

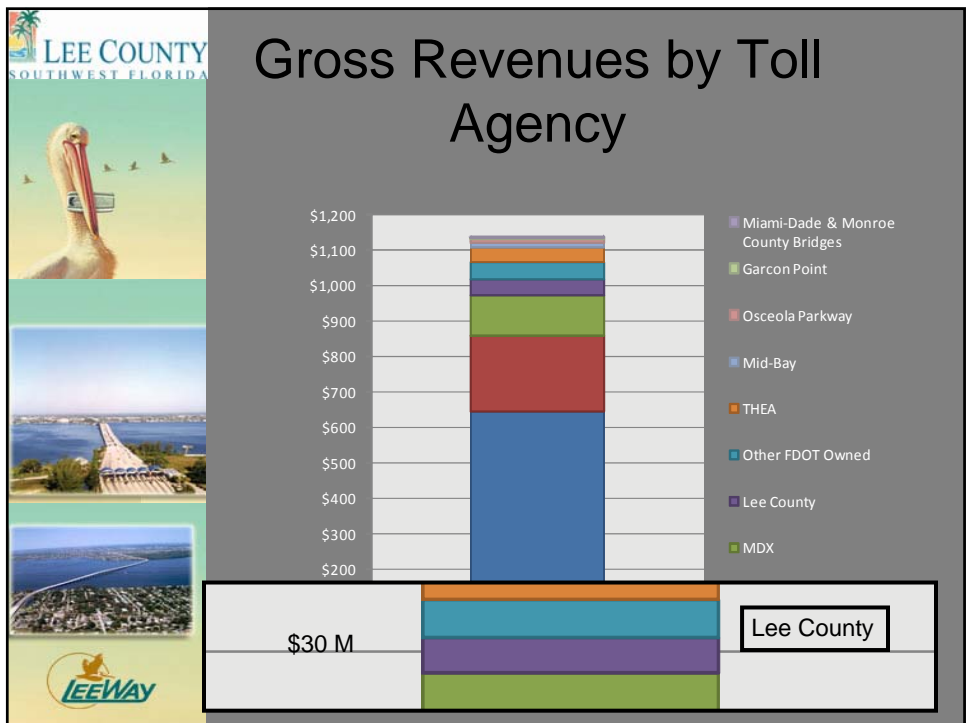
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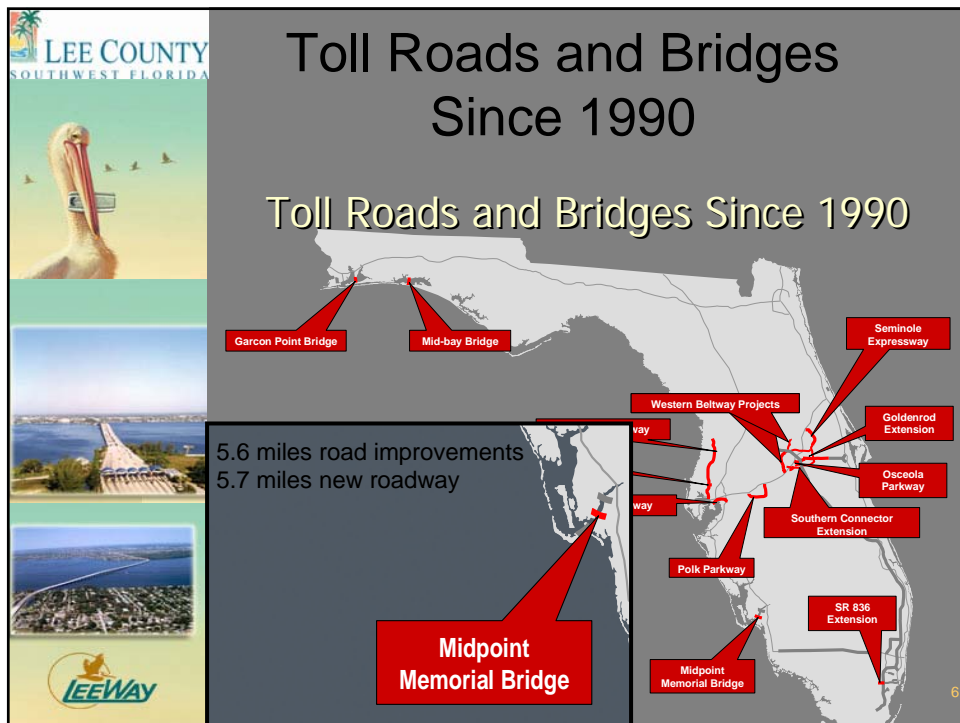
