



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*Finance Department*

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

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Steve C. Chaipel, Deputy City Manager/CFO  
**Date:** July 10, 2025

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

As reported to the City by Lee County, the June 2025 Sanibel Causeway inbound vehicle counts increased by 9.93% as compared to June 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			
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			
YTD Total	3,535,223	2,795,005	2,578,607	2,784,244	1,578,280	61,081	9.93%
Total Year	3,535,223	2,795,005	2,578,607	2,784,244	1,578,280	61,081	(43.31%)

\* 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	-	
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>2,225,580</b>	

\* Table compares prior month's activity with current month's activity for current fiscal year

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<b>FYTD</b>	<b>2,306,630</b>	<b>2,642,052</b>	<b>2,766,064</b>	<b>1,439,914</b>	<b>2,162,508</b>	<b>2,225,580</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 AVI TRAFFIC REPORT****Sanibel Island**

Start Date: 06/01/2025

End Date: 06/30/2025

Revenue Date	Prepaid Variable			Prepaid			AVI Exempt	Total
	AVI	AVI Red	AVI Full	AVI	AVI Red	AVI Full		
06/01/2025	0	0	0	1608	762	831	29	3230
06/02/2025	0	0	0	1907	1230	1534	49	4720
06/03/2025	0	0	0	2103	1282	1681	63	5129
06/04/2025	0	0	0	1869	1179	1668	56	4772
06/05/2025	0	0	0	2350	1327	1676	51	5404
06/06/2025	0	0	0	2812	1292	1645	49	5798
06/07/2025	0	0	0	2995	972	1053	21	5041
06/08/2025	0	0	0	2348	830	768	30	3976
06/09/2025	0	0	0	2410	1261	1520	44	5235
06/10/2025	0	0	0	2426	1317	1649	53	5445
06/11/2025	0	0	0	2396	1285	1664	54	5399
06/12/2025	0	0	0	2480	1280	1629	57	5446
06/13/2025	0	0	0	2796	1296	1580	47	5719
06/14/2025	0	0	0	2809	984	1054	30	4877
06/15/2025	0	0	0	2320	837	765	34	3956
06/16/2025	0	0	0	2361	1228	1554	45	5188
06/17/2025	0	0	0	2430	1343	1626	61	5460
06/18/2025	0	0	0	2554	1299	1679	60	5592
06/19/2025	0	0	0	2756	1290	1574	55	5675
06/20/2025	0	0	0	2808	1275	1579	43	5705
06/21/2025	0	0	0	3017	994	1058	25	5094
06/22/2025	0	0	0	2119	796	814	30	3759
06/23/2025	0	0	0	2385	1235	1552	61	5233
06/24/2025	0	0	0	2553	1269	1658	58	5538
06/25/2025	0	0	0	2541	1272	1689	70	5572
06/26/2025	0	0	0	2641	1305	1681	70	5697
06/27/2025	0	0	0	2845	1220	1565	59	5689
06/28/2025	0	0	0	2848	952	1020	30	4850
06/29/2025	0	0	0	2172	758	796	29	3755
06/30/2025	0	0	0	2234	1189	1513	49	4985
Total:	0	0	0	73893	34559	42075	1412	151939

## PERIODIC DAILY LANE TRAFFIC REPORT

## Sanibel Island

Start Date: 06/01/2025

End Date: 06/30/2025

Date	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Total
06/01/2025	2,684	2,584	0	5,268
06/02/2025	3,216	3,820	0	7,036
06/03/2025	3,216	4,363	0	7,579
06/04/2025	3,109	3,821	0	6,930
06/05/2025	3,770	4,368	0	8,138
06/06/2025	4,056	4,832	0	8,888
06/07/2025	4,090	4,379	0	8,469
06/08/2025	3,278	3,422	0	6,700
06/09/2025	3,762	4,205	0	7,967
06/10/2025	3,722	4,420	0	8,142
06/11/2025	4,072	4,116	0	8,188
06/12/2025	3,787	4,408	0	8,195
06/13/2025	3,929	4,660	0	8,589
06/14/2025	4,021	4,171	0	8,192
06/15/2025	3,316	3,255	0	6,571
06/16/2025	3,625	4,205	0	7,830
06/17/2025	3,745	4,380	0	8,125
06/18/2025	3,878	4,572	0	8,450
06/19/2025	3,858	4,776	0	8,634
06/20/2025	4,085	4,825	0	8,910
06/21/2025	4,129	4,366	0	8,495
06/22/2025	3,219	3,059	0	6,278
06/23/2025	3,738	4,319	0	8,057
06/24/2025	2,150	6,388	0	8,538
06/25/2025	5,370	3,072	12	8,454
06/26/2025	3,943	4,658	13	8,614
06/27/2025	4,006	4,737	0	8,743
06/28/2025	3,972	4,231	0	8,203
06/29/2025	3,246	3,171	0	6,417
06/30/2025	3,620	4,070	0	7,690
Total:	110.612	125.653	25	236,290