



# *Serving Our Communities*

Public Meeting –  
Pine Island Causeway and Bridge  
Reconstruction Project  
Matlacha, Florida

FDOT District One  
Financial Project Identification Number:  
451937-2  
April 11, 2024

Pine Island  
Causeway  
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# Public Meeting Notices



## FDOT PUBLIC MEETING

### Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction

Lee County

FPID: 451937-2

MEETING DATE: April 11, 2024

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public meeting for the Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction in Lee County on:

**April 11, 2024**

- In-person anytime from 5 – 7 p.m.
- Virtual meeting will be from 6 – 7 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to review the Little Pine Island Bridge design, view video presentation and exhibits, meet the project team, and provide comment.

For your convenience, FDOT provides multiple ways to participate in the public meeting, either by attending in-person, online, or reviewing materials on the project website: [www.swflroads.com/project/451937-2](http://www.swflroads.com/project/451937-2). All meeting materials, including the project video will be available online. You may choose any combination of these options to participate.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300 feet from the project limits to provide comments to FDOT regarding this project.

While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by April 21, 2024, to be included in the meeting record.

**If you have any questions or comments, please contact:**  
**FDOT PIO Jason Heironimus**  
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 or mail Jason Heironimus  
 Florida Department of Transportation  
 Southwest Area Office  
 10041 Daniels Parkway  
 Ft. Myers, Florida 33913

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#### In-Person Option:

Attend in person at anytime from 5-7 p.m. at the Pine Island United Methodist Church, 5701 Pine Island Road NW, Bokeelia, FL 33922. The video presentation will replay continuously.

#### Online Option:

Attend from a computer, tablet or mobile device. First, register in advance by visiting: [attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4701770543186602584](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4701770543186602584)

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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.

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### Public Meeting for the Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction In-Person: April 11 any time from 5 - 7 p.m.; Online: April 11 at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 29, 2024

**BARTOW, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public meeting for the **Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction (FPID # 451937-2) in Lee County on April 11, 2024, any time from 5 – 7 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to review the Little Pine Island Bridge design, view the video presentation and exhibits, meet the project team, and provide comment.

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**In-Person Option:** Any time 5 – 7 p.m. at the Pine Island United Methodist Church, 5701 Pine Island Road NW, Bokeelia, FL 33922. The video presentation will replay continuously and be available on the project website.

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## FDOT PUBLIC MEETING

**When:**  
Tuesday, April 11, 2024

**Where:**

- In person: Pine Island United Methodist Church Anytime 5 – 7 p.m.
- Online: GoToWebinar at 6 p.m.

**Financial Project Identification (FPID) No. 451937-2**

### PUBLIC MEETING: Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction Project, Lee County

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding the construction of a permanent roadway and replacement of the Little Pine Island Bridge FPID # 451937-2 on Thursday, April 11, 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to review the Little Pine Island Bridge design, view a video presentation and exhibits, meet the project team, and provide comment. FDOT is offering multiple ways to participate:

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451937-2 Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction Project

#### Project Details

**Work Type:** Bridge Construction

**Phase:** Construction

**Limits:** Project limits are County Road 78 (Pine Island Road) from west of Little Pine Island Bridge (Bridge No. 120111) to



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## Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction Project

CR 78 Pine Island Road from West of Little Pine Island Bridge (Bridge No. 120111) to West of Shoreview Drive.



# History of Little Pine Island Bridge



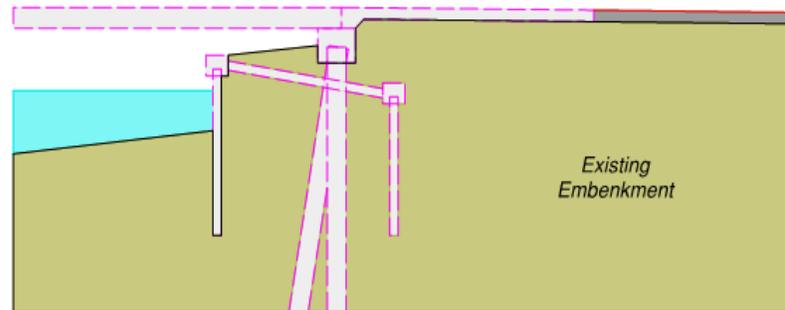
- Built in 1977
- Served the community for 47 years
- Was slated to be replaced in 2027.
- September 28, 2022, the bridge is damaged by Hurricane Ian.
- Spring 2023, Lee Board of County Commissioners voted to incorporate a full replacement of the bridge to build a more resilient structure for future storms as soon as possible.



