be essential that each community have active representation and an equal voice on the Transit Oversight Committee. City Council is committed to this basic principle. The City of Sanibel's ongoing participation will require that this principle remain central to all future considerations associated with the potential formation of a Lee County Transit Authority.



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We encourage the Town of Fort Myers Beach to support the interlocal agreement and to join the City of Sanibel and the other Lee County communities as we proceed together with this important effort.

Sincerely,

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City of Sanibel

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