

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

Blue Sheet No. 20060996

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

Request Board approval for the closing of the Midpoint Memorial Bridge on Veterans Day, November 11, each year for the next four (4) years, 2007 through 2010, for the Veterans Day foot race from approximately 5:00 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m., except of those years where Veterans Day follows on a weekend in which the race would be held on the Saturday, Nov 10th or 11th with the closure from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. (2006 and 2007). Add to request approval for the time of the closing for 2006 from a PM closure to an AM closure.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

Board approval is required to close the bridge.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Allows the citizens of Lee County to participate in the observance of Veterans Day through the 5K foot race across the bridge.

4. Departmental Category: A9A **5. Meeting Date:** 08-15-2006

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| 6. Agenda: | <input type="checkbox"/> Consent | 7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> Statute | 8. Request Initiated: | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative | | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance | | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals | | <input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Code | | <input type="checkbox"/> Department <u>Transportation</u> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Public | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | <input type="checkbox"/> Division <u>Administration</u> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-On | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> By: <u>Scott Gilbertson</u> |

9. Background

In 2002 the BoCC approved the evening closing on Veterans Day of the Midpoint Bridge for each year for the next five years. Each year for the past seven years the County, in conjunction with the City of Fort Myers, the City of Cape Coral and the YMCA has held a Veterans Day celebration that has included a foot race across the Midpoint Memorial Bridge. This was originally approved by the Board at the June 1, 1999 meeting for a four year period. This initial approval expired 2002 and the second approval in 2006. The purpose is to request the Board to approve the closure for another four year period.

Each year the number of runners/walkers has increased. The event has the support of the community at large and specifically the YMCA. This has become one of the YMCA's most successful fund raisers for the year.

10. Review for Scheduling:

| Department Director | Purchasing or Contracts | Human Resources | Other | County Attorney | Budget Services | | | | County Manager/P.W. Director |
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| | | | | | Analyst | Risk | Grants | Mgr. | |
| <i>S. Gilbertson</i> S. Gilbertson Date 7/27/06 | | | | <i>JG</i> 8/1/06 | <i>JK</i> 8/2/06 | <i>HA</i> 8/2/06 | <i>MP</i> 8/2/06 | <i>MP</i> 8/2/06 | <i>J. Lavender</i> J. Lavender Date 7.27.06 |

11. Commission Action:

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

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| RECEIVED BY COUNTY ADMIN: <i>JD</i> |
| 8/2/06 11:20 AM |
| COUNTY ADMIN FORWARDED TO: <i>JK</i> |
| 8/2/06 10:30 AM |

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| Date: <i>8/2/06</i> |
| Time: <i>11:30 AM</i> |
| Forwarded To: <i>JK</i> |
| Date: <i>8/2/06</i> |