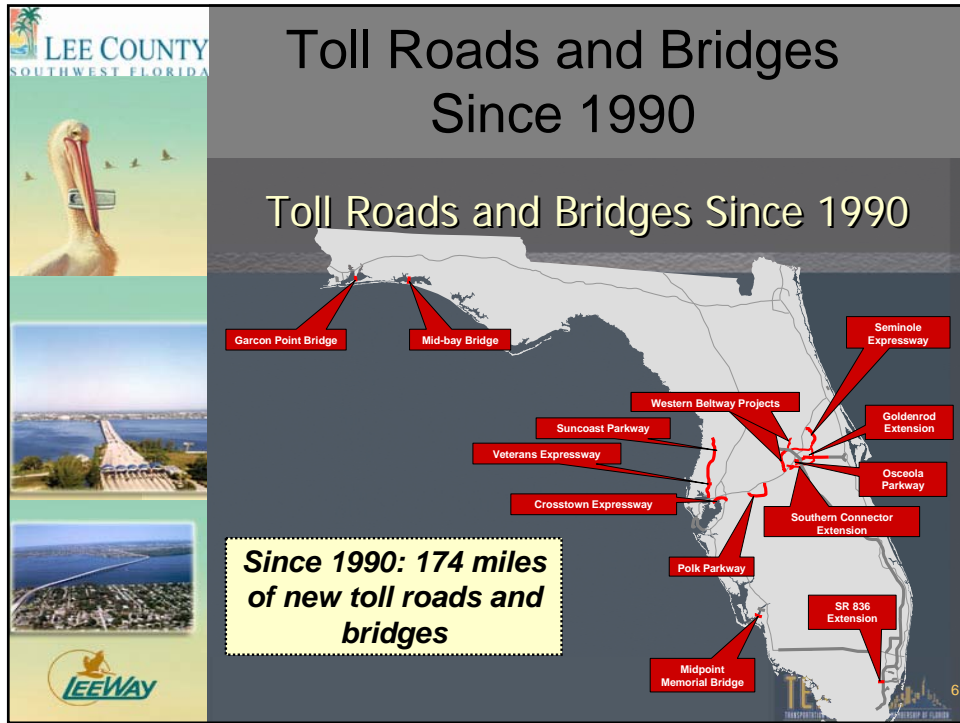
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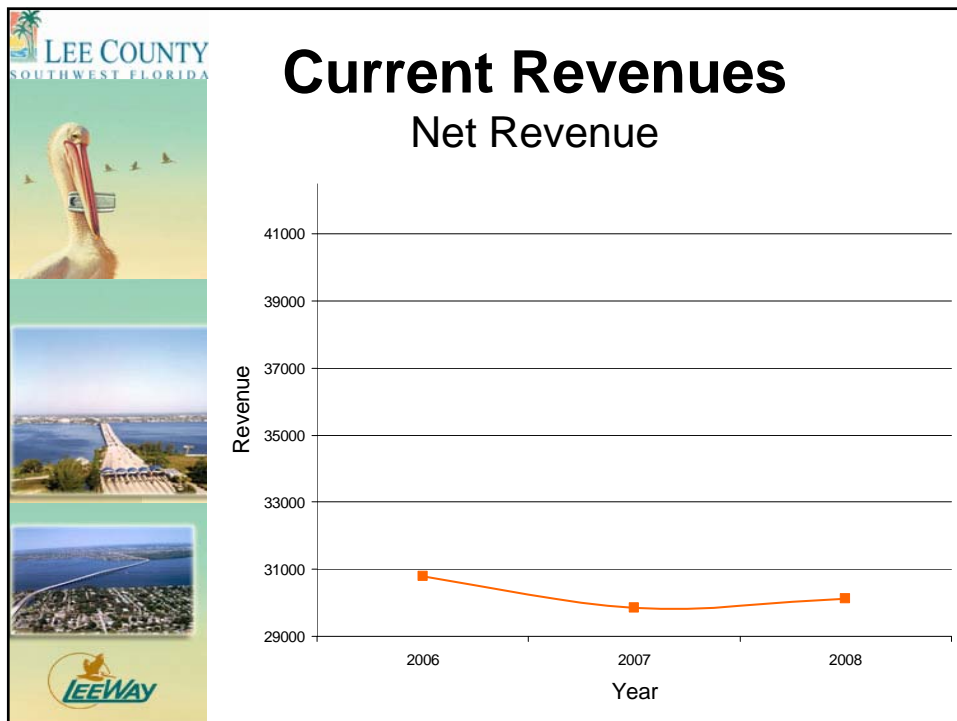
