

DATE CRITICAL

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. 20050241

1. **REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Authorize Lee County Department of Transportation to proceed with an application to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Value Pricing Pilot Program for developmental study and implementation of variable (now referred to as value) pricing on the Sanibel Causeway.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** Board of County Commissioners' action is required for grant applications that require matching funds.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Allows DOT staff to proceed with a grant or series of grant applications for a total of up to \$5 Million. Further, allows staff to structure the application such that FHWA may award the grant in phases.

2. **DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:**

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3. **MEETING DATE:**

03-01-2005

4. **AGENDA:**

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. **REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:**  
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. **REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:**

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT Transportation
- C. DIVISION

BY: Scott M. Gilbertson

7. **BACKGROUND:**

Lee County has been engaged in multiple studies and implementations of variable, or value, pricing. To date, value pricing has proven to be an effective mechanism to move demand out of peak periods and into periods of lesser travel. This improves the efficiency of the priced facility as well as the surrounding roadway network.

If funded, federal funds must be matched on an 80%/20% federal to state/local basis. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will provide one-half of the required match.

Particularly as staff has recommended that the project be pursued in phases, it should be noted that applying for grant funds does not require the county to accept such funds. If initial study determines that, for some reason, it is not in the County's best interests to pursue funding for implementation, the county is not obligated to pursue or accept a grant for implementation.

8. **MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Recommend allowing staff to pursue value pricing grant funding.

9. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:**

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>[Signature]</i>		NA		<i>[Signature]</i>	OA	OM	Risk	GC	<i>[Signature]</i>

10. **COMMISSION ACTION:**

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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