



# Cortez Road (SR 684) from Gulf Drive (SR 789) to 123<sup>rd</sup> Street West Bridge Replacement Design (Manatee County)

FPID Number: 430204-2



## Public Information Meeting Project Presentation

January 31, 2023



# Cortez Road (SR 684) from Gulf Drive (SR 789) to 123<sup>rd</sup> Street West Bridge Replacement Design (Manatee County)

## Public Information Meeting Location

- **In Person** Kirkwood Presbyterian Church  
Pfrangle Hall  
6101 Cortez Road  
Bradenton, Florida 34210
- **Online** January 24, 2023 – February 10, 2023  
[www.swflroads.com/project/430204-2](http://www.swflroads.com/project/430204-2)



## Public Information Meeting Purpose

- Review design activities
  - Bridge
  - Roadway
  - Aesthetics
- Receive public input





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## Title VI

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## Public Notices

**FDOT** Cortez Road (SR 684) Bridge Replacement Design Project  
Manatee County, Florida Financial Project ID: 430204-2

**Hybrid Public Information Meeting Scheduled**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is hosting a Hybrid Public (live in-person and online) Information Meeting for the Cortez Road (SR 684) bridge replacement design project, from Gulf Drive (SR 789) to 123<sup>rd</sup> Street West in Manatee County. The meeting will focus on bridge details and aesthetics, construction phasing and maintenance of traffic.

There are two ways to participate in the public information meeting. The live in-person meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church (Pringle Hall) located at 6101 Cortez Road, Bradenton, FL 34210. The in-person meeting will be an open house, so you may drop by any time between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to review project materials at your own pace and to ask the project team questions. There will be no formal presentation. Individuals may also review the same meeting materials and provide comments online from Tuesday, January 24, 2023 through February 10, 2023 at the project website ([www.swflroads.com/project/430204-2](http://www.swflroads.com/project/430204-2)). The same information will be presented at both the live in-person venue and online at the project website so attending both is not needed. Comments or questions may be submitted either on the project website or to the FDOT Project Manager, Ryan Weeks, at (863) 519-2837 or [ryan.weeks@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:ryan.weeks@dot.state.fl.us). A member of the project team will follow up with you to address your question. FDOT is sending notices to property owners located a minimum of 300 feet on either side of the roadway within the project limits. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please submit your comments by February 10, 2023, to be included in the meeting summary. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or email at [cynthia.sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:cynthia.sykes@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven days prior to the public information meeting. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT. For more information about the project or public meeting, please contact Mr. Weeks.

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**Primary Contact:** Ryan Weeks  
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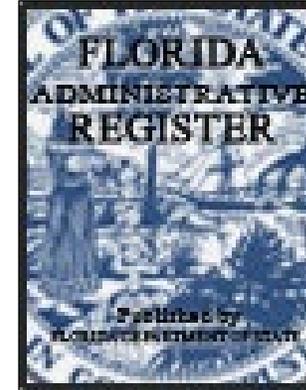
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**CORTEZ ROAD (SR 684) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN PROJECT**

District: One  
Meeting Type: Meeting  
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023  
Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Location Name: Kirkwood Presbyterian Church  
Street Address: 6101 Cortez Road  
City: Bradenton

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Cortez Road Bridge Design Project  
Financial Project ID: 430204-2

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430204-2 Cortez Bridge Project  
Website for Entire Project: <http://www.cortezbridge.com/>

Map Satellite

**Project Details**  
Work Type: Bridge Construction  
Phase: Design  
Length: 0.9 miles  
City: Bradenton Beach  
County: Manatee  
Design Cost: \$8.7  
Start of Current Phase: Late 2019  
Est. Completion of Current Phase: Mid 2025

Send a comment or ask a question about this project  
View FactSheet

About  
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One is competing design plans for the future Cortez Bridge on State Road 684 in Manatee County, Florida. The project includes the bridge and roadway approaches from SR 789 (Gulf Drive) to 123<sup>rd</sup> Street West, a distance of about 0.9 miles.  
Bridge Aesthetics Committee (BAC)  
The Florida Department of Transportation has formed a Bridge Aesthetics Committee (BAC) consisting of community representatives

