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Workshop Item 13b Coconut Rd Intersection Improvements

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To: The Honorable Mayor and Council Members of the Village of Estero

I write in anticipation of the Village Council November 3rd meeting, specifically regarding the Workshop Item of the Coconut Road Intersection Improvements Project Update. My family and I are year-round Estero residents on Merano Court in The Colony at Pelican Landing. Our condo and 27 of my neighbors' homes run directly parallel to and rely for access on Coconut Road that will be at this time sole access for the London Bay and Raptor Bay developments and their planned marina/boat launch that the council is no doubt aware from Bonita Springs' Council reviews and hearings.

As has been identified by several of my impacted neighbors, the increased traffic from the above and other developments served by Coconut Road beyond its capacity will cause not only inconvenience but dangerous traffic conditions on our access and evacuation route and the school bus service with stops on Coconut Road west of Spring Creek Road.

I note in your Workshop review that Council members will review the potential for up to 3 roundabout additions on Coconut Road and a widening of the current sidewalk.

I respectfully request the Village Council and your staff for your support of impacted residents in your review of the above, keeping in mind the significant traffic demands on Coconut Road:

1. Please ask your staff to coordinate with Bonita Springs and Lee County oversight of this shared road to enact Coconut Road improvements and improve the (currently inadequate) London Bay developer designs to accommodate the significant traffic increase with substantially greater boat ramp, turn-around and parking space towards the western end of Coconut Road.

2. Utilize a modest portion of the impact fees paid by the developers with Bonita Springs to address noise pollution impacting Estero residents caused by the increased construction and long-term traffic on Coconut Road. If the Village of Estero proceeds to add a roundabout at the El Dorado intersection of Coconut Road traffic noise will increase on Merano Court residents as the WJ Johnson study recommends a further easement into our area to accommodate the roundabout. There is an existing chain link fence behind foliage separating The Colony at Pelican Landing from Coconut Road. This fence can have noise reduction fabric attached from the newly added Coconut Landing Blvd intersection west that would be invisible from the Colony and from Coconut Road to cost effectively mitigate noise pollution. If helpful to visualize, here are website examples of this material:

• https://www.fencefabricsonline.com/noise-reducing-fence-cover

· https://www.acoustiblok.com/2018/05/01/chain-link-fence-sound-barrier/

3. Reduce the speed limit on Coconut Road from Spring Creek Road west from 40 mph to 25 mph to both improve safety and reduce noise.

Thank you for your public service and please give your prudent thought and direction to well-planned development to improve, not detract from this thriving community.

Respectfully,

Robert C Wahlert

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