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March 2, 2020

Mr. Edward Lavallee, City Manager
City of Venice
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285

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.

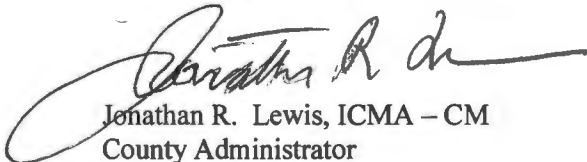
Based on an engineering analysis conducted by the County, the level of service for Laurel Road East is not anticipated to require widening until the year 2036. However, the County is agreeable to the City's request contingent on the City entering into a Local Funding Agreement with the County to receive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