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County Administrator Thomas Harmer
1660 Ringling Blvd
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VIA U.S. MAIL

Re: Proposed construction project; intersection of Pinebrook Road and Edmundson Road

Dear Mr. Harmer

This correspondence updates issues related to the proposed construction project at the intersection of Pinebrook Road and Edmundson Road in Venice.

The Design, Permitting and Construction of the Pinebrook/Edmundson Intersection Project funded by Road Impact Fees was included in the City of Venice and Sarasota County FY2016 Adopted Budgets. On April 26, 2016, City Council made a motion to cancel the project until such time as the impact of the recently opened Honore Extension and proposed future development could be evaluated for the entire Pinebrook corridor. Following that decision, a request was received from Sarasota County to reconsider construction of the intersection project. Following that request, additional traffic counts and technical evaluation of the intersection needs was conducted by Sarasota County.

The County concluded that traffic survey results support expansion of the intersection. The proposed project specifically includes the addition of right-turn lanes.

The County has also requested an extension of the project completion date to the end of FY19.

At the September 13, 2016, meeting the Venice City Council expressed the following concerns about the proposed project in response to the County staff request:

- The intersection is not considered one of the most congested in the area. Accordingly, they would like more comprehensive data on wait times at the intersection, accident and related safety statistics at that location.
- There is concern over the prospect of having to spend additional local funds beyond the projected \$500,000 in impact fees to complete the project.

Attached for your reference is documentation of related dialogue among City and County staff on this project. As indicated, the City Council and a local neighborhood group believe that Impact Fee funds could be better spent on other local projects at this time. At your convenience, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the prospects of establishing a more complete data base of activity at the Edmundson/Pinebrook intersection, and discuss consideration for directing the project funding to another local project site.

Thank you,

Edward F. Lavallee
City Manager