Newsletter mailed to property owners and emailed to officials & stakeholders

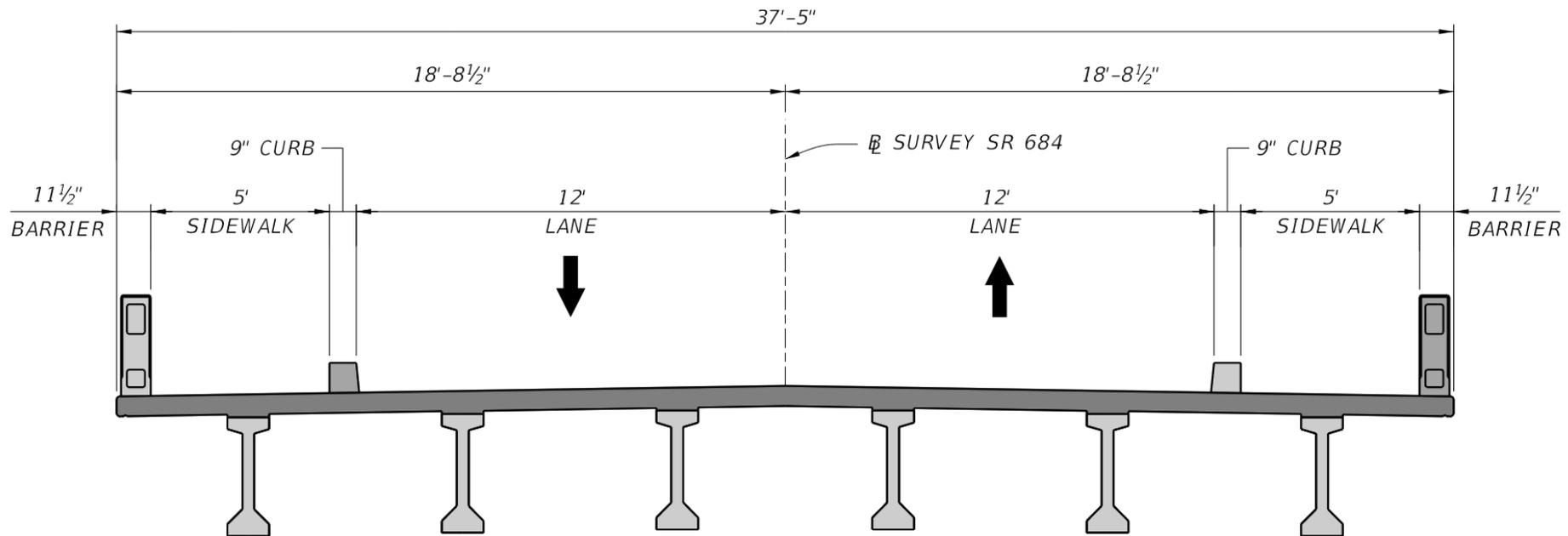
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## Project Limits



