



MEMO

City of Venice

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Engineering Department

To: Edward Lavallee, City Manager

From: Kathleen J. Weeden, PE, City Engineer

Date: June 27, 2013

Subject: US 41 By-Pass – Ruscelletto Park Land Donation

Background: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is currently completing right-of-way (ROW) acquisition for the segment of US 41 By-Pass from Gulf Coast Blvd. to Bird Bay Drive. In order to complete the intersection improvements at E. Venice Avenue, FDOT requires additional property currently owned by the City of Venice at Ruscelletto Park. Transfer of title is requested for Parcel 115.1 and a Perpetual Easement is requested for Parcel 801.1 as illustrated in the attached documents.

Ruscelletto Park was purchased with Community Redevelopment Grant funds from Sarasota County with to convert an abandoned commercial property for use as a park and stormwater water quality improvement facility. The grant application, park design and construction were completed reserving the property needed for the future widening of US 41 By-Pass. Language has been included in the agreement requiring FDOT to incur all costs associated with relocating the City owned utility infrastructure currently existing within the land to be donated that require relocation due to construction activities. No park improvements will be impacted and a connection from the multi-use trail at Ruscelletto Park will be constructed by the City to connect to the US 41 By-Pass sidewalk when construction is complete. Since this property was funded by the granting agency with the intent to provide the portion of the property to FDOT for construction of US 41 By-Pass, donation of the Parcel 115.1 and Parcel 801.1 Perpetual Easement is appropriate. Staff recommends approval.

**Requested
Action:**

1. Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Donation of Property to the Florida Department of Transportation for Parcel 115.1 property transfer and execute the City Deed.
2. Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Donation of Property to the Florida Department of Transportation for Parcel 801.1 Permanent Easement and execute the easement document.
3. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-14 and 2013-15 related to the property donation of Parcel 115.1 and permanent easement for Parcel 801.1.

Cc: Dave Persson, City Attorney
Alan Bullock, Director of Administrative Services
Tim Hochuli, Asst. Utility Director