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## City of Venice

### Engineering Department

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To: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

From: Kathleen Weeden, PE, City Engineer

Date: 05/06/2014

Subject: Interlocal Agreement between City of Venice and Sarasota County  
Transfer of Certain City and County Maintained Roads

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At the Sarasota County Board of County Commission (BOCC) meeting today, the Road Transfer Agreement was not approved. The BOCC had concerns regarding two sections of the agreement:

1. Language from Interlocal Agreement: "The City agrees that available road impact fees, above what is required to complete the design, permitting, right-of-way and easement purchase, and construction of the City's planned Airport Access Road project, which also may include upgrades to Ringling Drive, will remain available to the County for funding future improvements to sections of Pinebrook Road as described in Exhibit 4, and the intersections of Pinebrook Road at East Venice Avenue and Pinebrook Road at Edmondson Road, through fiscal year 2016-17."

BOCC stated that they would expect the City to commit to the original \$1,800,000 in Road Impact Fees and that they were concerned that the language was unclear and may cause funds not spent in FY16/17 to revert. BOCC also stated that the commitment should apply to both Road Impact Fee and future Mobility Fees if adopted.

The City Council approved Interlocal Agreement states that available Road Impact Fees once the Airport Access Road was completed would be contributed and provided an end date of the funding obligation of fiscal year 2016-17. The anticipated available Road Impact Fees based on Sarasota County revenue projects were reduced from the original \$1,800,000 to \$900,000 to account for the extension by the BOCC of the reduced impact fees lowering the projected revenue and funding required to complete the Airport Access Road. The additional funding need for the Airport Access Road has been partially offset by the North-South Connector Project coming in under budget. The Airport Access Road has always been scheduled to be completed prior to the intersection improvements at Pinebrook/Ridgewood and E. Venice Avenue. A copy of the revenue projection spreadsheet is attached.

2. Language from Interlocal Agreement: "The City agrees to convey, by Deed, the portion of Laurel Road as shown on Exhibit 4, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, including the portion containing Parcel 113 Section 25 and 26, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida, except for a portion of Parcel 113 that presently contains landscaping that differs greatly from the County's standard landscaping practices. This specific area conveyed and the area excepted is to be defined in a sketch and legal description before transfer and the excepted area shall remain City property."

The BOCC felt that the language stating that the City would retain ownership of the landscape buffer adjacent to Laurel Road did not clearly state that the City would maintain that buffer.

The BOCC passed a motion directing the County Attorney, County Administrator and County Engineer to meet with the City Attorney, City Manager and City Engineer to modify the Interlocal agreement to address their concerns.