

BROOKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



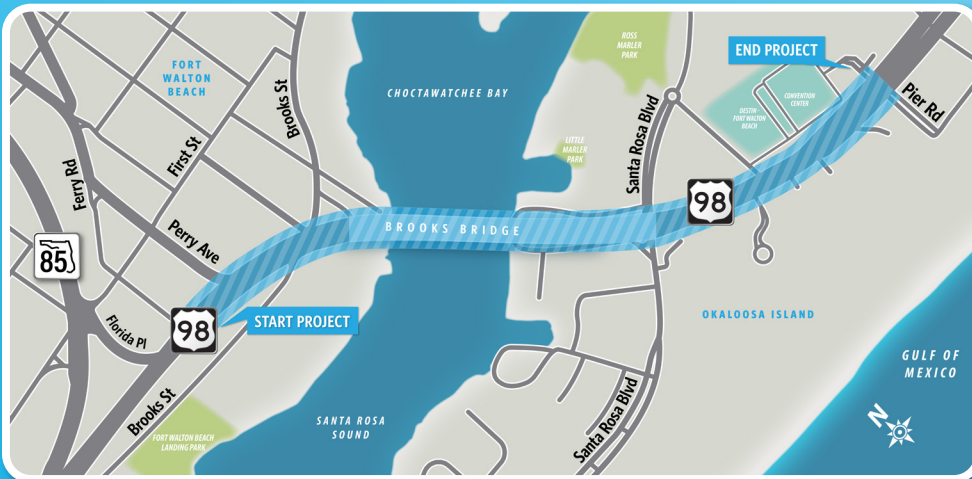
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PRELIMINARY WORK BEGINNING TO PREPARE FOR BROOKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Preliminary construction activities will begin this month to allow for the construction of the new Brooks Bridge in Okaloosa County scheduled to begin this spring.

This work includes relocating utilities on and around Brooks Street, U.S. 98, and the south side of Publix at the Shoppes at Paradise Point shopping center. In the coming weeks, crews plan to realign Brooks Street, from Perry Avenue to the Brooks Bridge, to provide space to construct the new westbound structure.



ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS:

- New sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and shared-use paths to aid bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Reconstruct adjacent intersections to improve traffic flow.
- Stormwater enhancements for better drainage and reducing the potential for flooding.
- Traffic signal and intelligent transportation system (ITS) upgrades to improve safety and mobility.
- Increase the navigational channel vertical clearance from 50 to 65 ft and the horizontal clearance from 140 to 150 ft to accommodate marine traffic.

Other activities include drainage improvements, relocating above and underground utilities, installing erosion control devices, lane shifts, and finalizing needed permits. The early activities will begin beneath the west side of the current bridge in Fort Walton Beach before advancing to the east end of the structure.

Drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and nearby properties may be impacted by the early construction efforts and the associated traffic shifts.

The \$171-million Brooks Bridge replacement project on U.S. 98 will replace the four-lane bridge that opened in 1966 with a new six-lane structure across Santa Rosa Sound with completion of the project currently estimated for mid-2027.

ANTICIPATED
COMPLETION
**SUMMER
2027**

ESTIMATED
CONSTRUCTION
COST
**\$171
MILLION**

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