

# Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands

## Public Workshop #3 (April 16, 2009)



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WORKSHOP FORMAT  
MODIFIED

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At Workshop #2, several participants indicated that the team **had not clearly stated the primary purpose and challenges of the project.**

As a result the **format of workshop #3 has been modified to provide additional opportunities** for the discussion of challenges posed by 4 options that form the basis of the alternatives that will be developed.

## Project Purpose and Need for the Refuge

- Reduce levels of peak season congestion and Pollution:
  - On Wildlife Drive
  - In Parking Areas
  - At Education Center
  - At Tarpon Bay
  - At Bailey Tract
  - At Shell Mound Trail



Refuge management needs **analyses of options** that **improve long-term transportation conditions** to serve high-quality visitation at sustainable levels while also improving the ecological integrity of the Refuge.

## Project Purpose and Need for the City



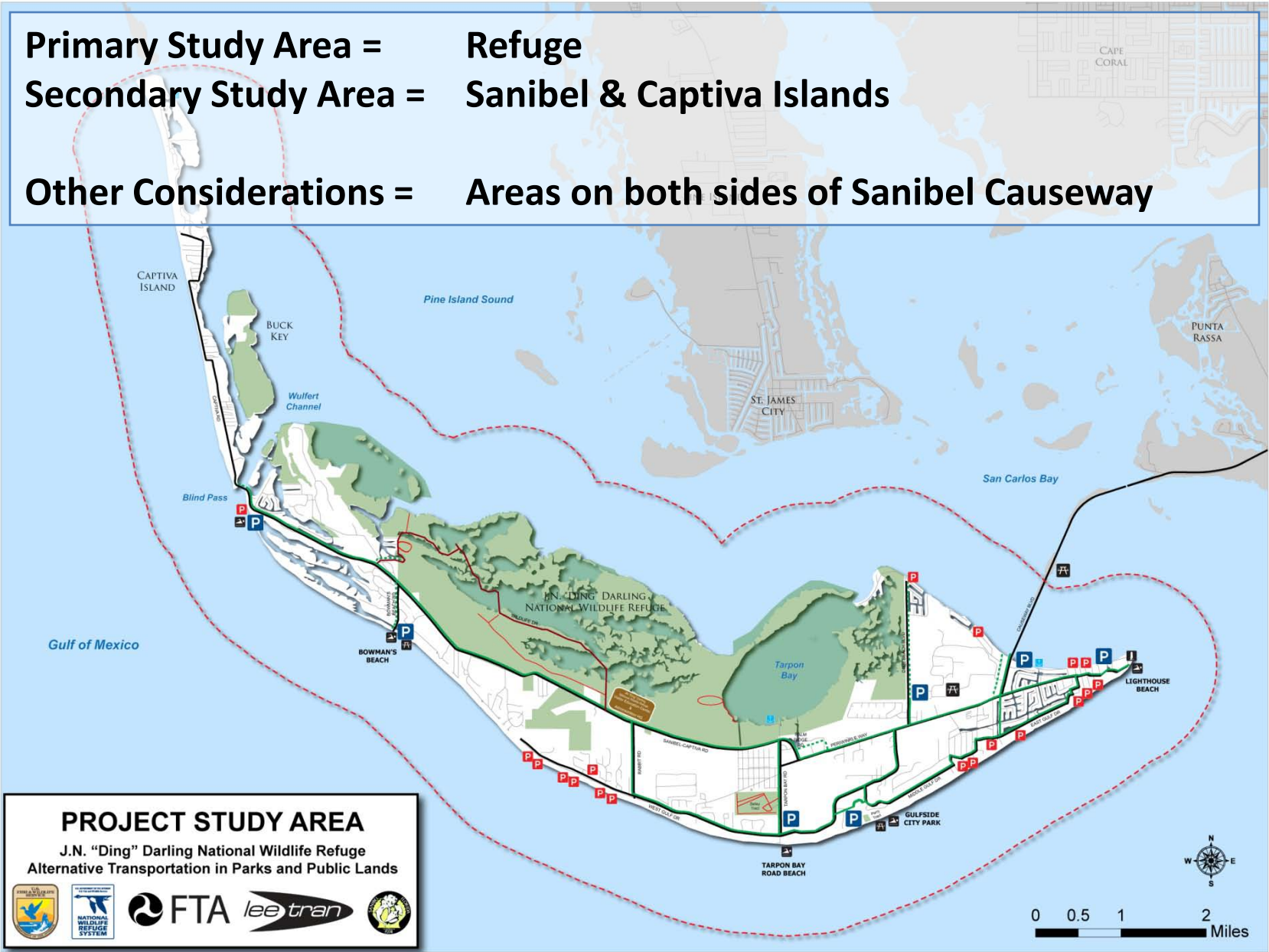
- Reduce levels of peak season congestion and pollution
- Reduce dependency on automobile
- Protect the environmental carrying capacity for Sanibel's beaches
- Protect and remain a barrier sanctuary island
- Resist pressures to accommodate increased development and redevelopment
- Retain its small town community environment, through diversity, beauty, uniqueness, character and stewardship

## Project Purpose and Need for the LeeTran

- Assisting project partners
- Receive awarded ATPPL funds for the Refuge and the City
- Submitting Federal grant applications.
- Receiving awarded ATPPL funds for the Refuge and the City.
- Serving as the local project partner and acting as the local representative on behalf of the Federal ATPPL project.

LeeTran's role in the project is as facilitator and is not looking to forcefully recommend buses within the City or Refuge.

