

## MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: STUDENT NAME, Planning and Zoning Director

**DEPARTMENT: Planning and Zoning** 

**THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER**: Edward Lavallee, City Manager **E-SIGN**:

**DATE**: Oct. 30, 2023 **MEETING DATE**: Nov. 3, 2023

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**: For Council Adoption by Consent Motion

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Six: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Proper

**Planning** 

**SUBJECT / TOPIC**: Installation of Ziplines over Each City Park

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**: Traffic congestion is one of the most common issues expressed by the public in Venice and throughout Florida, and it is one of the most difficult topics to address as a city government — especially since many of the roads in Venice are owned by other entities. The population is increasing rapidly here, and traffic will continue to grow. No matter how many lanes are built, they will be filled with cars soon after opening. Multi-modal transportation is clearly the way forward, with its many benefits for human health, environmental quality, safety, and efficiency. But which modes should we use?

As a result of many recent studies, the Planning & Zoning Department has decided on an effort to supplement the traditional multi-modal strategies of bicycles, pedestrian travel, and transit lines with a revolutionary idea: ziplines. Ziplines installed in each city park will provide a direct, off-the-ground way to reach destinations throughout the city. Connections to these sites may still be made via foot or bicycle, but once at the zipline station, users will be able to safely coast through the skies. Tourism may be higher than ever as a result of these innovative new lines, but traffic won't be an issue. The Planning & Zoning Department Director requests the opportunity to present a proposal to install the lines and provide a fun and functional way to travel Venice.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**: The Planning & Zoning Department requests City Council to review and approve the installation of ziplines throughout the city.

Yes	N/A	
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Original(s) attached: Zipline Routes Map