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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

March 23, 2010

**Ms. Kristi Smith
Modal Project Manager
Florida Department of Transportation – District One
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Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your letter dated March 3, 2010 regarding FM No. 412238-1-94-01 and No. 414307-1-94-01 for design and construction of T-hangars at Venice Municipal Airport. To date, the design portion of the project is 90% complete, but we have been unable to move forward due to an unanticipated delay in the approval of our conceptual Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) for our Master Stormwater Management Plan by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD.) However, on March 5, 2010, we received notification from the District of their intent to approve the permit. The City of Venice is currently in the public noticing process and anticipates the issuance permit with the next 30 – 60 days.

In anticipation of this action by the District, the Assistant City Manager, Nancy Woodley, P.E. is working with the engineering design firm, Hanson Professional Services, Inc., to complete the remaining 10% of the T-hangar design and specifications, which will place the City in a position to immediately move into the permitting and construction phase of the project as soon as final approval from SWFWMD for the conceptual ERP is received. We recognize that a SWFWMD permit for the actual hangar construction will be required but approval by SWFWMD of the Master Drainage Plan will help expedite that process. We will be forwarding the bid package that contains the design of site preparation and utility installation as well as specifications for construction of T-hangars.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to moving ahead with this important project and appreciate the Department's participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Turner".

**Isaac Turner,
City Manager**

**Cc: Mayor & City Council
Charter Officers
Nancy Woodley, Acting Airport Administrator**