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January 21, 2020

Mr. Jonathan R. Lewis, County Administrator
Sarasota County
1660 Ringling Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Sarasota, FL 34236

Dear Mr. Lewis:

At the January 14, 2020 meeting of the Venice City Council, Mr. Pat Neal of Neal Communities proposed to form a partnership with the City to explore the possibility of expanding a segment of Laurel Road East. Mr. Neal indicated he has met with County staff on this subject and has received favorable reviews on the potential use of Venice road impact fees to support a contract for a conceptual design. City staff have also met with County staff to discuss prospects of initiating this project.

As you know, the City and County have identified the Pinebrook corridor, including the Pinebrook Road x East Venice Avenue intersection, as priority road improvement projects and have committed road impact fees to support these projects. Considering the road impact fees collected and currently held in reserve, based on preliminary cost projections for the Pinebrook Road x East Venice Avenue intersection project it is estimated that approximately \$400,000 of road impact fees will be unobligated at the completion of that project. Accordingly, \$400,000 is potentially available to fund a conceptual design for expansion of Laurel Road.

Following Mr. Neal's presentation on January 14, 2020, the Venice City Council directed that I contact you and request the County's approval to commit up to \$400,000 to conduct a public procurement process to obtain a conceptual design for the expansion of Laurel Road East. Presumably, completion of a conceptual design will provide adequate detail to guide a decision concerning the potential expansion of Laurel Road. If you have any questions about this request, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

As ever, thank you for the collaborative support of your staff.

Best regards,

Edward Lavallee, City Manager

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March 2, 2020

Mr. Edward Lavallee, City Manager
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Subject: ***Request to utilize Road Impact Fees for Laurel Road East***

Dear Mr. Lavallee:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 21, 2020 regarding the City of Venice's request to utilize \$400,000 of unobligated Sarasota County (County) Road Impact Fees, collected in the City of Venice (City), to fund a conceptual design for the expansion of Laurel Road East between Knights Trail Road and Jacaranda Blvd.

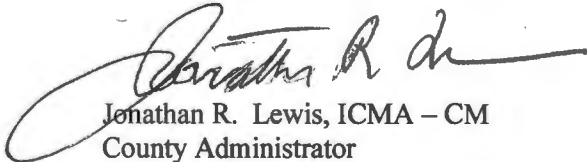
Based on an engineering analysis conducted by the County, the level of service for Laurel Road East is not anticipated to require widening until the year 2036. However, the County is agreeable to the City's request contingent on the City entering into a Local Funding Agreement with the County to receive the funds, and the City administers the conceptual design process in coordination with the County.

Use of Impact Fees requires construction of transportation capacity adding improvements to be made within a time period of approximately 10 years. If capacity adding improvements are not made within the required timeframe, the City would be responsible for repayment of the amounts expended. These details would be made clear in any forthcoming Local Funding Agreement.

Please let me know if the City wishes to proceed with the Local Funding Agreement for the City's desired project and I will direct appropriate County staff to develop a draft document for the City's consideration.

We look forward to a potential partnership with the City on this effort.

Best regards,


Jonathan R. Lewis, ICMA – CM
County Administrator

Encl: Letter - Laurel Request from COV dated January 21, 2020

c: Mark Cunningham, Assistant County Administrator
Spencer Anderson, Public Works Director
Matt Osterhoudt, Planning and Development Services Director

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