



DATE: October 1, 2026

TO: Mayor Debbie Trice
Vice Mayor Kathy Kelley Ohlrich
Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch
Commissioner Liz Alpert
Commissioner Kyle Battie

Notice is hereby given that a Special Joint Meeting of the Sarasota City Commission and the Town of Longboat Key Town Commission shall be held on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers at the Town of Longboat Key, Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, FL 34228**, to discuss the various joint topics; and any other matters that may come before the bodies.

Individuals who wish to give input during the Special Joint Meeting may do so by coming in person to the Town of Longboat Key Town Hall.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Shayla Griggs
City Auditor and Clerk

c: Karie Friling, City Manager
Joseph Polzak, City Attorney
Jennifer Jorgensen, Deputy City Manager
Lori Rivers, Deputy City Auditor and Clerk
James Johnson, Commission Reporter Coordinator
Miles Larsen, Manager, Public Broadcasting
Kyle Guay, Government Access, Program Coordinator
Chief Rex Troche, Police Department
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This meeting will be live streamed via the Town's website.

Town of Longboat Key Town Commission

Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road

Longboat Key, FL 34228

www.longboatkey.org

Debra Williams, Mayor; Penny Gold, Vice Mayor;

Gary Coffin, District 1; Nick Gladding, District 3;

Sarah Karon, District 5; B.J. Bishop, At-Large;

and Steve Branham, At-Large

AGENDA JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF SARASOTA COMMISSION OCTOBER 7, 2026 - 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Pledge of Public Conduct

- We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another.
- We will direct all comments to issues.
- We will avoid personal attacks.
- Audience members wishing to speak must be recognized by the Chair.
- Speaking without being recognized will be considered "Out of Order."

3. Public to be Heard

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Town Commission

4. Items for Discussion

A. City of Sarasota – Amendment 3 Impacts

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

B. City of Sarasota – Future of City Projects

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

C. City of Sarasota – Review of Interlocal between City of Sarasota and Town of Longboat Key

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

D. Town of Longboat Key – Water Taxi Information

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

E. Town of Longboat Key – Subaqueous Update

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

5. Adjournment

No verbatim record by a certified court reporter is made of these proceedings. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these proceedings upon which any appeal is to be based (see Section 286.0105, Fla. Stat.).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, F.S., persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Town Clerk's office at 941-316-1999 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this proceeding. If you are hearing impaired or require an alternative means of communication, utilize Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1 (TTY) or one of the following toll-free numbers:

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No Material Provided for These Items

END OF AGENDA ITEM

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Town Commission and City Commission

REPORT DATE: October 1, 2026

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Joint Meeting with City of Sarasota

Background

The following presentation has been prepared by the City of Sarasota for items to be discussed during the upcoming Joint Meeting on October 7, 2026, and provides an overview of matters of shared regional interest between the City of Sarasota and the Town of Longboat Key.

Staff Recommendation

None, informational only.