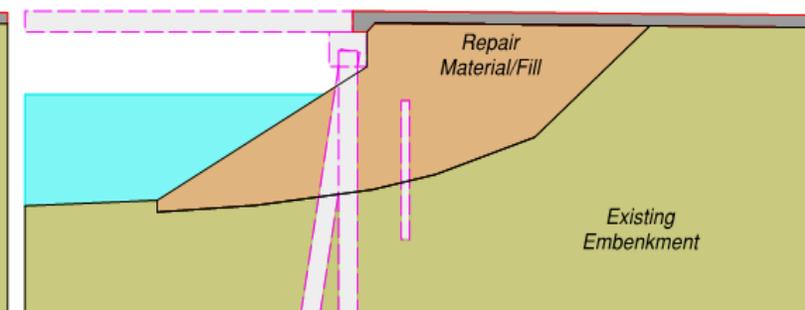
# Severe Storm Damage



- Retaining wall damage (photos)
- Erosion of abutments, exceeded 21 feet
- Repairs of shoreline rocks, extending beyond the right-of-way to protect against erosion
- Damaged sheet pile walls



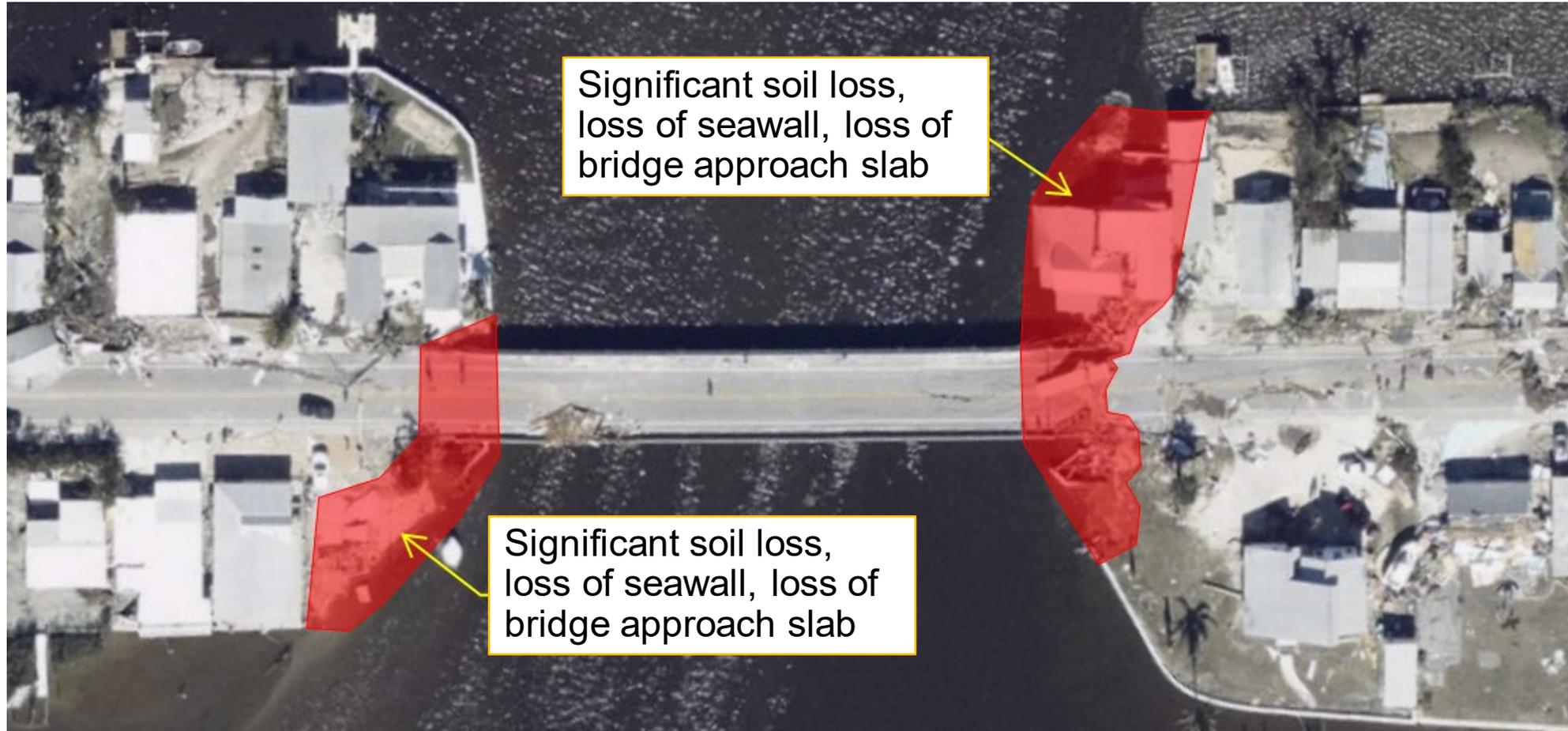
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AFTER HURRICANE REPAIRS