## Existing Conditions (Typical Section)



***Bridge age and condition triggered the need to review bridge replacement options.***



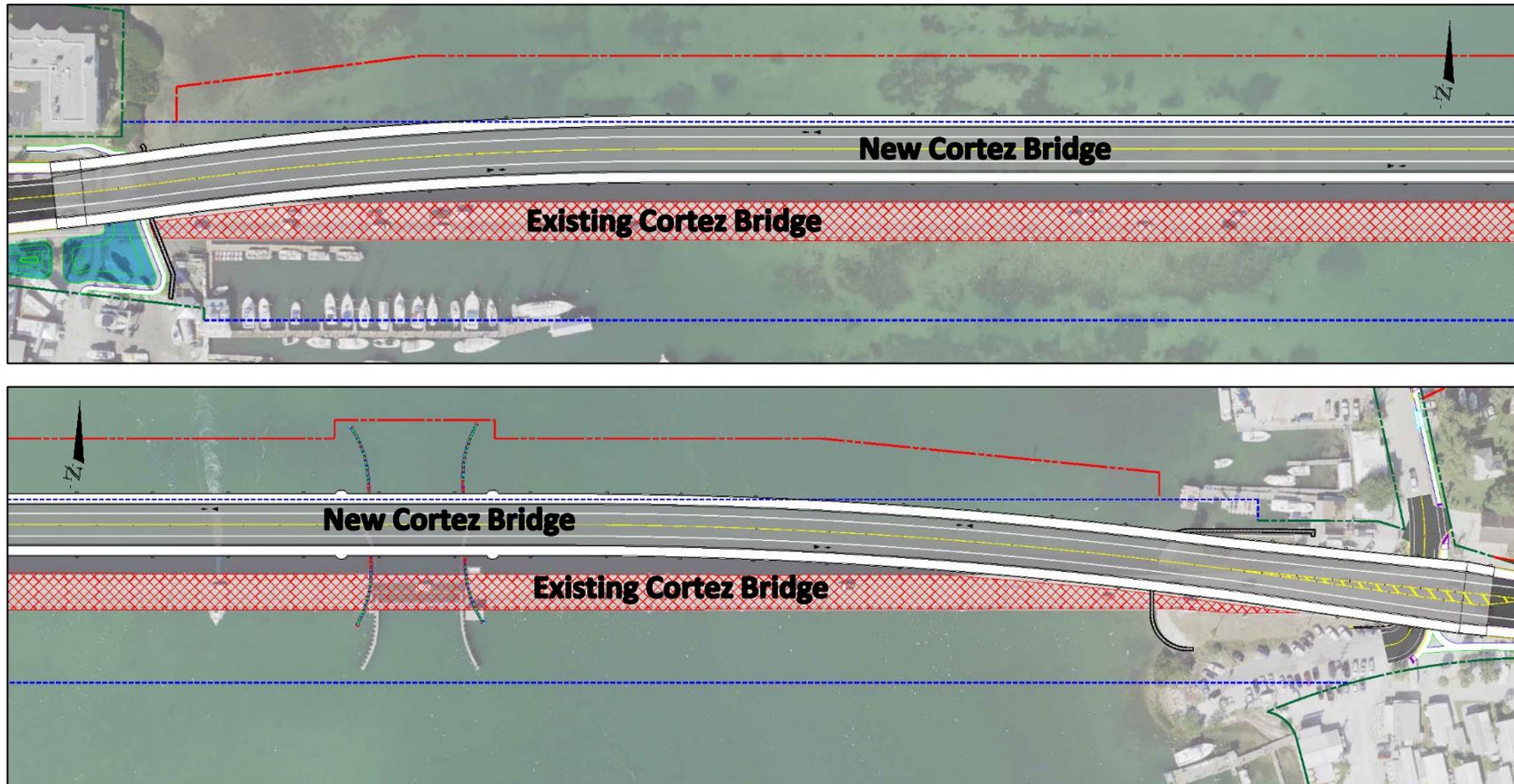
## **Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study**

- Completed in 2019
- Bridge alternatives and “no build” alternative evaluated
- Location Design & Concept Acceptance – September 2019 (high level bridge recommended)

