

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 15, 2006

Consent

Regular

Ordinance

Public Hearing

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: reallocation of \$200,000 previously proposed for South Bay Boat Ramp improvements to the South Bay Cross Road Depot project.

Summary: On September 10, 2002, the Board approved a proposed project list for the 2002 \$50 Million Recreational and Cultural Facilities Bond referendum that included \$200,000 for South Bay Boat Ramp improvements. The City of South Bay has indicated that funding is already in place for the South Bay Boat Ramp improvements project, and has requested that the \$200,000 allocation from the Bond funding be reallocated for the Cross Roads Depot project on land leased by the City from the County. The District 6 Commissioner supports the reallocation of these funds from the \$50 Million Recreation and Cultural Facilities Bond referendum. District 6 (PK)

Background and Policy Issues: On November 5, 2002, a bond referendum was passed by the voters of Palm Beach County in the amount of \$50 million for the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction of, and/or improvements to certain recreation and cultural facilities. The proposed Bond projects list approved by the Board on September 10, 2002, earmarked \$200,000 for improvements to the South Bay Boat Ramp. The City of South Bay has sufficient funding for that project in place and has requested that the \$200,000 from the Recreational and Cultural Facilities Bond be reallocated for the Cross Road Depot project.

The Cross Road Depot project is a cooperative effort between the City of South Bay and Palm Beach County to create a trailhead for the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail. The City leases the Cross Road Depot site from the County, and is obligated by the lease to develop the Cross Road Depot as a country store and bait shop, which will benefit eco-tourism, the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST), and the County's South Bay RV Park. This reallocation of the \$200,000 will help South Bay complete the Cross Road Depot project and fulfill its requirements under the Lease Agreement.

Upon approval of the Board to reallocate the \$200,000 to the Cross Road Depot project, staff will prepare the required Interlocal Agreement for Bond Funding for Cross Road Depot project and will place it on the Agenda for approval by the Board.

Attachment:

Letter from South Bay

Recommended by:


Department Director

7/21/06
Date

Approved by:


Assistant County Administrator

7/31/06
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Capital Expenditures	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Operating Costs	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
External Revenues	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Program Income (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
In-Kind Match (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
 Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____
 Object _____ Program _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

This agenda item does not have any fiscal impact to the County. Upon approval of this reallocation, a subsequent agenda item will be presented to the Board to establish budget.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: ckopelakis

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

The anticipated fiscal impact of \$200,000 will be presented at the time of the subsequent agenda item at approval of reallocation.

OFMB [Signature] ms 7/25/06 7/27/06 7/24/06 NA
 Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Paul F. J. 7/31/06
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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City of South Bay

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South Bay, Florida 33493

July 12, 2006

Honorable Tony Masilotti
Palm Beach County Commission
District #06
301 North Olive Avenue
12th Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

REF: Request for Financial Assistance to Complete Construction of Cross Roads Depot

Dear Commissioner Masilotti:

As you know, several years ago the city and county embarked on a joint venture on several projects that were geared toward initiating economic development along the northern corridor of Highway #27 in South Bay. These projects are delineated below:

Project

Status

1. (A) Boatramp

(A) Engineering and design work on boatramp is near completion. Construction on boatramp is scheduled for completion by April, 2007. Funding is in place for this project.

(B) Marina

(B) REG Architects and RCT Engineers, in collaboration with Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) Engineers, are completing technical work on the Marina. All of the funding is not in place to complete this project; however, financial resources have been identified. Securing the additional funding, obtaining required permits from the Army Corp of Engineers and the SFWMD is expected to delay this project for an unknown time period.

The city recognizes that there is currently a \$200,000 funding allocation set aside in the County's 2002 Recreation and Cultural G.O. Bond Issue but utilizing these funds in the near future may be further delayed because the

Project

Status

2. Rail Road Cottage

permitting agencies are very concerned about building structures inside of the dike.

The renovation of the cottage is nearly 80% complete and will tie into the eco-tourism expected from the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (L.O.S.T.). Funding to complete the project is available and the completion date is set for December 1, 2006.

3. Cross Road Depot

This is the sister project of the Rail Road Cottage and a recent evaluation by a contractor estimates that approximately \$200,000, excluding landscape and parking lot, is needed to renovate the Depot. Again, this project is eco-tourist driven and will benefit both L.O.S.T. and the County's RV Park as a Country store and bait shop.

Inasmuch as it is apparent that the Marina Project will be delayed for an undetermined time period, as noted above, the city is requesting that the \$200,000 setaside in the 2002 Recreation and Cultural G.O. Bond Issue be allocated to fund the renovation of the Depot. Your consideration of this request is appreciated as this project along with the Rail Road Cottage and L.O.S.T. will immeasurably benefit the economy of our community.

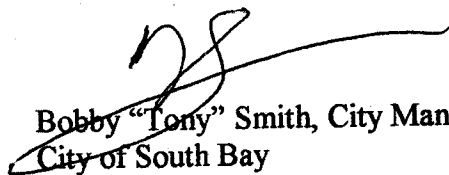
On behalf of the commission, staff and residents of the City of South Bay, we express our fullest appreciation for your fullest support of our community.

Sincerely,



Clarence E. Anthony, Mayor
City of South Bay

Sincerely,



Bobby "Tony" Smith, City Manager
City of South Bay

cc: Dennis Eshleman, Director, PBC Parks & Recreation
Susan Yinger, Administrative Support Manager, PBC Parks & Recreation

*Thanks for your
continued support.*