**Primary Study Area = Refuge**  
**Secondary Study Area = Sanibel & Captiva Islands**  
**Other Considerations = Areas on both sides of Sanibel Causeway**



- How to implement the Shared Use Master Plan?
- Are there any transportation alternatives consistent with the Sanibel Plan that could transport visitors to and from resort accommodations and the Refuge while reducing peak season congestion and minimize pollution?
- Are there any transportation alternatives consistent with the Sanibel Plan that could transport citizens to key destinations e.g. the Senior Center, the Library, BIG Arts, churches, and synagogue, that reduce congestion and minimize pollution?

- Are there any transportation alternatives consistent with the Sanibel Plan that could provide transportation options for residents who have special needs and require access to basic services such as medical appointments, pharmacies, groceries, and banks?
- The City has been consistently clear in the priority that no alternative transportation system is acceptable that harms our On-Island business community.
- Any proposed transportation alternative would be required to not only be consistent with the Sanibel Plan but also embrace the Sanibel Vision statement.

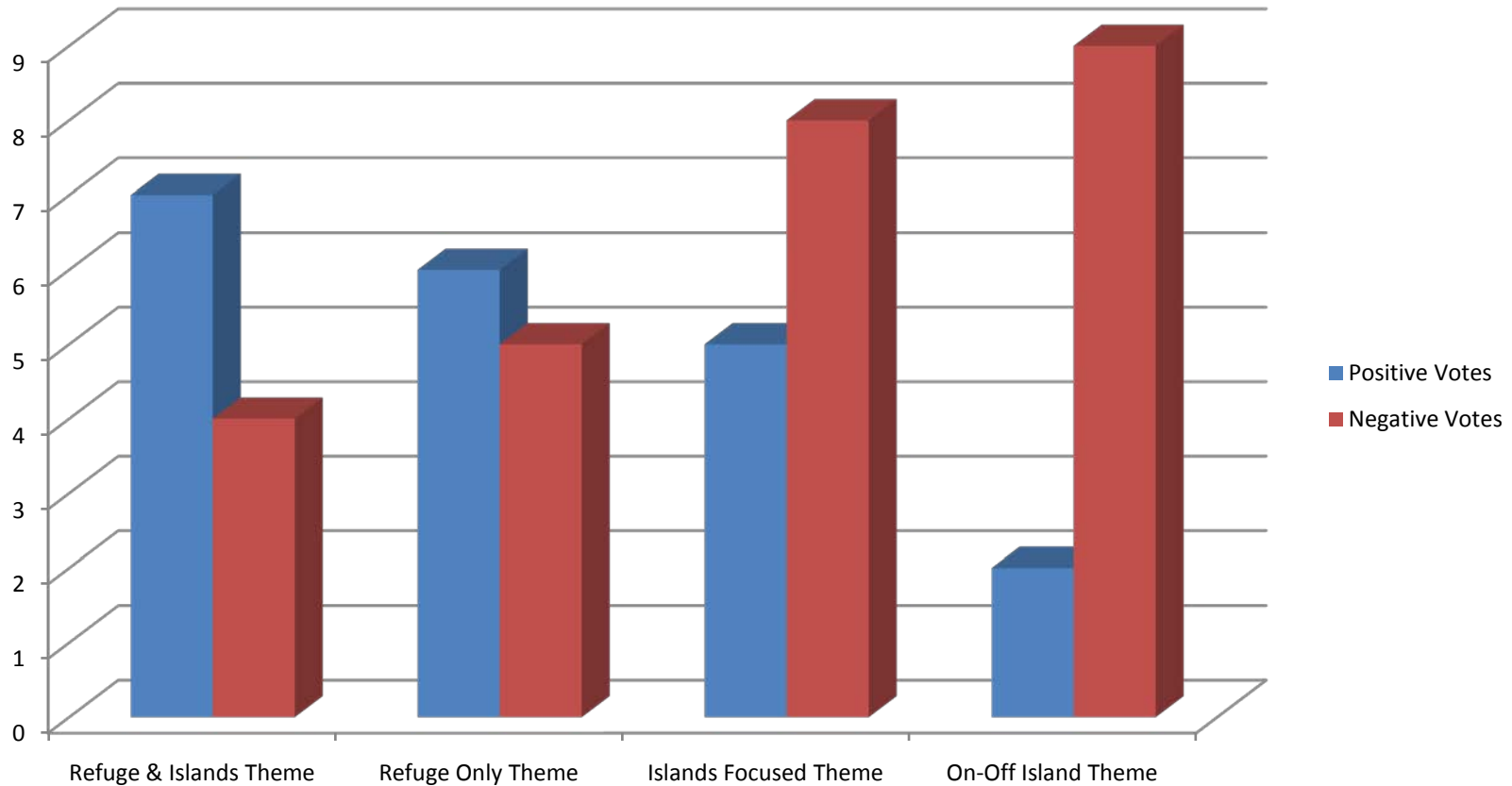
The following challenges should also be considered:

- Conserve natural, historical, and cultural resources
- Reduce congestion and pollution impacts on Island wildlife
- Enhance the visitor experience through improved mobility and accessibility
- Proximity of natural resources and wildlife habitats
- Reducing the use of motor vehicles on the island
- Reducing air and noise pollution
- Protecting and preserving Sanibel's unique community character

- Separation of bicycle paths from vehicular traffic
- Enhanced public safety and educational programs
- Poor condition of transportation surfaces (such as Wildlife Drive)
- Maintaining a scenic system
- Ensuring that the shared use path system evolves with the changing needs of the community and are connected to recreation areas
- Lack of uniformity in way finding signage
- Emergency and evacuation needs

# WHAT HAVE WE HEARD AT WORKSHOP #2

The 29 participants that completed the workshop survey ranked each theme as follows:



# NEXT STEPS