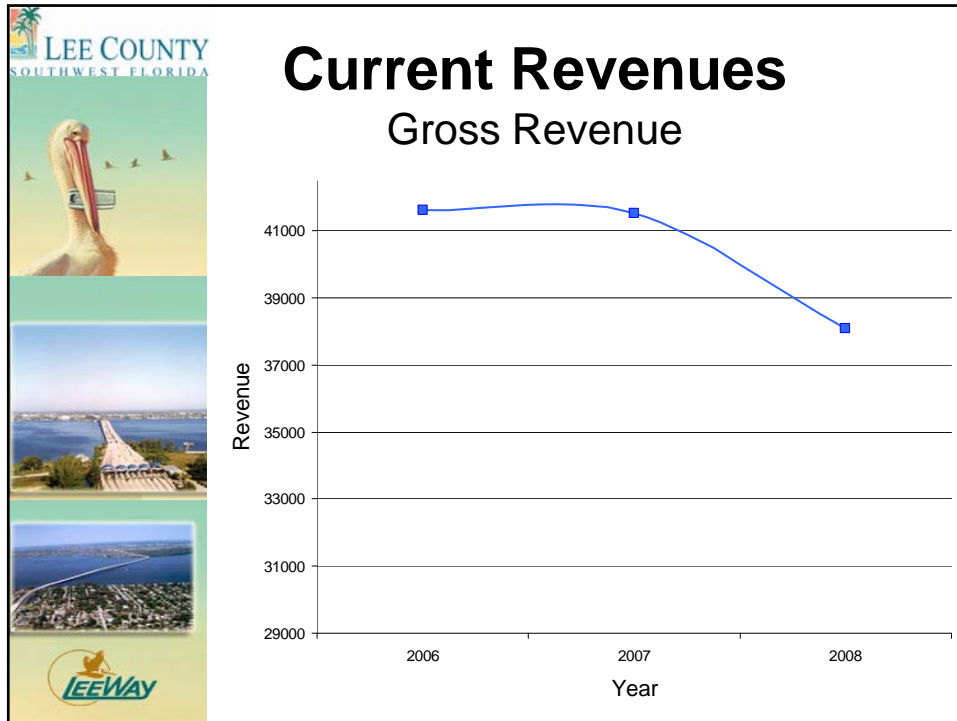
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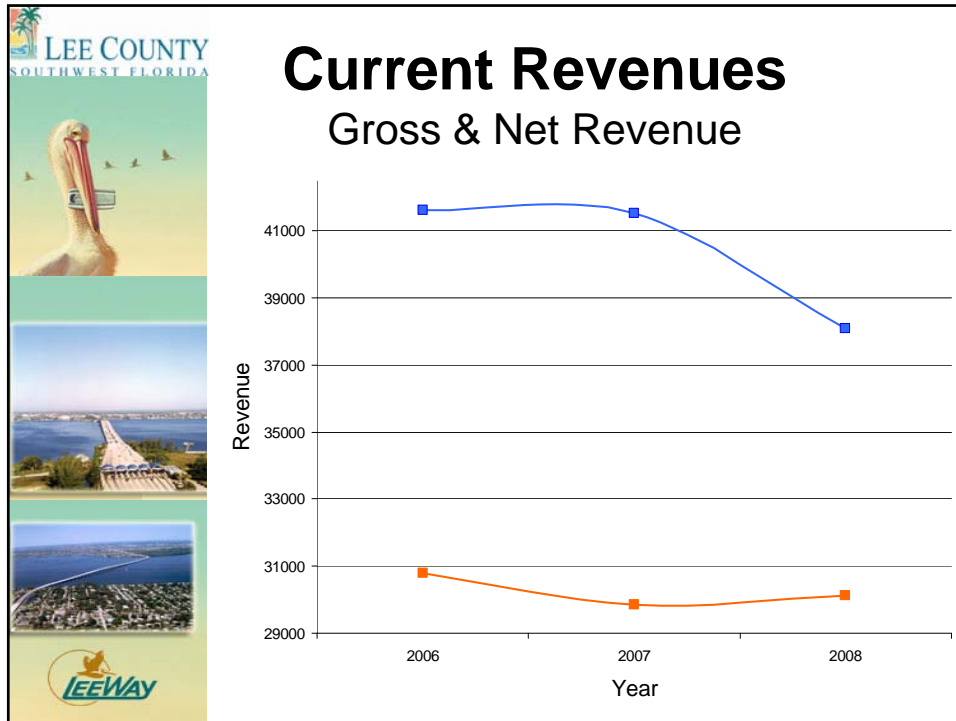
### Lee County, Florida

