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Project/File: Milano PUD Traffic- 215811383

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Dear Pat,

Reference: Milano Response to Gary Scott's Statement (22-40SP)

We have evaluated the April 4, 2025, Appellant Gary Scott's Statement to the City Council in the Matter of 22-40SP and offer the following responses:

- 1. Under LDR 86-23(m)(3) the city council should consider, "Ingress and egress to the development and proposed structures thereon, with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety....:**

The proposed ingress and egress at each proposed driveway were submitted to Sarasota County, who is the operating and maintaining agency for Laurel Road, in the form of administrative variances for full median openings on Laurel Road and on Jacaranda Boulevard (October 8, 2021) and for a traffic signal at the Laurel/Veneto intersection (October 4, 2022). The full median openings were approved February 11, 2022. While I issued my opinion in the Traffic Signal Administrative Variance, that the Laurel/Veneto intersection would be safer with a traffic signal, the Traffic Signal Administrative Variance was denied by Sarasota County on January 10, 2023.

It should be noted that Sarasota County has been reviewing the Laurel/Veneto intersection consistently from 2022 through present as part of the four-lane widening of Laurel Road between Knight's Trail Road and Jacaranda Boulevard. The design is being prepared by Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Sarasota County has consistently determined that the Laurel/Veneto intersection remain as a two-way stop control intersection treatment. As the maintaining/operating agency, they consider the intersection treatment appropriate and safe.

Stantec and Sarasota County received the Traffic Impact Study (TIS) and Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Analysis, August 2023, prepared by Michael Fury, PGA. Our review of the TIS & ICE has the following comments:

While the Design Year intersection analysis of the Laurel/Veneto intersection was summarized showing the northbound and southbound at Level of Service (LOS) F and LOS E respectively, this summarization is not the only measure of intersection performance. The TIS & ICE failed to note that the Volume/Capacity Ratio (V/C) for the northbound through-left movement remained under 1.0 at 0.852 (highlighted below) which is an additional test for demonstrating that the movements still have sufficient capacity. The report also failed to indicate that the 95th percentile northbound through-left movement queue length is 6 vehicles with an average delay per vehicle during the peak 15 minutes of the pm peak hour of 88.5 seconds per vehicle. The southbound through-left movement is projected to have a V/C Ratio of 0.347 demonstrating sufficient capacity. The 95th percentile queue length for

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A review of the ICE portion of the study, finds that the analysis is incomplete and does not follow Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) procedures and consider a roundabout for intersection control. Because PGA was under contract with the Venetian Golf and River Club, who controls the right-of-way on the north side, a roundabout should have been considered. Under standard FDOT procedures, the roundabout would likely have demonstrated a superior cost/benefit ratio and higher safety performance than a traffic signal.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: ARC Letter