

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

Blue Sheet No. 20021188

**1. REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Direct Department of Transportation (DOT) to proceed with an application to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Value Pricing Pilot Program for funding Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Studies, Design, and Construction Costs for a queue jump in Lee County.

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

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Allow DOT staff to proceed with a grant application of up to \$15 million. Further, Allow staff to structure the application such that FHWA may award the grant in stages.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:**  
**COMMISSION DISTRICT #**

*C9B*

**3. MEETING DATE:**

*10-29-2002*

**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 a pilot project with FHWA to study the possibility of implementing queue jumps in the county. Queue jumps are an idea unique to Lee County, which could relieve traffic congestion at "point" congested locations, i.e., intersections, by providing an alternative to drivers. The alternative is likely to consist of a grade-separated lane to bypass the congestion at the intersection. This alternative will be tolled and drivers are offered a choice of whether to use the tolled alternative or to continue to use the untolled, existing alternative.

It appears likely that the ongoing study will identify at least one queue jump site as viable. Further, the application deadline for the current round of project funding is November 1, 2002. FHWA has indicated that the county may apply for this grant  
CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

**8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**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>10/15/02</i> <i>[Signature]</i>	NA	NA		<i>Andrea</i> <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>OA</i> <i>RK 10/15</i>	<i>OM</i> <i>11/17</i>	<i>Risk</i> <i>10/15/02</i>	<i>GC</i> <i>10/15/02</i>	<i>[Signature]</i> <i>10-15-02</i>

**10. COMMISSION ACTION:**

☐ **APPROVED**  
☐ **DENIED**  
☐ **DEFERRED**  
☐ **OTHER**

RECEIVED BY COUNTY ADMIN. <i>RK</i>	
<i>10-15-02</i>	
<i>2:30</i>	
COUNTY ADMIN. FORWARDED TO:	
<i>10/15/02</i>	

Rec. by <i>County</i>	
Date: <i>10/15/02</i>	
Time: <i>2:25PM</i>	
Forwarded To:	
<i>City Admin</i>	
<i>10/15/02 2:30PM</i>	

**BLUE SHEET NO. 20021188 (Continued)**

**7. BACKGROUND (Continued):**

prior to the identification of a final queue jump site to maintain its eligibility for funding in this funding cycle.

If funded, federal funds must be matched on an 80%/20% federal to state/local basis. In the past the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has provided one-half of the required match. It is likely that this would continue under this grant.

Finally, it should be noted that applying for grant funds does not require the county to accept such funds. If further study determines that, for some reason, it is not in the County's best interests to pursue the queue jump concept, the county can refuse the grant.