



GELC Meeting Supplemental Information

May 26, 2026



Item 3: Updated Gulf Island Ferry Ridership Numbers

PASSENGER COUNT FOR 2024:

26,899 passengers

DAYS IN SERVICE FOR 2024:

146 Days

DAYS SUSPENDED DUE TO ROUGH WATERS FOR 2024:

63 Days*

* August 3-11, 2024 closed due to Tropical Storm/Hurricane Debby

* September 25-29, 2024 closed due to Hurricane Helene

* October 1-31 closed due to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton

PASSENGER COUNT FOR 2025:

50,117 passengers (exceeding 2024 by 86.3%)

DAYS IN SERVICE:

230 Days

DAYS SUSPENDED DUE TO ROUGH WATERS:

41 Days

Based on 2025 ridership of 50,117 passengers, the Gulf Islands Ferry **removed approximately 23,000 vehicle trips** from local roadways.



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Gulf Island Ferry Ridership Data		
January 2025 through March 2026		
Manatee County	39,779	58.82%
Rest of Florida	10,486	15.51%
Out of State	17,363	25.67%
Total Riders	67,628	



Item 4: Departments Moving to 9000 Town Center Parkway

First Floor

- Public Works
- Property Management
- Development Services

Second Floor

- Government Relations
- Human Resources
- Financial Management
- Commissioner Offices
- County Administration

It is possible that Natural Resources and/or Community and Veterans Services may move as well, but no final decision has been made as of this time.