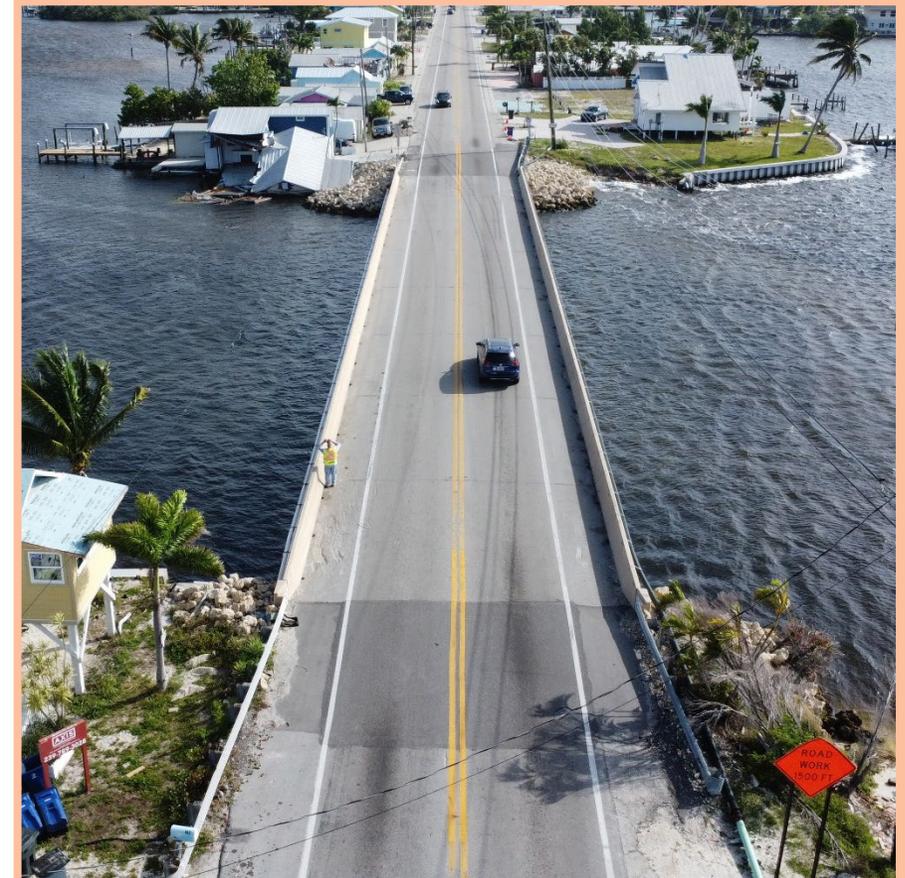
# Hurricane Ian Damage



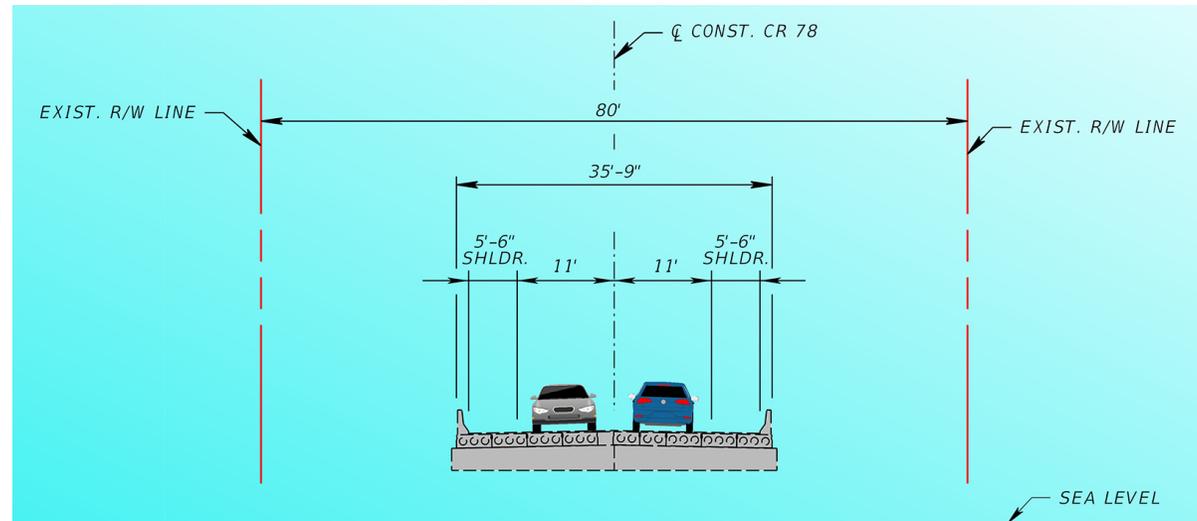
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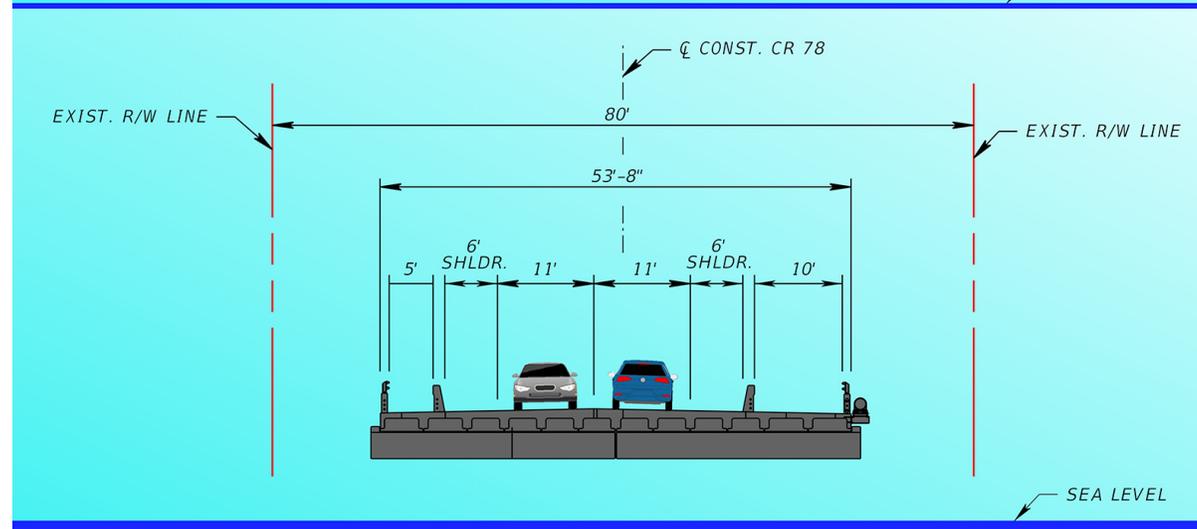
- The new Little Pine Island Bridge design proposes maintaining two 11-foot-wide travel lanes yet increasing the width of the bridge from 35 feet to 53 feet, extending the shoulder.
- The widening of the existing bridge footprint is required to meet standards and for construction sequencing to allow for two lanes of traffic as soon as possible.
- **Construction is anticipated to begin Spring 2024**