Attachment

City of Sarasota Presentation



Joint City/Town Commission Meeting



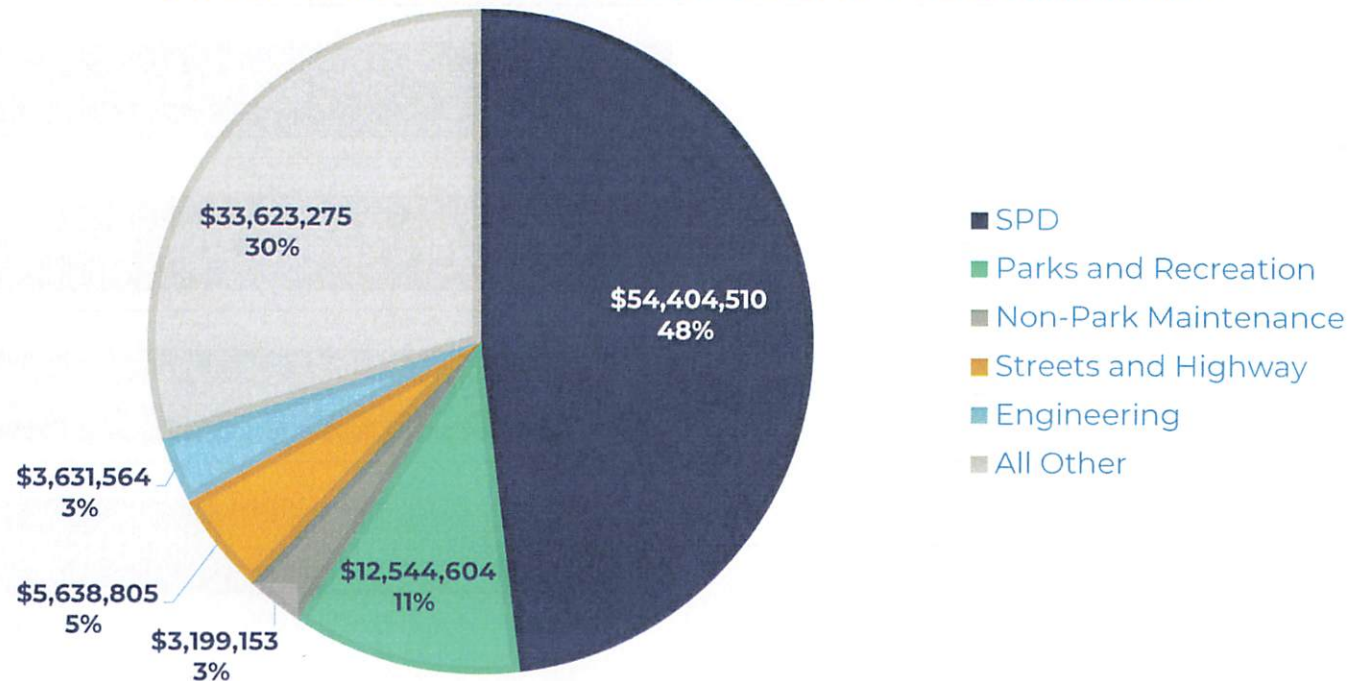
Agenda:

- Amendment 3 – City Impacts
- Interlocal Agreement – New Pass
- Transportation and Coastal Projects
- Recap and Questions

Amendment 3 - What This Means For Our City

- \$59M – Annual Property Tax Revenue
- \$5.6M - Projected Annual Revenue Loss by FY29
- 92% share of annual property tax spend on Sarasota Police Department
- 42% of property in the City is homestead
- Mandates legislation to create procedures for full elimination of homestead property taxes

FY 27 GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT



Amendment 3 – What \$5.6 Million Looks Like

- 37 police officers
- Approximately 47 FTE staff positions
- The entire Streets and Highway budget (\$5.6 million)
- 1.5x the Engineering budget (\$3.6 million)

- The entire Parks and Rec maintenance budget (\$5.4 million)
- RL Taylor CC, Payne Park Tennis Complex, Lido Beach & Arlington Park budgets combined (\$5.5 million)
- 1.75x the non-park maintenance budget (\$3.2 million)



Amendment 3 — What the City Is Doing Now and What Could Change

Sound fiscal management requires the City to anticipate challenges and begin preparing now.

The City's has created a thoughtful 3-pronged approach to identify and address any changes needed to manage the \$5.6 million impact:

Looking for efficiencies throughout the organization

- Reduce overtime
- Hiring freeze of open positions
- Review fleet replacement
- Consolidate/Reorganization

Considering additional revenue sources

- User fees for some parks
- Increase various permit fees
- Sponsorship programs
- Parking fee for non-residents as beaches
- Millage Increase

Reviewing possible service and program reductions

- City Co-Sponsored Events
- Reduce landscaping, replace annuals with perennials
- Terminate programs -wi-fi in the parks



New Pass Dredging & Sand Sharing Interlocal

City of Sarasota and Town of Longboat Key

Effective September 15, 2026

50% Lido Key / 50% Longboat Key

Cumulative sand sharing from adoption of the 2025 Inlet Management Plan.

One project may place up to 100% on either shoreline with written consent. Later projects restore the cumulative balance.

Ten-year term and continued partnership. Shared monitoring determines available sand volume.



