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Subject: RE: Request from the Venetian Islands residents

Good morning **Melissa**,

Hope you are doing well. Thank you again for your commitment to this project. While the City completely understands the frustration, please rest assured that we are doing everything we can to get the project back on track and finally completed. In fact, many of the solutions you propose below have already been considered. The problem with some of the solutions proposed is that the asphalt will potentially end up cooling before it can be laid/applied. This is the case if we take smaller loads of asphalt across the bridges. While we can certainly reduce the loads or weight of other materials we need to transport, we need to be able to transport enough asphalt so that it does not cool during the process of unloading the minimum required quantity into the paving machine. This will require several truck loads instead on one truck, before finally laying it into place.

Your second suggestion of closing the bridges to other traffic has also been considered and discussed with the County. For perspective, the original (already reduced load) permit issued by the County was for a 2/3 reduction of a regular dump truck load, meaning the contractor can only use 1/3 of the truck's capacity. This amount was further reduced by half with the latest permits issued. By closing to traffic and driving between both lanes, the contractor will be able to increase the weight limit a very minimal amount, which is still not enough to accomplish the proper, finished product.

Last, Lanzo has also looked into bringing equipment in barges, not through the easements, as there is no room due to the above ground components of the pump stations, but perhaps renting a vacant lot on the islands. However the issue of bringing the asphalt remains.

Regarding the timeline for the project, we agree that it has gone on far too long for all the reasons you have listed. However, as you correctly note below, once staff was provided direction in October 2020 to move forward with Option 2, they've been working diligently to commence the re-pavement of the islands. In November of 2020, the County granted our contractor the *Special Overweight Vehicle Permits*, which was later revoked in March 2021. Since then, the City and contractor have been actively working with the County to come up with a workaround such as those you've proposed. We still have yet to find a feasible solution, but will continue to put our heads together to get this project back on track as soon as possible.

We appreciate your ongoing patience and are available to answer any additional questions you may have.

Regards.

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