# Existing Little Pine Island Bridge

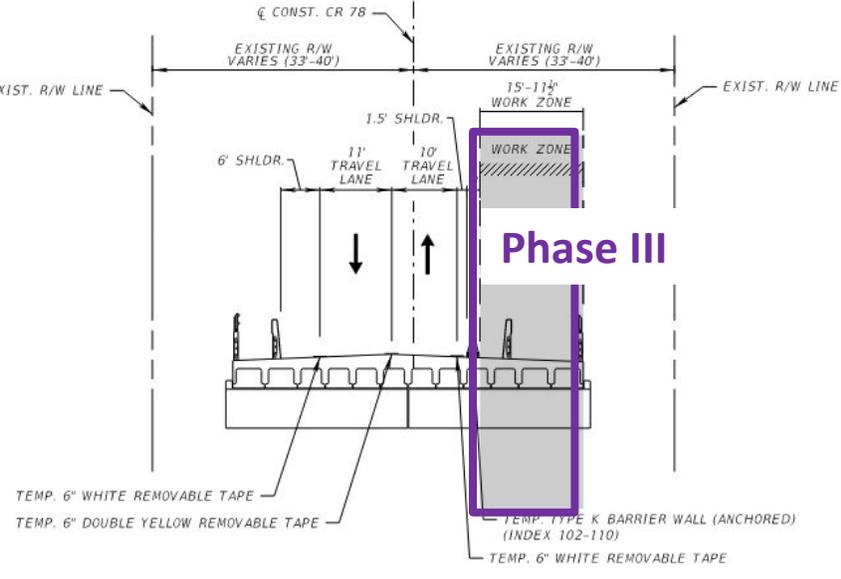
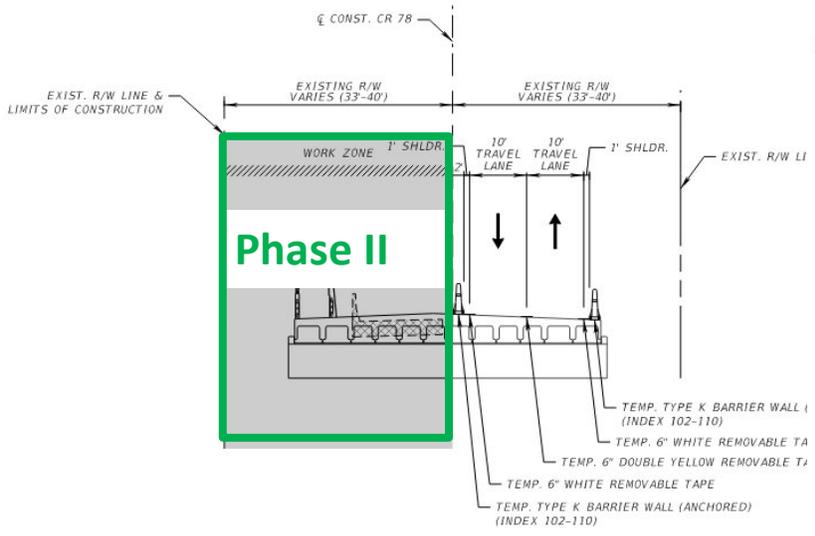
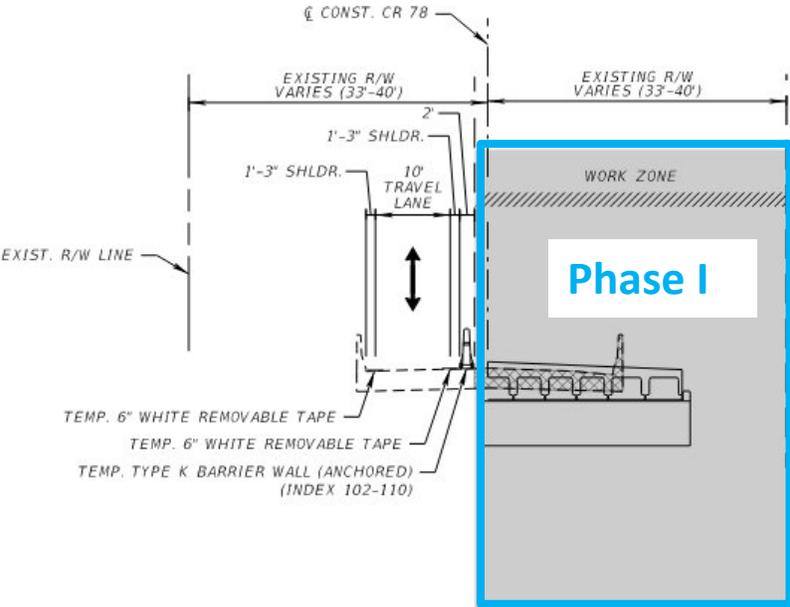
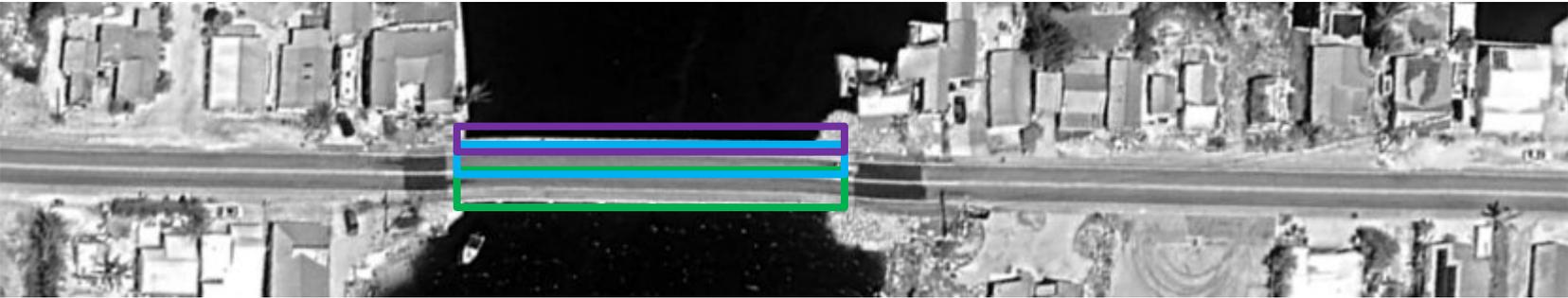


