

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA,

(THE CITY WILL NEED TO PREPARE THE TITLE)

**WHEREAS**, the City of Venice (the “City”) recognizes the immediate need to improve Laurel Road, a major artery of the City’s transportation system, in order to accommodate current and future growth in the area; and,

**WHEREAS**, Laurel Road is owned and maintained by Sarasota County (the “County”); and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Interlocal Agreement \_\_\_\_\_ with Sarasota County, the City collects mobility fees from all new development and transfers such funds to the County to hold until the time the City requests a specific amount of same to be released for its application to qualifying projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to commit mobility fees currently available, as well as future mobility fees to be received from development projects currently approved and under construction, to improving a certain segment of Laurel Road as specified herein (the “Laurel Road Project”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the City further desires to authorize, partner with, or employ certain agents in its planning, preparation, and completion of the Laurel Road Project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA**, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The above Whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** The segment of Laurel Road subject to this Resolution is that segment beginning at its intersection with Knight’s Trail running eastward and ending at its intersection with Jacaranda Boulevard, as more particularly described and depicted in Exhibit “A” attached hereto. This Resolution concerns all improvements to Laurel Road necessary for expansion of the roadway and the creation of a linear park with multimodal recreational features (the “Laurel Road Project”), as generally and preliminarily depicted in Exhibit “B” attached hereto. The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize and commit funding for the initial phase of work for the Laurel Road Project, including but not limited to, design, engineering and permitting, rights of way acquisition, partnership with public interest groups, application for available grants, and coordination with Sarasota County.

**SECTION 3.** The Venice City Council agrees to authorize, partner with, or employ the following agents under the terms herein described for its completion of the Laurel Road Project and further agrees to pay for such work through its application of current and future mobility fees and grants or other funding:

- A. The Venice City Council authorizes Stantec Engineering, of Sarasota, Florida, to complete the required 100% plans for of the Laurel Road Project and agrees to pay Stantec an amount not to exceed \$894,000 for its design and engineering services.
- B. The Venice City Council requests the County to invoke its power of eminent domain for purposes of acquiring the right-of-way necessary for completion of the Laurel Road Project and further requests that the County retain Attorney Morgan Bentley to represent it in same, in order to expedite the eminent domain process.
- C. The Venice City Council shall retain and authorize Capital City Consulting, Tallahassee, Florida, to obtain approval of a 50-50 grant from the Florida Legislature, and commits to coordinate with the County on same.
- D. The Venice City Council hereby directs its Finance Department to work with the Economic Stimulus Working Group and Lucy Gallo of DPFG (Development, Planning & Financial Group) to develop a fiscal plan to expend approximately \$11,003,000.00 for the Laurel Road Project, and to report back to the City Council with such plan no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

(Signature page to follow)

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA THIS  
14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.**

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Ron Feinsod, Mayor, City of Venice

ATTEST:

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2021, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said City this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2021.

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

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Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney