

**BOARD MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA**

MONDAY, JANUARY 05, 2004

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

1. **ABRAMS AND CENTENNIAL BOULEVARDS**  
**PRESENTER:** Scott Gilbertson, DOT  
**TIME REQUIRED:** 10 Minutes
  
2. **EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY FOR ADDED LANES ON I-75**  
**PRESENTER:** David Loveland, DOT  
**TIME REQUIRED:** 10 Minutes
  
3. **GOODWHEELS PARA-TRANSIT CONTRACT REQUESTS**  
**PRESENTER:** Steve Myers, Lee Tran  
**TIME REQUIRED:** 15 Minutes

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

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**MANAGEMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE  
AGENDA REQUEST FORM  
COMMISSION DISTRICT # ALL**

**PRESENTED BY:** Scott Gilbertson, Director  
Lee County DOT

**REQUESTED BY:** Board of County Commissioners

**TITLE OF ITEM FOR THE AGENDA:** ABRAMS AND CENTENNIAL BOULEVARDS

**1. DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE ISSUE:**

Abrams and Centennial Boulevards in Lehigh Acres are currently under the jurisdiction of the East County Water Control District rather than Lee County. Since these roads serve as collectors and at least 4 neighborhoods of county maintained roads must access Abrams or Centennial to get to a county maintained arterial and since there are little or no water management purposes, the District is requesting the County to assume jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility of them. (It is unclear why Lehigh Corporation gave the roads to the District rather than the County). Acceptance of roads for maintenance by the County is prescribed in the Road Maintenance Acceptance Policy Administrative Code 11-7. However, in this case due to the history and circumstances of these roads, application of the Administrative Code for this situation does not seem appropriate.

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**2. PROPOSE POLICY, PROCEDURE OR PLAN OF ACTION**

Staff is presenting this matter to the Management and Planning Committee to receive direction as to the appropriate cost sharing on this matter.

**3. OPTIONS (List advantages/Disadvantages of Each Option Listed)**

The two realistic options in this case appear to be to accept the District's proposal of a 50/50 split or to counter with an offer of two-thirds District, one-third County split. Based on the estimated construction cost the difference in the two options would be a cost increase of \$92,000.00 to one agency or the other.


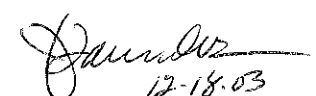
**4. FINANCIAL IMPACTS/FUNDING SOURCE**

Depending upon the option selected, the County's share would be \$183,000.00 or \$275,000.00. This money would be made available from the annual repair and resurfacing funds set aside for Lehigh Acres which ranges between \$800,000.00 to over \$1 million dollars on an annual basis.

**5. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS, AND JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends the Board counter proposal to the District two-thirds District, one-third County split. Further recommend the District pay the design cost and the County pay the inspection and testing costs.

**6. Mandated:**    Y    No    **BY WHAT AUTHORITY?**

<p><b><u>DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SIGNATURE</u></b>   12/18/03</p>	<p><b><u>COUNTY MANAGER SIGNATURE</u></b>   12-18-03</p>	<p><b><u>MEETING DATE</u></b> 1-5-04</p>	<p><b><u>TIME REQUIRED</u></b> 10 minutes</p>
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1. **DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE ISSUE: (Cont.)**

County staff has worked with District staff in identifying the appropriate repairs to be made to Abrams and Centennial Boulevards in order to make a favorable recommendation to the Board for acceptance of maintenance. The staffs of both agencies have agreed the estimated costs of improvements and repairs to be \$550,000.00. However, the District feels the County should contribute one-half of this amount. DOT had countered with a proposal to split the costs two-thirds to the District and one-third to the County. Staff proposed this split because the repairs also would widen the roadway from 22 feet to 24 feet (approximately 13% of the cost) and also because of the existing usage of the roads (collectors and access to local county maintained roads). This split is also consistent with the existing agreement we have with the District albeit for a different rationale. However, the District did not accept that proposal and the Board of Supervisors on December 15, 2003, officially adopted the offer to pay \$275,000.00 towards the improvements of the road in order for the County to accept jurisdiction and maintenance. See the attached letter from the District Manager.