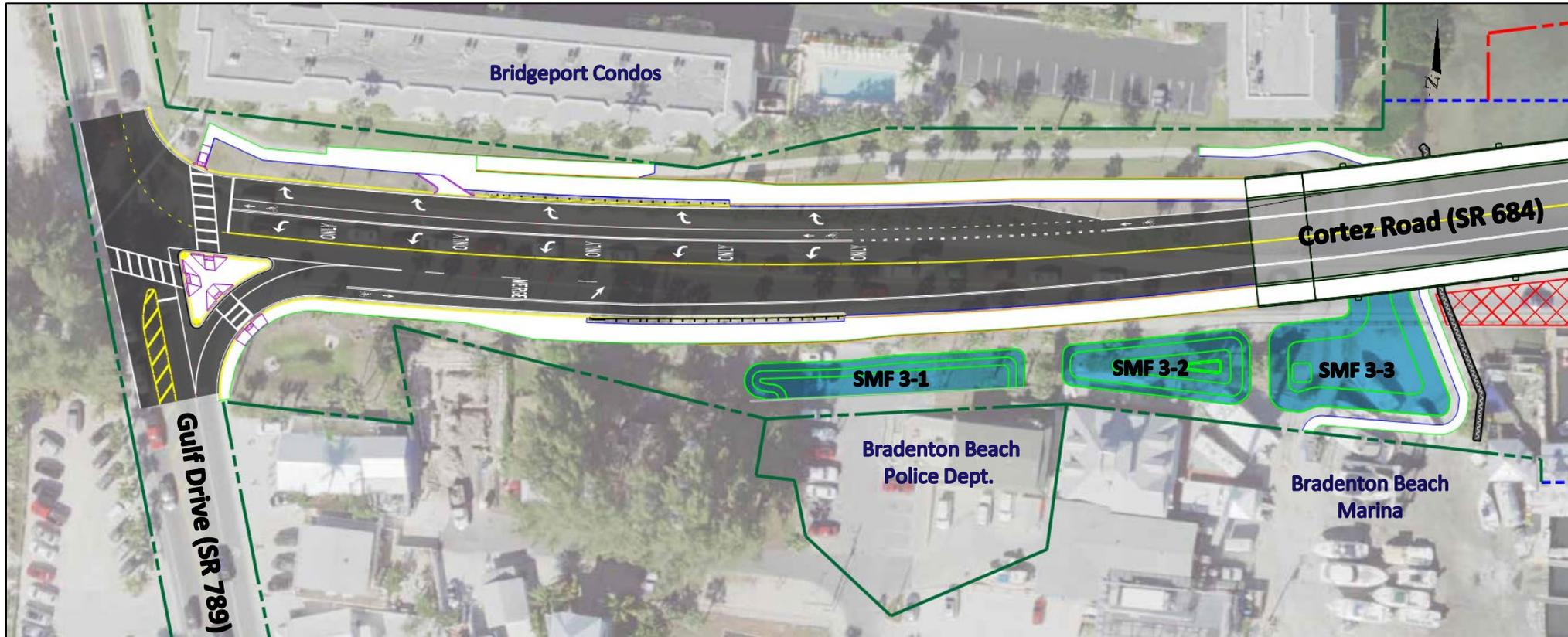
## **Design**

- Began in October 2019
- Phase I (30%) Roadway plans submitted – April 2020
- Bridge Aesthetics Committee (August 2020 through November 2021)
- Phase II (60%) Roadway & Phase I (30%) Structures plans submitted – October 2021
- Phase II (60%) Structures plans submitted – August 2022

## Proposed Bridge



## West End of Project



## East End of Project – Realigned/Access Road



## East End of Project

### East End Visuals



*Cortez Park & Tide Tables View*



*Elevated View from Cortez Park*

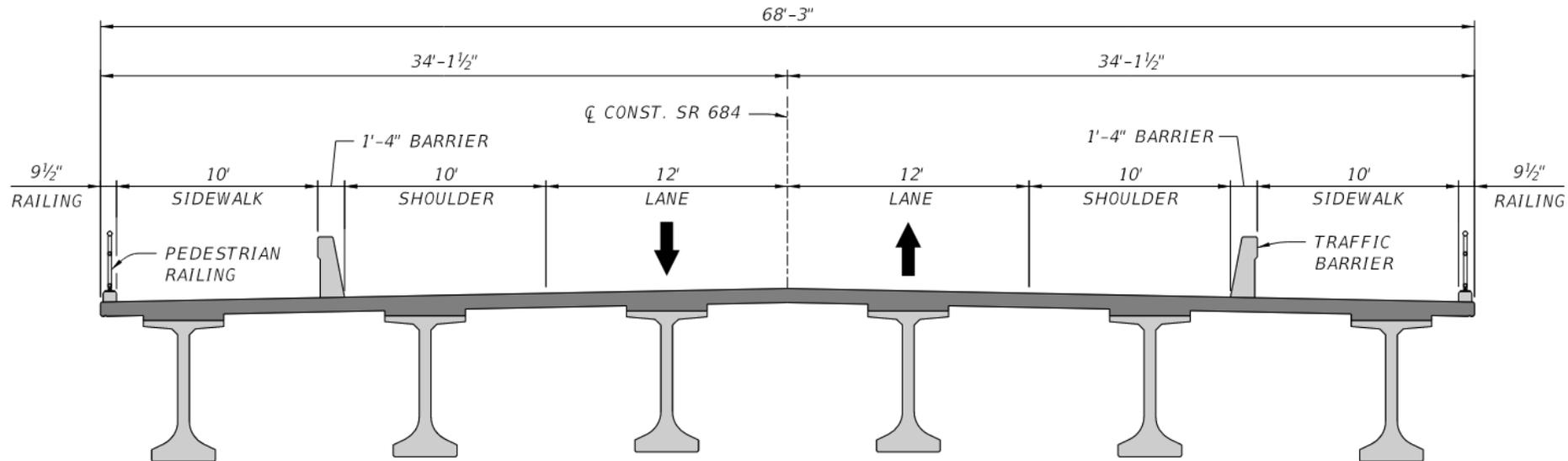
## Proposed Typical Section

### Bridge

- 68'-3" Overall Width
- Two 12-Foot Travel Lanes
- Two 10-Foot Shoulders
- Two 10-Foot Sidewalks

