

October 24, 2016

Mr. John Holic, Mayor
City of Venice
401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, Florida 34285

Dear Mayor Holic,

A recent article in the *Gondolier Sun* spoke to the proposed rework of the intersection at Pinebrook Road and Edmondson Road, adding a right turn lane for vehicles traveling west on Edmondson. I believe the proposed cost is \$550,000.

The article attributed the desire for this change to a Waterford request. In a search of our files we found that the minutes of our January, 2005 board meeting show approval of a motion authorizing then-president Dick Huijbregtse to write a letter to Council asking the city “to investigate the possible need for right turn lane at Edmondson and Pinebrook.”

We reviewed the concept of a right turn lane as described, and believe it is not a high priority today, for the following reasons:

- We have not received complaints from our members (640 homes) about the intersection
- The issue has not come up at a board or committee meeting, or via email or letter
- The intersection in question does not present a major obstacle to traffic going in any direction
- The existing signal light is not abnormally long
- While the proposed changes would certainly facilitate making a right turn, there is no evidence of significant backup of traffic waiting to do so.

It may be that this modification will be necessary down the road, given the housing growth in our immediate area and the increase in traffic due to the Honore Avenue connection to Pinebrook Road. While we would welcome the convenience of the proposed road modifications, in all honesty we believe the funds for this project may be better spent elsewhere in the city.

Best regards,



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