

# Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction Project

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What is the current schedule for this project?

This project will be completed in three phases. Phase 1, which will begin Summer 2024, will reduce the bridge to one-lane of traffic with a temporary signalized traffic control. Phase 1 is targeted for an 8-month duration with Phase 2 and 3 to follow with two lanes of traffic. The anticipated completion date for this project is Winter 2025.

### When will the causeway be completed? Fall 2024.

### How long will the bridge be down to one-lane?

The bridge will be down to one-lane for the duration of Phase 1 which is anticipated to last eight months.

### What is the best way to contact the Communications Team?

Please contact the communications team by using the hotline number: 239-800-6391 or by emailing: <a href="mailto:PinelslandInfo@exp.com">PinelslandInfo@exp.com</a>.

## How will this bridge project and one-lane traffic impact Pine Island residents during a possible evacuation?

Lee County Emergency Management works with all partners, including FDOT and local law enforcement. Typically, evacuation orders that are issued first include all barrier islands. This usually happens in advance of an evacuation order for all of Zone A, which includes Matlacha-Pine Island. Lee County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff will coordinate with the Lee County Sheriff's Office for on-site traffic control for evacuees.

How will these improvements help the resiliency of the bridge for the future? These improvements will help the resiliency of the bridge by strengthening the bridge's resistance and structure to future weather events. This will result in a stable evacuation route and improved safety conditions.