# Proposed Little Pine Island Bridge



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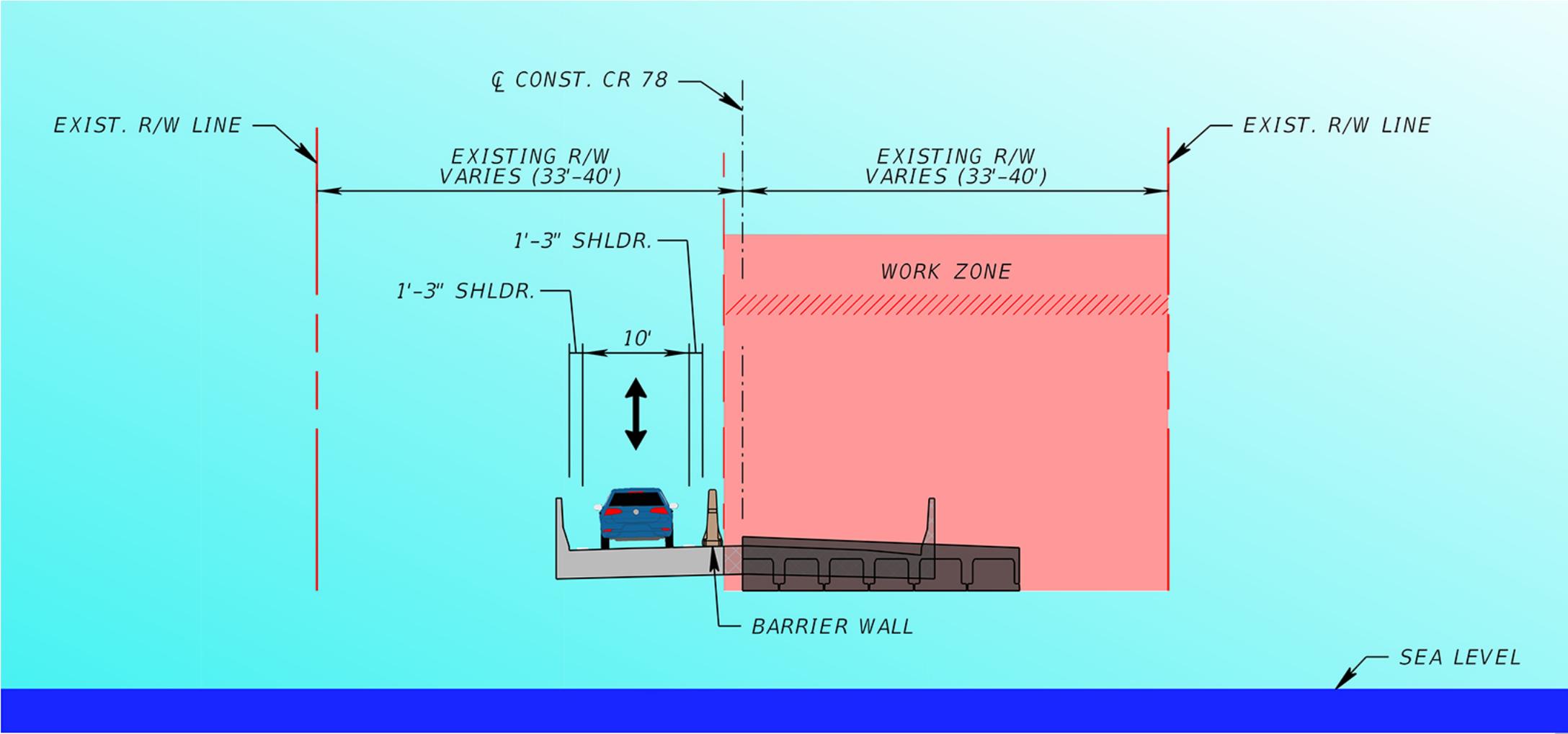
# Construction Phasing



