

When do the bonds on the Hammock Dunes Bridge get paid off and will the tolls stop?

The first part of the question is easy. On October 1, 2007 the final payment is made on the debt service for the Hammock Dunes Bridge.

The second part of the question is more complex. The Dunes Community Development District (Dunes CDD) is obligated to continue collecting tolls and to place any and all revenues in excess of operation and maintenance costs in an escrow account for future expansion of the bridge. This obligation results from the Development Order (DO) for the Hammock Dunes Development of Regional Impact executed by ITT Corporation and Flagler County in 1984. All obligations under the DO for the bridge (debt service, operation & maintenance and expansion) were transferred to the Dunes CDD in 1987 by ITT who controlled the Dunes CDD at the time. The requirement to expand the bridge (add a new two lane span) is dictated by traffic flow. If traffic reaches these predetermined levels prior to the expiration of the DO, the bridge will have to be expanded. The DO was supposed expire in 2009, but recent legislation (HB 1375) allows DOs across the State of Florida to be extended by three years. This change in the law leaves the Dunes CDD in the position of being unable to determine if and when the bridge will be expanded.

The net result is the Dunes CDD will continue to collect tolls and operate the Hammock Dunes Bridge as it has in the past until the issue of expansion is settled.