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### Proposal to Convert Cape Coral and Midpoint Toll Plazas to One-Way Tolling



## County Toll System


Three bridge structures

- Sanibel Bridge- runs to a barrier island, always a one-way toll
- Cape Coral & Midpoint Bridges – Fort Myers to Cape Coral




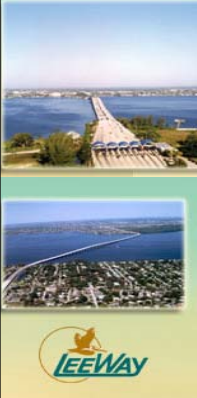

## Refinements were Needed to Improve Traffic Flow

- **Reasons prompting the change - Improve traffic flow at Cape Coral plaza**
  - Need to expand traffic capacity at the plaza
  - Initially proposed constructing a new split plaza
  - Removed half the plaza/toll equipment from the south side of the plazas
  - Eliminated need to expand toll plaza
  - Enhanced eastbound traffic flow – no stopping
  - To keep the tolling procedures consistent, one-way tolling has also been implemented at the Midpoint Plaza
  - Enhance Westbound traffic flow - Two additional express lanes (Open Road Tolling – ORT) will be added in the westbound direction at both plazas to improve traffic flow



## Toll Payments

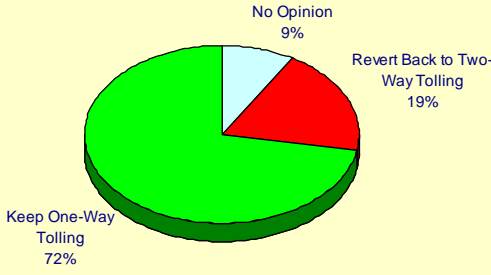
- In lieu of collecting \$1 in each direction – toll is \$2 but only in westbound direction
- LeeWay discount programs – NO CHANGE
  - Reduced fare programs pay \$1 one-way only - rather than \$0.50 in each direction
  - Unlimited trip program would not pay a per-trip toll



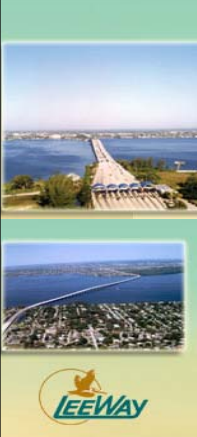
## Three Points to Consider


- Acceptance by the traveling public - Preference

Should the County Retain One-Way Tolling?



Response	Percentage
Keep One-Way Tolling	72%
Revert Back to Two-Way Tolling	19%
No Opinion	9%





## Three Points to Consider

- **Budget impacts**
  - Saving of ~\$1,500,000 annually in operating costs
  - Saving of ~\$225,000 annually in equipment cost upgrades
  - Eliminated 26 positions: on-call, part-time and full-time mostly through attrition



## Green Benefits

- **No stopping to pay toll:**
  - Saves on fuel consumption
  - Reduces emissions
  - Reduces noise pollution
  - Saves commuters time





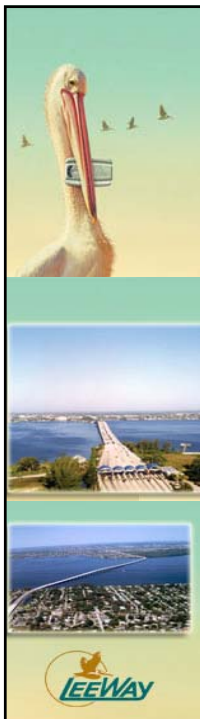
## SouthWest Florida Expressway Authority

### Current status of SWFEA

- Based on the reality of the current economic downturn, which has hit SW Florida particularly hard, growth and traffic projections have strikingly changed.
  - ✓ Traffic counts projections for 2015, now appear more likely 2018-20
  - ✓ Consequently priorities have shifted
  - ✓ Mission of the SWFEA is unchanged:  
**Prepare and get ahead of the future congestion on I-75**

### Future plans for SWFEA

- Board will continue to function, but in a reduced format sufficient to fulfill legislative mandates
- Minimize administrative, legal and other activities to the absolute minimum but in compliance with legislative, accounting and reporting requirements
- Be prepared to respond/re-convene as any unforeseen, significant events require



# QUESTIONS

Thank you