### Roadway

- 11-Foot Travel Lanes
- 6-Foot Bike Lanes
- 10-Foot Sidewalks



## Bridge Aesthetics Committee (BAC) Meetings

- PD&E Commitment

“The FDOT is committed to establishing and working closely with a Bridge Design Committee during the design phase to advise the Department on aesthetic features for the bridge and approaches. Members of this committee will be determined by local agencies and the community during the design phase. In addition, a portion of the project construction budget will be dedicated for landscaping.”



- Eleven BAC Members

- Connie Morrow (Cortez Resident)
- Jeff Vey (Bridgeport Condos)
- Joe Adorna (Cortez Park)
- AnnMarie Nicholas (Room with a Hue)
- Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach)
- Joe Rodgers (Seafood Shack)
- Karen Bell (Tide Tables)
- Michael Bazy (Bradenton Beach Marina)
- Gloria Weir (Cortez Park)
- Bobby Woodson (Tide Tables)
- David Galuszka (Bradenton Beach Resident)

## BAC Selection – Pier Style

- Nine pier styles initially considered
- Multi-column pier with cheek walls selected



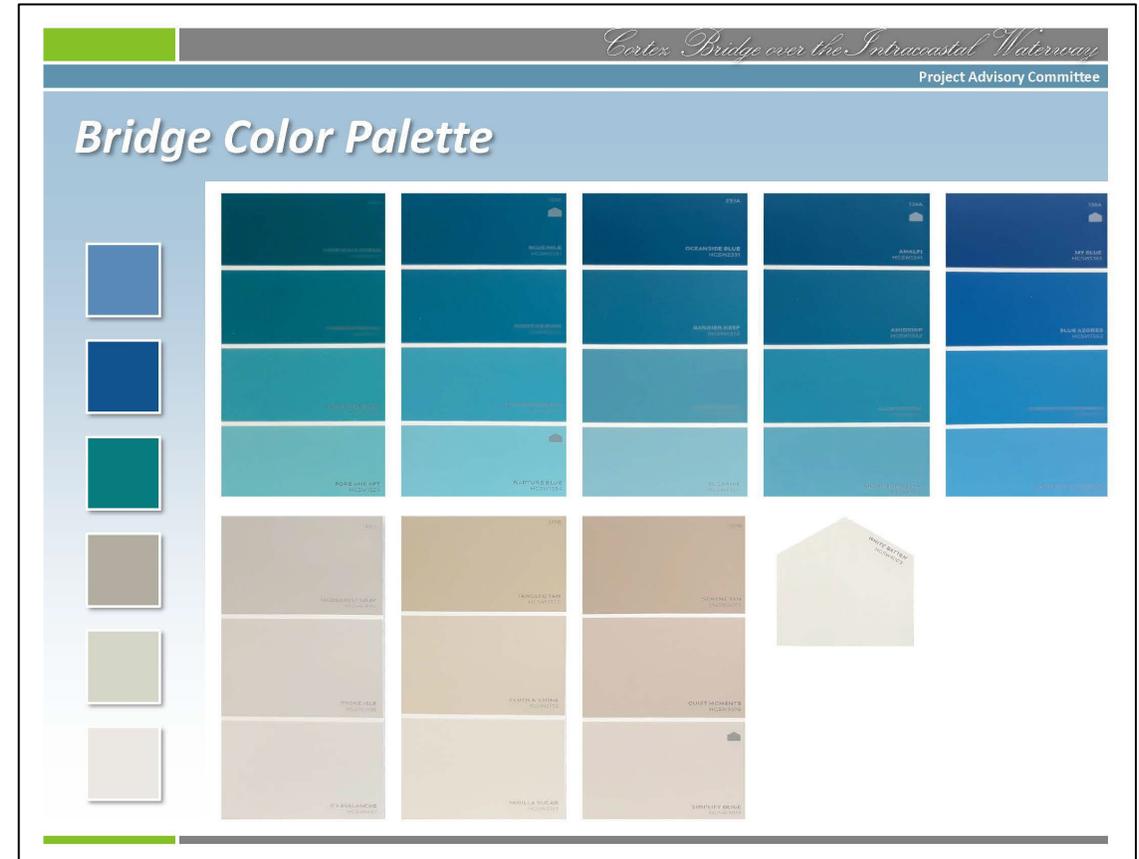
## BAC Selection – Pedestrian Railing

- Nine pedestrian railing alternatives initially considered
- “Wave” infill pattern selected



## BAC Selection – Color

- Blues: railings
- Sand/tan: bridge and piers
- White/off-white: accents



**BAC meeting on May 27, 2021**

## BAC Selection – Bridge Overlooks

- Three overlook options initially considered
- Rounded, open overlook shape selected without benches
- Four overlooks adjacent to main channel piers selected



## BAC Selection – Pier Lighting

- Three faces, 2 inside faces, 2 outside faces & no lighting initially considered
- Outside faces selected; LED on timers



## BAC Selection – Roadway & Pedestrian Lighting

- Two concepts initially considered
- Lower, decorative light poles selected



## BAC Selection – Retaining Wall Aesthetics

- Five options initially considered
- Subtle multi-level wave pattern selected



*West End - BAC meeting on May 27, 2021*



*East End - BAC meeting on May 27, 2021*

## BAC Selection – Landscaping

- Low level, natural groupings
- Consider coastal setting when selecting plants





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## Public Outreach During Design

- Bridge Aesthetics Committee Meeting #1 (8/12/2020)
- Bridge Aesthetics Committee Meeting #2 (1/6/2021)
- Bridge Aesthetics Committee Meeting #3 (1/20/2021)
- Bridge Aesthetics Committee Meeting #4 (2/10/2021)
- Cortez Park / Tide Tables Meeting (3/1/2021)
