



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mrs. Rachel Frank

DATE: 4/18/2024

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Traffic Issues for Toscana Isles Residents

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: I am requesting the Venice City Council direct staff to further research and compile information & recommendations regarding the safety of the main entrance/exit to Toscana Isles which is the home to over 2,000 residents. After the information has been compiled, I would like the Council to review it and consider writing a letter to Sarasota County to ask for their assistance. I had the pleasure of meeting with concerned residents in the Toscana Isles community in North Venice. I also received a driving tour to more fully understand their concerns. Toscana Isles is a very large community that is reporting significant issues being able to safely enter and exit their community. Knights Trail Road (a county road) has plans for expansion in the future, but a current issue exists allowing residents to safely access their community. As significant future residential is planned off of Knights Trail Road, this problem will only be exacerbated until the residents have a way to safely access their subdivision. The issue is further complicated by the number of trucks frequenting this roadway to access the industrial complexes, and dump further up the road.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Four: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Subject Matter: Staff Directive Requested