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Transportation impact fees reduced by 35 percent

Submitted by Robby Douglas on Wed, 05/12/2010 - 11:40am.

The Citrus County Commission on Tuesday voted to reduce transportation impact fees by 35 percent across the board.

The county has implemented the new fee structure, effective Thursday, that essentially amounts to a "sale", for a limited period of time.



The commission has been examining impact fees, and their relationship to economic growth. Commissioners believe the county's old impact fees have not kept pace with the "real economic world," and Commissioner Winn Webb has said that Citrus County is not competitive with surrounding counties in terms of impact fees.

County commission chairman Gary Bartell told fellow commissioners that he would support an incentive, rather than a giveaway - but he would not support a "zeroing out" of transportation impact fees altogether.

Tuesday's decision to host a sale on transportation impact fees is only a stopgap until a consultant can examine more closely the entire impact fee structure. That consultant's report is due in June or July. And Commissioner Joe Meek suggested that whatever new fee structure that grows out of the consultant's recommendations and commission's deliberations be effective on Jan. 1, 2011.

The commission will revisit impact fees on May 25 at its regularly scheduled meeting.

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- Yes. It doesn't harm them, and contact is closely monitored.
- No. It harms the animals.
- Yes. Manatee deaths happen from things other than contact with humans.
- No. Manatees have survived for centuries. Now we run over them with boats and annoy them with contact.



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