- Bridge Aesthetics Committee Meeting #5 (3/10/2021)
- Bridge Aesthetics Committee Meeting #6 (4/1/2021)
- Mariners Cove Condominium Association & Harbour Landings Estates Meeting (4/19/2021)
- Bridge Aesthetics Committee Meeting #7 (4/22/2021)
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO TAC Meeting (5/10/2021)
- Island TPO Meeting (5/10/2021)
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO CAC Meeting (5/10/2021)
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO BITSC Meeting (5/17/2021)
- Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board Meeting (5/24/2021)
- Bridgeport Condo Association Meeting (5/26/2021)
- Bridge Aesthetics Committee Meeting #8 (5/27/2021)
- Bridge Aesthetics Committee Meeting #9 (11/9/2021)
- City of Bradenton Beach Meeting (5/20/2022)

## Ways to Share Your Comments

### In-Person

- Submit completed comment form at meeting or mail or email by February 10, 2023

Online – [www.swflroads.com/project/430204-2](http://www.swflroads.com/project/430204-2)

- Written Comments
  - Click on “send a comment or ask a question about this project” tab and type in comments or questions

**COMMENT FORM** 

**Public Information Meeting**  
January 31, 2023

**Cortez Road (State Road 684) Bridge Replacement Design Project**  
**Manatee County**  
Financial Project Identification Number: 430204-2

We'd like to hear from you! Please share your ideas and comments by writing them down here. Additional space for your comments is provided on the back of this form.

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**How to Submit Your Comments**  
If you would like your comments to be included in the meeting summary, you may return this form tonight or email comments by February 10, 2023. Comments emailed or postmarked by February 10, 2023 will become part of the meeting record.

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*NOTE: The information you provide on this comment form becomes part of the Cortez Road project files. This information may be provided to other individuals who may make a request.*



***All comments matter, regardless of submittal format.***



## **After the Public Meeting**

- Public meeting summary (includes comments submitted through February 10, 2023)
- Submit Phase III (90%) plans in Summer 2023
- Submit final design plans in Spring 2025
- Project is awarded for construction in Summer 2025
- Construction begins in Late 2025 or Early 2026



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