



**City of Venice
Interoffice Memorandum**

DATE: December 27, 2013

TO: Edward Lavalley, City Manager *EL*

FROM: Christopher A. Rozansky, C.M., Airport Administrator *CR*

SUBJECT: Proposed Special Events Area Traffic Circulation Improvements

Below is a summary of the proposed Special Events Area Traffic Circulation Improvements project:

- ➔ The BBQ Bash recently presented an idea to City staff for a circulation road (See the attached sketch) on Airport property at the Special Events Area to reduce delays on Airport Ave and improve emergency responder access during events;
- ➔ The Airport developed a cost estimate of \$396,000 to design, permit and construct the roughly 1.1 mile road. City staff indicated that the road must support Fire Dept. apparatus, should be 24-feet wide for 2-way traffic and that a site preparation permit would be required with drainage calculations;
- ➔ The Airport has communicated that any improvements are temporary and subject to future aeronautical demand for use of the land as identified in the Airport Layout Plan;
- ➔ The BBQ Bash clarified that they are primarily interested in developing the ditch crossings, but later indicated they would also like to compact the ground along the circulation route instead of constructing a road. The proposed improvements are subject to SWFWMD regulations;
- ➔ The BBQ Bash inquired whether 36" pipes owned by the City that were systematically removed from a beach re-nourishment project were suitable to use in the ditch crossings. Upon evaluation, City staff agreed that the pipes were not suitable for use in a structural capacity due to age, sun exposure, signs of deterioration, uncertainty whether the pipes could handle vehicle loads and liability;
- ➔ The BBQ Bash secured the services of Peter Van Buskirk, a drainage engineer with Kimley Horn, who has volunteered to provide the BBQ Bash with assistance on this project;
- ➔ The BBQ Bash, Peter Van Buskirk, Airport Administrator Chris Rozansky and Stormwater Engineer James Clinch attended a pre-application meeting with SWFWMD to discuss the ditch crossings. SWFWMD confirmed that the ditch crossings would not impact a wetland and identified that the project would qualify for a permit exemption, requiring only a letter from the City with a \$100 fee;
- ➔ In a meeting with other event holders the Sharks Tooth Festival indicated it would be of greater benefit to improve the road on the western half of the site instead of the eastern portion requiring ditch crossings. The Italian Feast noted that the improvements would not impact their event;
- ➔ No funds are budgeted or have been identified for this project at this time.

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Special Events Area Traffic Circulation Improvements Proposed by the BBQ Bash