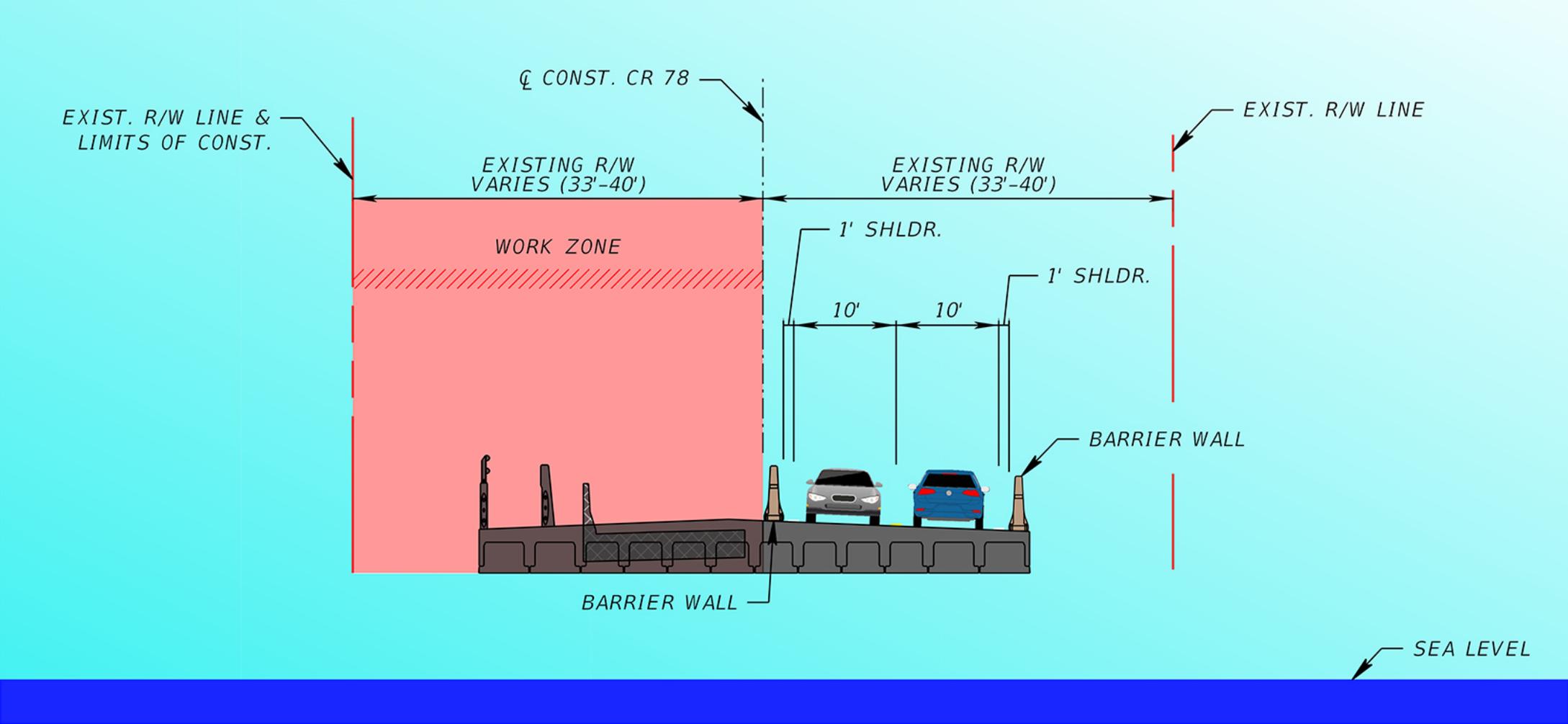
All widening of the existing bridge footprint is required to meet standards and allow for two-lane traffic.



