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41 cent
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Toll Hikes

FDOT wants to boost our tolls!

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Later</u>
East West	.50	\$1.25	\$3.50
Ft Desoto	.35	\$2.50	\$7.25
General Pass	\$50	\$125	\$256
Resident Pass	\$15	GONE	GONE

We paid off the Pinellas Bayway bonds years ago, but they want us to pay for **20+ more years.**

First they took our toll money for other road projects. *Now they want us to pay again to widen the bridges.*

Why Object?

- All other Pinellas bridges are free.
- Repeal of the current law will allow FDOT bureaucrats to set tolls.
- FDOT could use toll money elsewhere.
- FDOT could even sell the Bayway to a private corporation.

Help Us Fight!

Bills now in the State legislature will repeal Florida Law 85-364 that sets the toll rate on the Pinellas Bayway.

FDOT has set a hearing for March 12th in St. Pete Beach on the toll increase. They want to move fast. They hope the repeal can slip through unnoticed by voters.

Let your elected representatives know before the meeting that you do notice and that you do object.

The FDOT took \$18.8 million from the Bayway Toll account and never paid it back. They haven't even made an effort to find other ways to pay for the bridge improvements.

If we speak out now we can stop this and find a better way to build new bridges.

This is an unfair tax levied only on those of us who use the Bayway. While everyone else in town can go home, to work, to church and to school without paying a fee, many of us have no choice.

Write them: Fill in the side panel, tear or cut off, stamp and mail to a legislator listed here.

E-mail them: www.baywaytaskforce.org
Send a customized email to your legislators.

Attend and be heard
FDOT Public Hearing
6:00 PM March 12, 2008
7701 Boca Ciega Dr., St. Pete Beach

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The Citizen's Bayway Task Force is a coalition of representatives from Pinellas County community associations, educational institutions, and businesses.
www.baywaytaskforce.org

Dear Legislator:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has proposed increasing the toll at the east, west, and south ends of the Pinellas Bayway. I object to the FDOT's toll increase plan. Giving toll-setting authority to FDOT sacrifices citizen control over tolls and the use of toll revenues.

The increase would burden those who must use the Pinellas Bayway to get to our homes, schools, churches, jobs and parks. All former toll bridges in Pinellas are now toll-free, and the Pinellas Bayway should be too.

I urge you to take a position against the proposed Pinellas Bayway toll increase legislation (House Bill 287 and Senate Bill 554) and ask you to direct FDOT the find other options for funding the Pinellas Bayway bridge improvements.

Sincerely,

Address: _____