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June 25, 2013

The Honorable John W. Holic
Mayor
City of Venice
401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285

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Dear Mayor Holic:

Sarasota County appreciates your continued consideration of the transfer of roadways from the county to the City of Venice. The issue has a long and detailed history. We hope that in the discussion of this exchange, the city carefully considers that these roadways on the island in the City of Venice serve city residents. They are constructed to the same standards as nearby or adjacent roadways, and possess the same infrastructure features and deficiencies.

It is also the county's understanding that the city has requested that the county take over maintenance and future responsibilities associated with all of Pinebrook Road and Laurel Road east of Citadella Drive to the Venice Myakka River Park.

At the June 10, 2013 meeting, the County Commission approved a proposal to exchange the section of Pinebrook Road from Waters Street to Venice Avenue for the local roadways currently maintained by the county within the City of Venice. This section of Pinebrook is currently maintained by the city. As part of that proposal, the roadways transfer to the City of Venice would be done "as is."

County staff has also reviewed the background and history of Pinebrook between Waters Street and Edmondson Road. Although clear documentation does not exist showing that roadway turned over to the county for maintenance, review of the available information seems to indicate that the county maintenance responsibilities were ultimately the intent. In a demonstration of good faith, the county agreed that maintenance responsibilities should lie with the county.

It is understood that our two staffs will work together to advance this discussion.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN J. MASON
Chair

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