



Manatee County, Florida

Cortez Road (SR 684) Bridge Replacement Design Project

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 123rd 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 (Pfrangle 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). 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 (see box for contact information). 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.

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.

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, by phone at (863) 519-2287 or by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the Hybrid Public Information Meeting.

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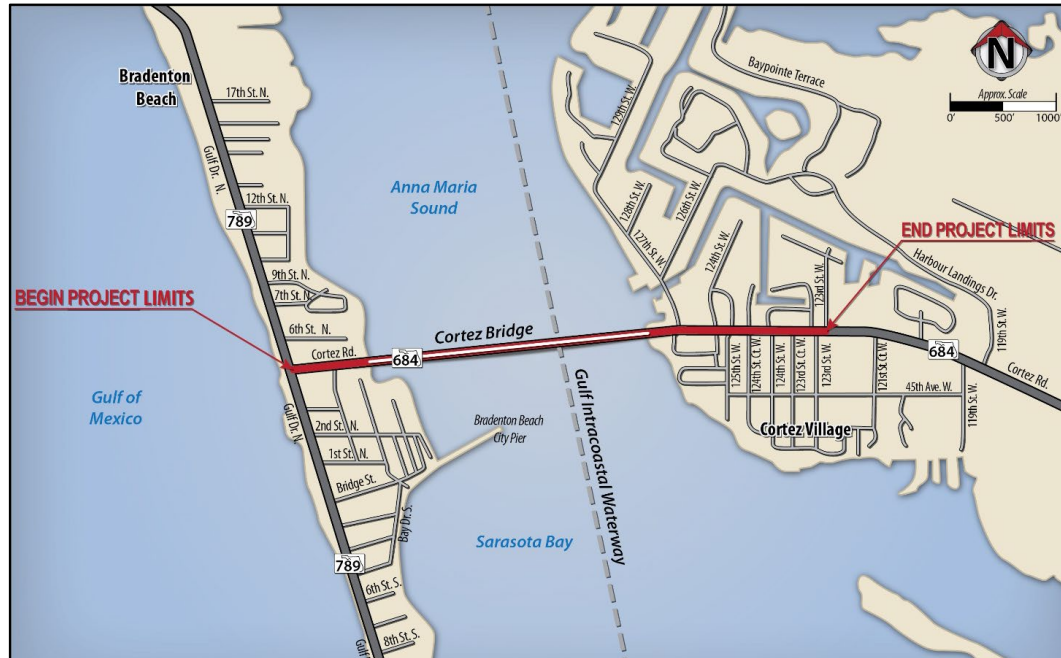
Project Overview

The design project limits for replacing the existing Cortez Bridge are from Gulf Drive (SR 789) in Bradenton Beach to 123rd Street West in Cortez, as shown in the map to the right. Design for this project began in late 2019 and is anticipated to be completed by mid-2025.

At the beginning of design, the Bridge Aesthetics Committee (BAC) was created, consisting of 11 local stakeholders. The BAC has met nine times and their recommendations for pier style, bridge overlooks, and pedestrian railing are shown below.

Additional project information is provided in the project video available for viewing at www.swflroads.com/project/430204-2.

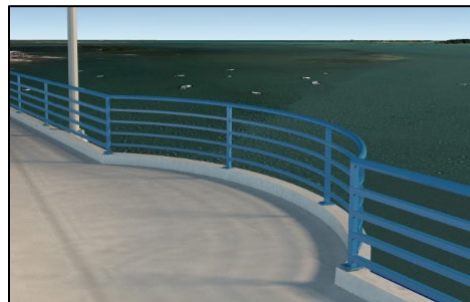
Project Location Map



Pier Style



Bridge Overlooks



Pedestrian Railing