## East County Water Control District

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December 16, 2003

Lee County Commissioner John Albion  
P.O. Box 398  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Dear Commissioner Albion,

Thank you for meeting with Chairman Stout and myself over the past three months in an effort to resolve the maintenance and ownership issues on Abrams & Centennial Boulevards in the ECWCD.

At the District's December 15th Board meeting, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion that stated:

"We authorize staff to offer Lee County Government \$275,000 as ostensibly 50% participation in the full repair, up to Lee County standards of Centennial and Abrams Boulevard with Lee County Government accepting the roads in perpetuity and that all responsibility of the East County Water Control District ceases upon the passing and authorizing signatures of the County Commissioners".

We appreciate your support and insight and want to thank you for presenting the District's offer to your Board of County Commissioners. We can accomplish many things working in cooperation.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

EAST COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

David E. Lindsay  
District Manager

Cc: Randy Cierce, DOT  
Board of County Commissioners  
East County Board of Supervisors

**MANAGEMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE  
AGENDA REQUEST FORM  
COMMISSION DISTRICT #AII**

**PRESENTED BY:**

David Loveland, Transportation Planning Manager  
Lee County DOT

**REQUESTED BY:**

Lee County BOCC

**TITLE OF ITEM FOR THE AGENDA: EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY FOR ADDED LANES ON I-75**

**1. DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE ISSUE**

After discussions at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> Management & Planning Committee meetings, the Board agreed that the tolling of added lanes on I-75 (roughly estimated to cost between \$600 and \$750 million) should be the focus of a potential expressway authority, and asked staff to come back in January with a position paper outlining the advantages and disadvantages of using an expressway authority to achieve that project, keeping in mind the desire for local control. Staff posed two key questions to FDOT in writing on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, which must be answered before a position paper can be prepared. The questions are: 1) Is the State willing to allow tolling of the interstate by local governments serving as their own authority or by a locally-established expressway authority under Chapter 348, F.S.?; and 2) To what extent must FDOT have a voting role or management role in such an authority?

At the time of preparation of this yellow sheet, FDOT had not yet responded to the questions but answers were expected soon. The State's Turnpike Enterprise is also in the process of evaluating the feasibility of tolling the added lanes on I-75, another key question in determining the merits of establishing an expressway authority to pursue this project. Staff expects an answer on that issue within the next few weeks. Assuming these answers are available soon, staff will prepare a position paper for the January 5<sup>th</sup> Management & Planning Committee meeting; otherwise the paper will have to be presented at a future meeting.

Also on this subject, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's Legislative Subcommittee met on December 10<sup>th</sup> and after some discussion referred the issue back to staff to develop a scope of work for evaluating the merits of an expressway authority. They also asked for a schedule and cost estimates. The RPC is also setting up a workshop to answer questions about how other expressway authorities around the state were set up and have been working, with presentations expected by representatives of the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority and TEAM-Florida. The workshop is tentatively set for Wednesday, January 14, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Regional Planning Council offices. Board members are invited to participate.

**2. PROPOSED POLICY, PROCEDURE OR PLAN OF ACTION**

Determine appropriate administrative structure for pursuing added toll lanes on I-75, if a staff position paper is available in time for the January M&P meeting.

**3. OPTIONS (List advantages/Disadvantages of Each Option Listed)**

To be provided in separate position paper.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPACTS/FUNDING SOURCE**

To be identified in separate position paper.

**5. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS, AND JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To be provided in separate position paper.

**6. Mandated: Y ( ) N (X) BY WHAT AUTHORITY?**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SIGNATURECOUNTY MANAGER SIGNATUREMEETING DATETIME REQUIRED

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*12/14/03*

*[Signature]*  
*12.14.03*

1/5/04

10 Min.