New Pass

Lido Beach Renourishment and New Pass

Navigation and beach protection

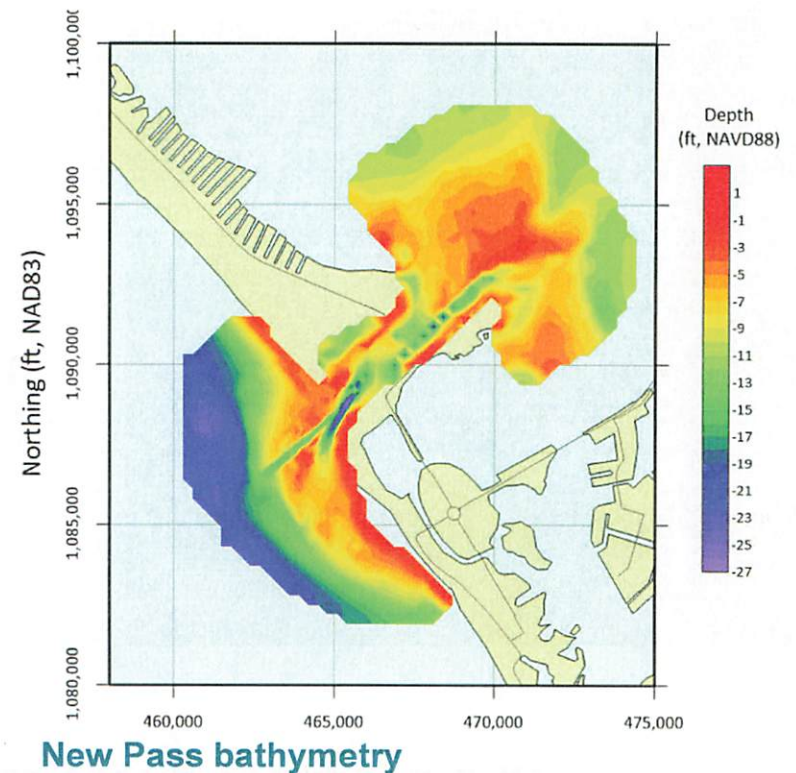
New Pass dredging removes shoaling from the navigation channel. Suitable sand replenishes Lido Beach.

2026 renourishment complete

About 300,000 cubic yards of sand restored 1.2 miles of shoreline.

\$12 million in federal funding

Separate dune restoration: scheduled September 21, 2026, for completion End of 2027.



St. Armands Resiliency and Stormwater Project

PUBLIC OUTCOMES

- Remove floodwater as quickly as possible after storms.
- Upgrade drainage, pumping, and backflow protection.
- Protect evacuation access and regional commerce.
- Serve residents, employees, businesses, and visitors.



\$13.5M

County-administered
Resilient SRQ
CDBG-DR

+ \$479K

City contribution

**Coordinated delivery: City • County • Longboat Key • FDOT
Supported by Sarasota County's Resilient SRQ program**

St. Armands Project Coordination

County-managed stormwater

\$13.5 million Resilient SRQ award
\$479,000 City contribution

Drainage, pumping and backflow protection to reduce flooding.

City-led utility undergrounding

Coordinate utility design with stormwater and corridor work.

State appropriation corridor improvements

\$1.48 million state appropriation

Separate FDOT funding for the St. Armands Key corridor project.

Coordinate schedules to limit repeated excavation and traffic disruption.



City Projects: 10th Street & Boulevard of the Arts Redesign

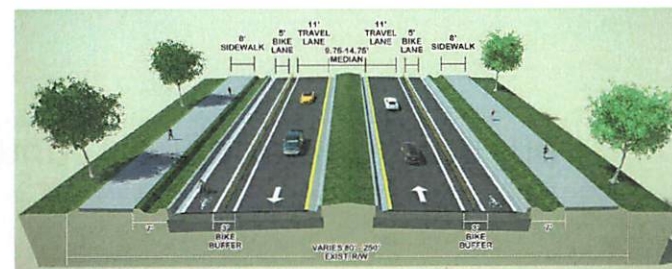
\$12 million USDOT grant + \$3 million City match

Finalizing the federal grant agreement for design-build delivery.

10th Street concept: four travel lanes to two, with bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Traffic study underway.

