



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Public Works Department

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

FROM: James R. Clinch PE, Director of Public Works and Asset Management

DATE: January 6, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: January 26th, 2021

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly

SUBJECT: Joint Project Agreement – Venice Avenue Bascule Bridge

Background: The Venice Avenue bascule drawbridge which crosses over the Intracoastal waterway is owned and maintained by Sarasota County. In 2006, the City of Venice made a request to the County to have this bridge coated with a cement-textured finish for aesthetic reasons, so that all three drawbridges onto the island of Venice would match in appearance. On August 28, 2006, the City and County entered into Joint Participation Agreement 2006-411, which specifies both the City and County would contribute one-half of the initial application and all reapplications of the cement-textured finish.

The cement-textured finish has now deteriorated. The bridge has heavy staining and is ready to have the cement-textured finish reapplied to the entire structure. The County has obtained quotes for this work and has performed the preliminary task of bat exclusion so that the bridge may be re-coated.

On May 5, 2020, the Sarasota County Commission executed the Joint Project Agreement 2020-367 for this project. The City had budgeted for this work in FY20, however City staff recommended postponing the project until FY21 as part of the COVID related budget conservation measures. The Finance Department supports proceeding with this work now and the County is ready to begin. The City contribution for the project is estimated to be \$98,995.93.

Requested Action: Execution of Joint Project Agreement 2020-367 for the Venice Avenue Bascule Bridge Maintenance project

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: Yes

Finance Department Review/Approved: Yes

Funds Availability (account number): 110-0921-519.63-00

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: JPA 2020-367, JPA 2006-411 and existing bridge photos

VENICE AVENUE DRAWBRIDGE – EXISTING CONDITION



