

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**What work is being performed?**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Three is replacing the Pensacola Bay Bridge.

**How much does the project cost and who is paying for it?**

The design and construction cost of the project is approximately \$398.5 million. The project is being funded by the Florida Department of Transportation.

**Can you describe the features and amenities of the new bridge?**

Like the current Pensacola Bay Bridge, the new bridge will consist of two separate and parallel structures. Each bridge will accommodate three 12-foot travel lanes along with 10-foot inside and outside shoulders. The wider shoulders will make it easier to respond to incidents on the bridge, remove disabled vehicles, and keep traffic moving. Additionally, the new east and westbound bridges will include a 10-foot multi-use path that should quickly become a favorite for walkers, joggers, and bicyclists.

**How long will it take to complete the work?**

Work on the project began September 19, 2016. Skanska, the construction component for the team responsible for designing and building the new bridge, proposed a 1408-day construction schedule. The design-build team stands to earn a \$15 million bonus by completing and placing all traffic (both U.S. 98 east and westbound) on the first bridge by January 27, 2019 (860 days).

Temporarily moving all traffic to the first new structure will allow for demolition of the existing bridge, followed by completion of the second new structure. Once the second new structure is completed, traffic will be placed in the final alignment.

All work on the project is slated for completion by summer 2020.

**Will there be any traffic impacts during construction period?**

FDOT and the construction team will endeavor to limit traffic impacts whenever possible. Temporary lane closures will not be permitted between 5:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

**What about marine traffic?**

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) is responsible for marine traffic. The USCG will keep the public informed of any construction activities affecting marine traffic through the *Local Notice to Mariners* program. The notices are available [here](#).

**What will be the horizontal and vertical clearances for marine traffic?**

The new bridge(s) will provide 150-feet of horizontal and 65-feet of vertical clearance for the main channel.

**What impacts will there be for fishermen?**

No fishing will be permitted from the new bridge. Throughout construction, fishermen may continue to use the Escambia County fishing bridge.

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### **Will the wayside park on the Gulf Breeze side of the bridge remain in place?**

Plans call for an improved Wayside Park facility at this location.

### **What is planned for the 17th Street interchange?**

Any work that may eventually be performed at 17th Street will be funded separately from the Pensacola Bay Bridge replacement project. In mid-2016, the 17th Street interchange was elevated to the top of the list of local priorities by the Alabama-Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). At this time any questions about future plans for the 17th Street interchange should be directed to the TPO, (800) 226-8914.

### **Who is responsible for the construction work?**

The construction project is being administered by the Florida Department of Transportation, District Three. Skanska USA Civil Southeast, Inc. is leading the design-build team. Eismann Russo is providing construction engineering and inspection services in support of FDOT.

### **Where can I get more information on this project?**

There are several ways to stay informed during this construction project.

- Visit the project website, [www.pensacolabaybridge.com](http://www.pensacolabaybridge.com).
- Subscribe to free email updates by sending your name and email address to [info@pensacolabaybridge.com](mailto:info@pensacolabaybridge.com).
- Sign-up for text alerts by texting the keyword **MyPBB** to **313131**. This is a free service, though standard data rates from your service provider may apply.
- Follow our progress on social media.
  - Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MyPensacolaBayBridge](http://www.facebook.com/MyPensacolaBayBridge)
  - Instagram: [@mypensacolabaybridge](https://www.instagram.com/mypensacolabaybridge)
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