Staff intends to notify affected property owners, impacted municipalities and Sarasota County, then hold a public meeting and consider comments before completing design.

Anticipated construction: 2028–2029, subject to the grant agreement, design and approvals.



10th Street concept
Subject to public input and City
Commission approval



<https://engage.sarasotafl.gov/10th-street-and-blvd-of-the-arts>

Advanced Air Mobility: Proposed Regional MOU

Airport-led coordination with FDOT District One

Plan for emerging aircraft, supporting infrastructure and regional transportation connections.

Coordinate public safety, land use compatibility and community engagement with the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and local governments.

Advisory framework. Future projects, funding and approvals remain separate.



Advanced Air Mobility: Potential Applications



Illustrative aircraft concepts

The proposed MOU would support regional planning. It does not establish a service launch or approve a facility.

Rendering: Lilium Air Mobility



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**PUBLIC
SERVICES**



**AIR
CARGO**

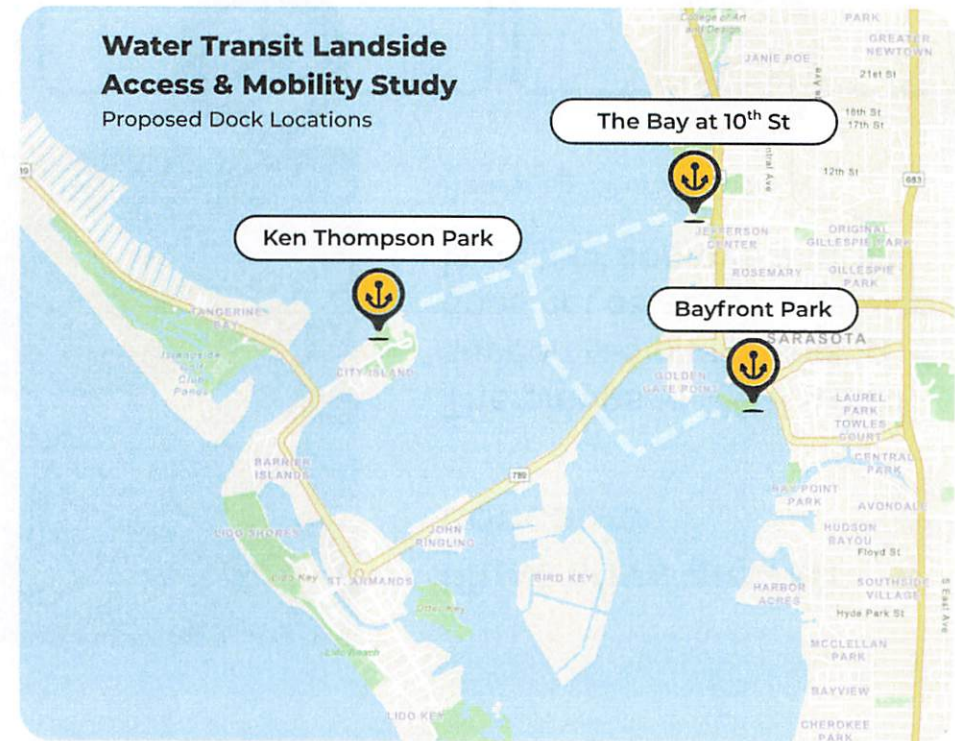


**PRIVATE/
RECREATIONAL**

City Projects: Water Transit

On Pause

The City's water transit dock infrastructure construction remains on pause.



Conceptual dock locations



<https://engage.sarasotafl.gov/sarasota-water-transit>

Current and Future FDOT Projects

Current: John Ringling Causeway Improvements

East of Sunset Drive to Bird Key Drive (FPID 445926-2)

\$12.3 million construction

January 2026 to early 2027

Bicycle and transit lanes, new signals, resurfacing, drainage and a raised seawall cap near Sunset Drive.

Future: Little Ringling Bridge Replacement

Bird Key Drive to Sarasota Harbor West (FPID 436680-1)

\$74 million estimated construction

Design: \$4 million. Construction timing pending FDOT.

