



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*Finance Department*

**City Council Regular Meeting Date: August 19, 2025**

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Steve C. Chaipel, Deputy City Manager/CFO  
**Date:** August 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Sanibel Causeway Traffic Counts – July 2025

As reported to the City by Lee County, the July 2025 Sanibel Causeway inbound vehicle counts increased by 7.68% as compared to July 2024.

The Causeway restoration Phase 1 project has been completed, and the islands are open to the public. As construction activities significantly decline, an increase in vehicular traffic is anticipated in the area until the next phase of activity begins. This transition phase may require adjustments to current traffic management to ensure smooth traffic flow and minimize congestion.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 vs 2024	
January	282,778	311,596	190,919	252,892	261,462	8,570	3.39%
February	293,554	317,584	207,699	260,436	257,419	(3,017)	(1.16%)
March	352,029	363,863	246,296	285,946	296,471	10,525	3.68%
April	330,664	332,323	226,212	259,576	269,069	9,493	3.66%
May	323,157	303,569	226,250	243,399	257,569	14,170	5.82%
June	300,788	279,042	212,373	214,950	236,290	21,340	9.93%
July	307,599	299,834	212,189	227,658	245,139	17,481	7.68%
August	252,803	257,717	210,811	207,418			
September	233,764	199,312	200,549	184,669			
October	269,353	-	223,326	187,618			
November	281,379	-	213,918	224,479			
December	307,355	130,165	208,065	235,203			
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>3,535,223</b>	<b>2,795,005</b>	<b>2,578,607</b>	<b>2,784,244</b>	<b>1,823,419</b>	<b>78,562</b>	<b>9.93%</b>
<b>Total Year</b>	<b>3,535,223</b>	<b>2,795,005</b>	<b>2,578,607</b>	<b>2,784,244</b>	<b>1,823,419</b>	<b>78,562</b>	<b>(34.51%)</b>

\* Table compares prior year's monthly activity with current year's monthly activity

The tables on the following page compare the current year with the last five fiscal years for both fiscal year to date and total year to date counts.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Change from Prior Month
October	253,144	246,035	269,353	-	223,326	187,618	1.60%
November	266,766	242,527	281,379	-	213,918	224,479	19.65%
December	284,979	270,520	307,355	130,165	208,065	235,203	4.78%
January	318,315	282,778	311,596	190,919	252,892	261,462	11.16%
February	321,085	293,554	317,584	207,699	260,436	257,419	(1.55%)
March	265,546	352,029	363,863	246,296	285,946	296,471	15.17%
April	123,130	330,664	332,323	226,212	259,576	269,069	(9.24%)
May	221,665	323,157	303,569	226,250	243,399	257,569	(4.27%)
June	252,000	300,788	279,042	212,373	214,950	236,290	(8.26%)
July	255,010	307,599	299,834	212,189	227,658	245,139	3.74%
August	233,491	252,803	257,717	210,811	207,418	-	
September	218,338	233,764	199,312	200,549	184,669	-	
<b>Total FY</b>	<b>3,013,469</b>	<b>3,436,218</b>	<b>3,522,927</b>	<b>2,063,463</b>	<b>2,782,253</b>	<b>2,470,719</b>	

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<b>FYTD</b>	<b>2,624,945</b>	<b>2,924,830</b>	<b>3,077,660</b>	<b>1,630,833</b>	<b>2,390,166</b>	<b>2,470,719</b>

\*Table compares current fiscal year-to-date (YTD) with prior years fiscal YTD

#### Notes

- Phase 1 of the causeway island rehabilitation project was completed in April 2025. The causeway island reopened to beach visitors on May 1, 2025.
- Hurricane Milton affected the island on October 9-10, 2024. The causeway was closed to traffic for most of the day on October 10, 2024.
- Hurricane Helene passed the island in the Gulf of Mexico on September 26, 2024.
- On March 9, 2020 Governor DeSantis declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida due to COVID-19. On March 17, 2020 Lee County declared a local state of emergency related to the same. The City Council declared a local state of emergency on March 18, 2020. As a result of these actions, visitation and traffic to the island was significantly negatively impacted starting in March 2020. The state of emergency ended in June 26, 2021.
- On September 28, 2022 Hurricane Ian made landfall in Sanibel causing catastrophic damage. The causeway was significantly damaged and vehicular traffic did not resume travel until late October 2022. Traffic counts resumed in December 2022; however, tolls did not resume until January 1, 2023.