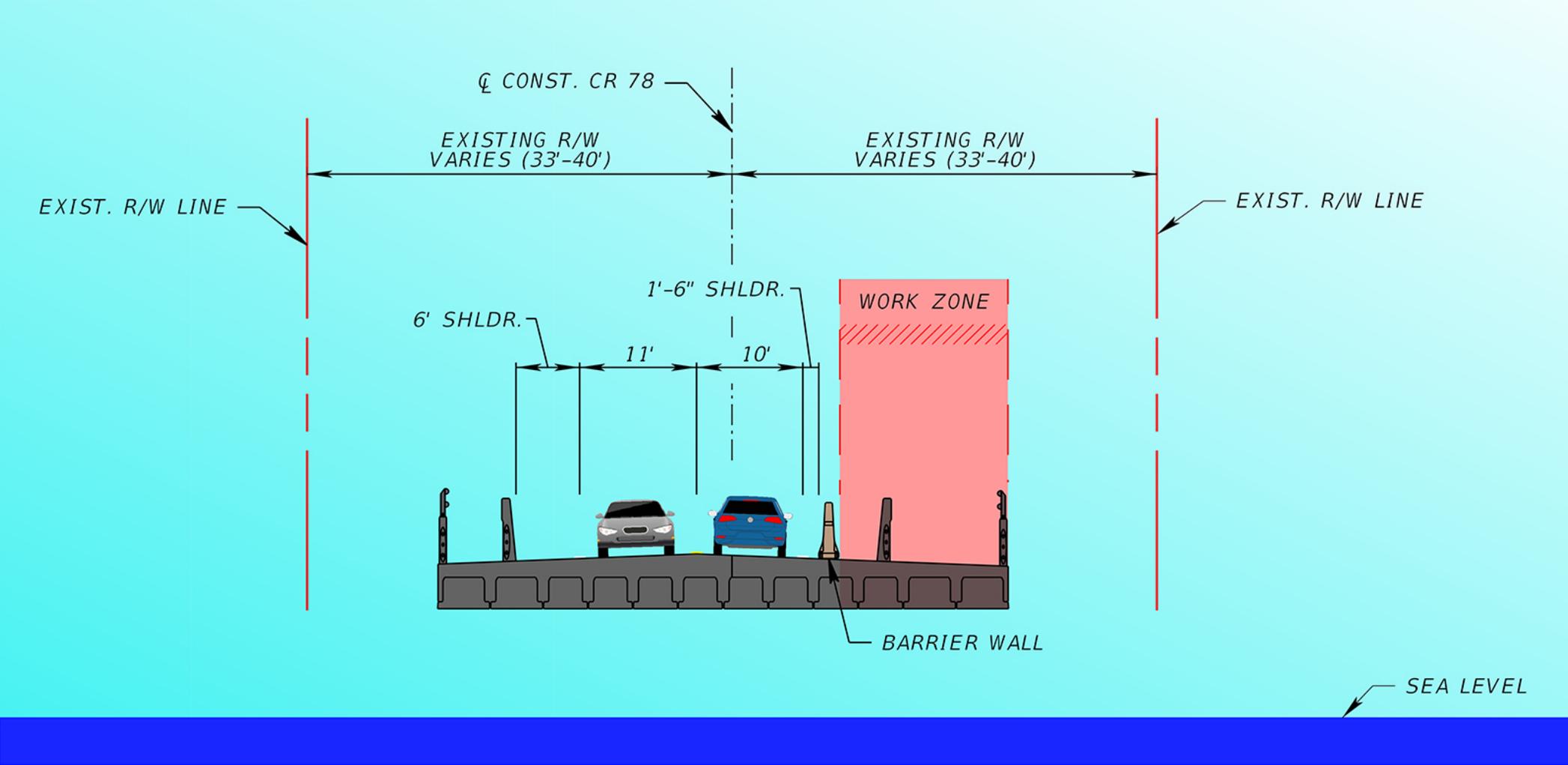
# Construction – Phase I



# Construction – Phase II



# Construction – Phase III



# What to Expect During Construction



- **Phase 1:** Single lane traffic only
- **Phase 2** and **Phase 3:** 2 lanes open
- A temporary traffic signal will be installed during the reconstruction.
- The traffic signal will operate in 3-minute cycles to clear traffic. We encourage motorists to plan additional travel time.



# To Minimize Inconvenience



## The Lee County Department of Transportation:

- Is providing the public a real time view of travel conditions on the Pine Island Road corridor.
- Providing live traffic cameras
- A pilot program on the Matlacha Bridge.
- Please visit this website:  
<https://www.leegov.com/dot/traffic>



# Needed Interagency Coordination



## NEPA Type 1 Categorical Exclusion

- National Marine Fisheries Service provided concurrence 1-30-2024
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided concurrence 1-31-2024
- SHPO re-evaluation



## South Florida Water Management District

- General Permit - 62-330.443 General Permit
- Pre-Application Meeting Held 2-28-24
- Permit No.36-110525-P Issued 4-10-24



## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Nationwide Permit #3
- Pre-Application Meeting Held 2-27-24
- Nationwide Permit #3
- Pre-construction Notification transmitted 3-15-24



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# Long-term Benefits to the Community



- Stable emergency evacuation route
- Strengthen the bridge's resistance to future weather events
- Incorporate structural and technology advancements
- Strengthening the bridge structure
- Enhanced safety conditions
- Drainage improvements
- Updating the utility infrastructure



# Your Community Outreach Team



## Community Outreach & Questions

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## Bridge Project Comments

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