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Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 7:18 AM

Commissioners,

I will have an item on the August 4th Administrative Agenda asking to cancel the public hearing previously requested for August 11th concerning the proposed changes to the toll structure.

At the June 30th meeting when we requested the public hearing, the BOCC directed DOT to hold public meetings with the municipalities to present the proposal and receive comments. We held public meetings on July 14th in Sanibel and July 15th in Cape Coral. We also met with the Sanibel City Council on July 21st. Based on the information received, it does not appear the proposed changes can be further modified sufficiently to satisfy all the concerns raised and still collect the revenue needed to meet bond requirements and expenses. Therefore, we recommend no changes to the existing toll structure.

We had previously considered presenting another update at the August 3rd M&P meeting so there were some news reports stating that the proposal would be on the agenda. However, we have not scheduled it on the M&P agenda since we will not be pursuing any changes to the tolls.

Thank you for your consideration and interest in this subject and allowing us to explore the matter.

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**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20090750

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

Cancel the Public Hearing set for August 11, 2009 regarding the proposed changes to Lee County's current toll structure.

2. FUNDING SOURCE:

No Funds Required.

3. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

Cancels the August 11, 2009 Public Hearing.

4. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

5. Departmental Category: <DeptCategory>

6. Meeting Date: 8/4/2009

7. Agenda:

Administrative

8. Requirement/Purpose: (*specify*)

- Statute
- Ordinance
- Admin Code
- Other

9. Request Initiated

Commissioner: All
Department: TRANSPORTATION
Division: Administration
By: Scott Gilbertson

10. Background:

DOT brought forward a recommendation to revise the existing County toll structure to effectively eliminate the numerous existing discount programs and replace the structure with a two-tiered, cash or ETC, system.

At the June 30, 2009 Board meeting, the Board approved the scheduling of a Public Hearing for August 11, 2009 for the Board to take public input and provide for approval of the proposed revisions to the toll structure. The meeting date was set contingent on County staff holding public meetings and meetings with the other municipalities to gather feedback and discuss the various issues that might arise out of the proposed changes.

A public meeting was held on July 14, 2009 in Sanibel and July 15, 2009 in Cape Coral. Staff also met with the Sanibel City Council on July 21, 2009.

Based on the information collected to date, it does not appear that the proposed changes will be economically feasible if all of the issues raised are addressed.

11. Required Review:

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12. Commission Action: