

Intergovernmental Traffic Committee

Meeting Notes: 8/10/07 – VKBPT Conf. Rm. 11am

Issues:

Vehicles towing boats:

Weekend vehicles with boats on trailers are filling the Crandon Marina by 10am-11am on weekends and are entering the toll plaza with no where to go to release their boats in to the water. The vehicles are too large to easily turn around and exit, frustrated boaters are angry with police, toll booth workers, etc. and would like warning that the marina is full before they enter the toll plaza.

The solutions are difficult; verbal warnings from toll booth workers is too late to be helpful; signage on the 4-5 highway approaches is expensive and logistical difficult.

C Pass Lane Closures:

One of the two C pass lanes is closed on the weekends to handle the greater number of paying customers. Key Biscayne residents are angry about the long waiting and only one C Pass open for their use.

The paying customer traffic is so heavy on the weekends that the second C Pass is needed to take cash just to keep the toll plaza area flowing. In approximately 18 months the toll plaza will switch over to the Sun Pass system and make 4 lanes Sun Pass and 4 lanes cash. Entering the islands will become faster.

August events – One triathlon – no heavy traffic impact.

September events – no major events scheduled. (toll plaza begins to replace toll booths with new structures following Labor Day weekend).

October events – the Carnival events Friday, October 5th and October 8th which has two events on VK. Bayside Hut and HVKBP. The big issues surrounding the two events is handling daytime traffic flow for the Trust event; managing use of the Seaquarium parking lot for over flow; managing lanes and signage for left turn lane entry to the two separate events on separate sections of Rickenbacker; making sure no cars cross Bear Cut Bridge and u-turn; making sure cars turn into Trust property and don't back up on left turn lane on Rickenbacker; handling guests exiting the Trust event at 2am that may want to enter the Bayside Hut event until 5am.

Next meeting: Friday, August 17, 2007 at VKBPT conf. rm., 9am. Traffic statistics will be made available and the two promoters of the separate events may be invited.