



Agenda Item No. 10.A.

Special Order of Business

To: Board of Directors
Meeting of August 8, 2008

From: Joseph M. Wire, Auditor-Controller
Celia G. Kupersmith, General Manager

Subject: **APPROVE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND MASTER ORDINANCE 2008, AS
AMENDED, TO REVISE BRIDGE TOLLS**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following amendments to the Master Ordinance 2008 to facilitate the transition in the toll rates and clarify the application of the Persons With Disabilities toll:

1. Change the effective date for the \$1.00 increase for both the cash and FasTrak toll, and the setting of the Persons With Disabilities toll to 50% of the cash toll, from September 1, 2008, to September 2, 2008; and,
2. Clarify that the Persons With Disabilities toll does not apply to multi-axle vehicles as has been the case since its inception.

Summary

The Board of Directors passed a \$1.00 increase in the cash and FasTrak toll and a change to the Persons With Disabilities toll on July 11, 2008. Staff requests two changes to that action which will facilitate a smooth transition to the new toll rates and clarify their application.

The toll rates passed on July 11th were set to become effective on September 1, 2008. Staff requests that date be changed by 24 hours to September 2, 2008, due to the Labor Day holiday that falls on September 1, 2008. This change will allow for a smoother transition in the cash handling practices since it avoids implementing a new toll rate on a holiday that historically has a high number of cash paying customers. The new toll rate will go into effect on September 2, a work day with typically high FasTrak use and low cash use.

Secondly, since its inception the Persons With Disabilities toll program has not applied to multi-axle vehicles. In proposing that the Persons With Disabilities toll program be changed to set the

toll to 50% of the cash toll, some of the materials used during the discussion did not specifically address the fact that this long standing policy would remain in effect. Staff requests that the Board clarify and confirm that the long standing policy has not changed and that the Persons With Disabilities toll applies only to two-axle vehicles.

Fiscal Impact

The recommendation will cause a one-time loss in revenue of approximately \$50,000 due to the delay of the \$1.00 toll increase by one day. There is a minimal fiscal impact to the clarification of the existing policy for the Persons With Disabilities toll.