

# EVALUATION MATRIX

Evaluation Criteria		Preferred Alternative: High Level Fixed Bridge (Reduced)	No-Build Alternative
BENEFITS	Addresses the Age and Existing Conditions of the Bridge		
	Provides Improvements to Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities		
	Enhances Safety for All Users Including Emergency Evacuation		
BRIDGE	Vertical Height Above Mean High Water	78 feet	17 feet
	Horizontal Width Between Fenders	90 feet	45.9 feet
	Benefit to Marine Traffic	Yes	No change
	Estimated Life of Alternative (Years)	75	10
RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPACTS	Number of Residential Parcels Potentially Impacted	0	0
	Number of Business Parcels Potentially Impacted	0	0
	Additional Right-of-Way Required (Acres)	0.23	0.00
ENVIRONMENTAL	Potential Impacts to Threatened and Endangered Species	Low	No change
	Potential Contamination Sites (High Risk)	1	No change
	Direct Impacts to Wetlands and Surface Waters (Acres)	0.37	No change
	Direct Impacts to Seagrasses <sup>1</sup> (Acres)	0.01	No change
	Section 4(f) Sites / Public Lands Potentially Impacted	1	No change
	Number of Historic Sites and Archaeological Sites Potentially Impacted	0	No change
	Number of Noise-Sensitive Sites Impacted	0	No change
	Aquatic Preserves / Outstanding Florida Waters (Acres Impacted)	0/2.51	No change
COST	Design	\$4.5 million	\$0
	Right-of-Way Acquisition	\$0*	\$0
	Construction	\$137.64 million	\$0
	Utility Relocation	\$725,000	\$0
	Wetland Mitigation	\$25,000	\$0
	Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI)	\$16.5 million	\$0
	<b>Total Project Costs (2025)</b>	<b>\$159.39 million</b>	<b>\$0**</b>
	*Right-of-way needed from Manatee County Parcel		
**Does not include annual maintenance costs and major repairs. The no-build alternative would involve increasingly expensive maintenance and repair projects causing continued disruption to traffic.			
1. Seagrass Survey performed prior to 2024 hurricane season.			

**Preliminary - Subject to Change**

