

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Authority Members

FROM: General Manager

DATE: September 25, 2003

RE: Minutes of September 17, 2003 Operations Committee Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2003. Members present were Mr. Don Ayres, Mr. McGuire Martin, and Mr. Thom Blas. Also present were board members Mr. Bill Griffith, Mr. Jimmie Perkins, and Dr. Thomas Campanella. Mr. Ayres, chairman of the committee, called the meeting to order and presented the following item:

### Item #1 – Toll Facility Transponder Lane

Ms. Debbie Norton reported on staff's research into a "transponder only" lane at the toll facility. She advised that preliminary cost estimates were \$3,000 for signage and programming at the facility. She reported that county staff suggested that a traffic study may need to be done before they could make a recommendation to the county commission regarding the "transponder only" lane. Ms. Norton stated that staff recommended making the request to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners to have their staff perform the investigation. A discussion followed.

**Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Martin, the committee unanimously recommended that the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners be requested to investigate implementing a "transponder only" lane at the Bob Sikes Bridge toll facility. (3-0)**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

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General Manager

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