

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

Blue Sheet No. 20060509

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

Authorize LeeTran to submit a grant proposal to the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration requesting funding for a planning study under the Alternative Transportation in the Parks and Public Lands Program.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

Allows LeeTran staff to submit a grant proposal to fund a planning study.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval and authorization to proceed with the application process.

4. Departmental Category:

CGB

5. Meeting Date:

05-02-2006

6. Agenda:

- Consent**
- Administrative**
- Appeals**
- Public**
- Walk-On**

7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)

- Statute**
- Ordinance**
- Admin. Code** AC-11-15
- Other**

8. Request Initiated:

Commissioner _____
Department Independent
Division Transit
By: Steve Myers, Director

9. Background:

FTA has solicited proposals for planning and implementation plans under the Alternative Transportation in the Parks and Public Land Program for FY 2006 with a deadline of May 5, 2006. This program seeks to develop alternative forms of transportation on national refuges and parks to protect sensitive environmental lands such as the Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The program is funded at \$21 million with no project to exceed \$5.4 million. There is no match requirement.

On Friday, April 7, 2006, representatives from Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the City of Sanibel, US Fish and Wildlife and LeeTran held a conference call to discuss this opportunity. Based on the conference call, City of Sanibel Planning Staff requested authorization from their City Council to participate in the proposal development. The Sanibel City Council at their April 18, 2006 authorized the development a proposal. A tentative proposal is being developed seeking \$1.5 million in federal funding to develop a feasibility analysis, alternatives analysis, direct public involvement, and provide implementation guidance. As a designated FTA grantee, LeeTran is coordinating the effort to prepare a proposal. LeeTran seeks authorization to submit an application to the FTA. If LeeTran's proposal is successful, the Board will be asked to formally accept the award from the FTA.

ATTACHMENT: Draft Proposal

10. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
<i>J. Myers</i> 4/20/06				<i>E. Dennis</i> 4/20/06	<i>R.M.</i> 4/20/06	<i>MF</i> 4/20/06	<i>MM</i> 4/20/06	<i>MM</i> 4/20/06	<i>MS</i> 4/20/06

11. Commission Action:

- Approved**
- Deferred**
- Denied**
- Other**

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