## PERIODIC DAILY LANE TRAFFIC REPORT

## Sanibel Island

Start Date: 07/01/2025

End Date: 07/31/2025

Date	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Total
07/01/2025	3,906	4,476	0	8,382
07/02/2025	3,764	4,273	1	8,038
07/03/2025	3,866	4,475	0	8,341
07/04/2025	3,206	3,449	0	6,655
07/05/2025	3,958	4,193	0	8,151
07/06/2025	3,146	3,200	0	6,346
07/07/2025	3,758	4,246	0	8,004
07/08/2025	3,703	4,432	0	8,135
07/09/2025	3,797	4,188	0	7,985
07/10/2025	4,055	4,216	0	8,271
07/11/2025	3,892	4,703	0	8,595
07/12/2025	4,208	4,484	0	8,692
07/13/2025	3,202	3,216	0	6,418
07/14/2025	3,387	3,783	0	7,170
07/15/2025	3,744	4,268	0	8,012
07/16/2025	3,669	4,149	0	7,818
07/17/2025	3,753	4,398	1	8,152
07/18/2025	3,965	4,913	0	8,878
07/19/2025	4,105	4,607	0	8,712
07/20/2025	3,199	3,336	0	6,535
07/21/2025	3,523	4,246	0	7,769
07/22/2025	3,569	4,403	0	7,972
07/23/2025	3,615	4,351	0	7,966
07/24/2025	3,687	4,513	2	8,202
07/25/2025	4,057	4,894	0	8,951
07/26/2025	4,252	4,645	0	8,897
07/27/2025	3,202	3,249	1	6,452
07/28/2025	3,497	4,142	0	7,639
07/29/2025	3,593	4,320	0	7,913
07/30/2025	3,958	3,930	0	7,888
07/31/2025	3,726	4,474	0	8,200
Total:	114.962	130.172	5	245,139

**PERIODIC DAILY AVI TRAFFIC REPORT****Sanibel Island**

Start Date: 07/01/2025

End Date: 07/31/2025

Revenue Date	Prepaid Variable			Prepaid			AVI Exempt	Total
	AVI	AVI Red	AVI Full	AVI	AVI Red	AVI Full		
07/01/2025	0	0	0	2549	1255	1645	61	5510
07/02/2025	0	0	0	2398	1303	1587	57	5345
07/03/2025	0	0	0	2609	1262	1579	58	5508
07/04/2025	0	0	0	2314	692	956	65	4027
07/05/2025	0	0	0	2883	939	1017	32	4871
07/06/2025	0	0	0	2251	776	806	47	3880
07/07/2025	0	0	0	2457	1264	1555	48	5324
07/08/2025	0	0	0	2491	1292	1648	64	5495
07/09/2025	0	0	0	2346	1207	1624	59	5236
07/10/2025	0	0	0	2518	1283	1608	63	5472
07/11/2025	0	0	0	2731	1208	1588	51	5578
07/12/2025	0	0	0	2999	927	1067	25	5018
07/13/2025	0	0	0	2173	785	829	25	3812
07/14/2025	0	0	0	2077	1203	1435	43	4758
07/15/2025	0	0	0	2443	1235	1601	57	5336
07/16/2025	0	0	0	2328	1224	1555	68	5175
07/17/2025	0	0	0	2495	1299	1579	51	5424
07/18/2025	0	0	0	2863	1176	1554	49	5642
07/19/2025	0	0	0	3118	929	1005	29	5081
07/20/2025	0	0	0	2320	754	794	24	3892
07/21/2025	0	0	0	2333	1174	1518	51	5076
07/22/2025	0	0	0	2418	1256	1581	58	5313
07/23/2025	0	0	0	2377	1228	1593	71	5269
07/24/2025	0	0	0	2503	1231	1623	52	5409
07/25/2025	0	0	0	2954	1213	1554	51	5772
07/26/2025	0	0	0	3214	912	1067	31	5224
07/27/2025	0	0	0	2211	739	805	23	3778
07/28/2025	0	0	0	2282	1208	1506	45	5041
07/29/2025	0	0	0	2438	1193	1624	61	5316
07/30/2025	0	0	0	2403	1193	1637	67	5300
07/31/2025	0	0	0	2512	1232	1605	53	5402
Total:	0	0	0	78008	34592	43145	1539	157284