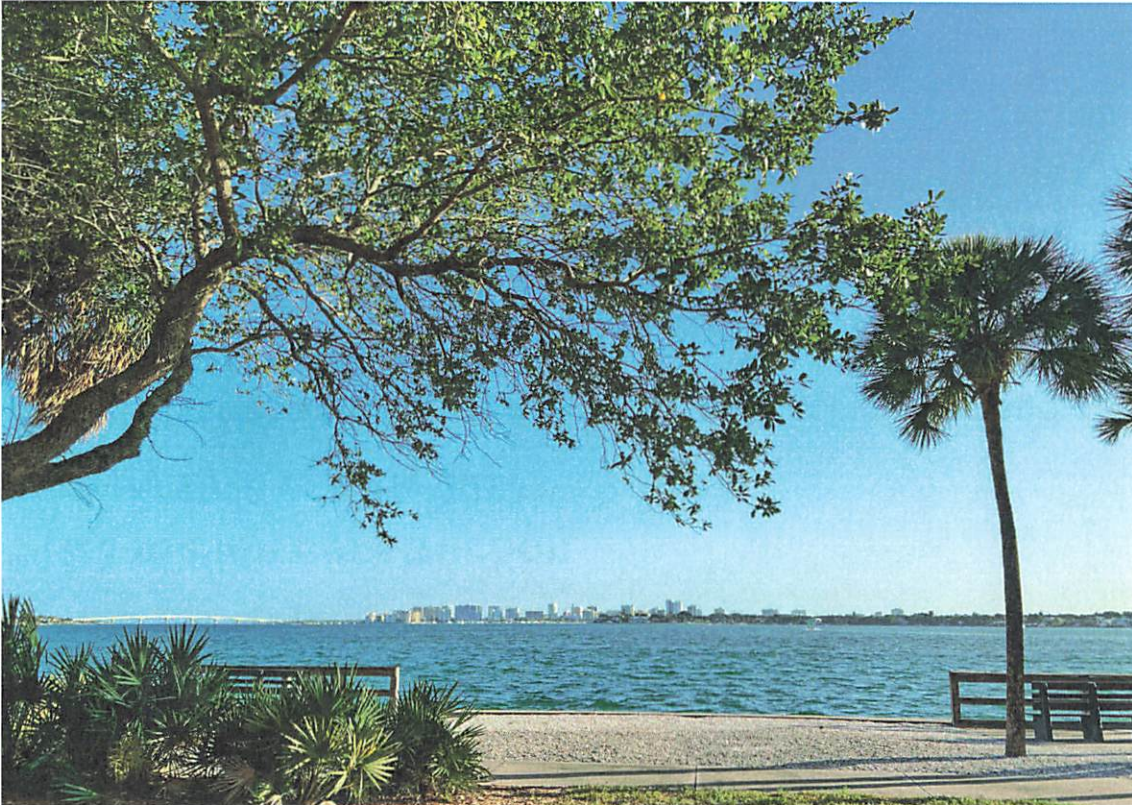
Single bridge with bicycle, pedestrian, and transit accommodations.





Recap and Questions

Our goal is to use public resources effectively and improve resident satisfaction.



End of Agenda Item

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4. Items for Discussion

D. Water Taxi Information

No Material Provided for This Item

END OF AGENDA ITEM

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: George Landry, Town Manager
FROM: Charlie Mopps, Public Works Director
REPORT DATE: September 28, 2026
MEETING DATE: October 7, 2026
SUBJECT: Subaqueous Wastewater Force Main Update

Background

For the purposes of this item, the Town will provide an update specifically to the status of the Subaqueous Wastewater Force Main project to the Joint City of Sarasota and Town of Longboat Key Commission.

Recommended Action

None, informational only.

Attachment

PowerPoint Presentation



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY



Water/ Wastewater Updates: Subaqueous Force Main Project

October 7, 2026





TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

Subaqueous Force Main Project Update

Brief Project Description

The Subaqueous Force Main Addition Project will provide a new force main pipe in parallel with the existing subaqueous force main that is approximately 13,500 linear feet (LF) of 20-inch ductile iron (DI) installed in 1970. The new force main (FM) pipe will be 24-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) material with all associated pipe fittings, valves, and appurtenances.

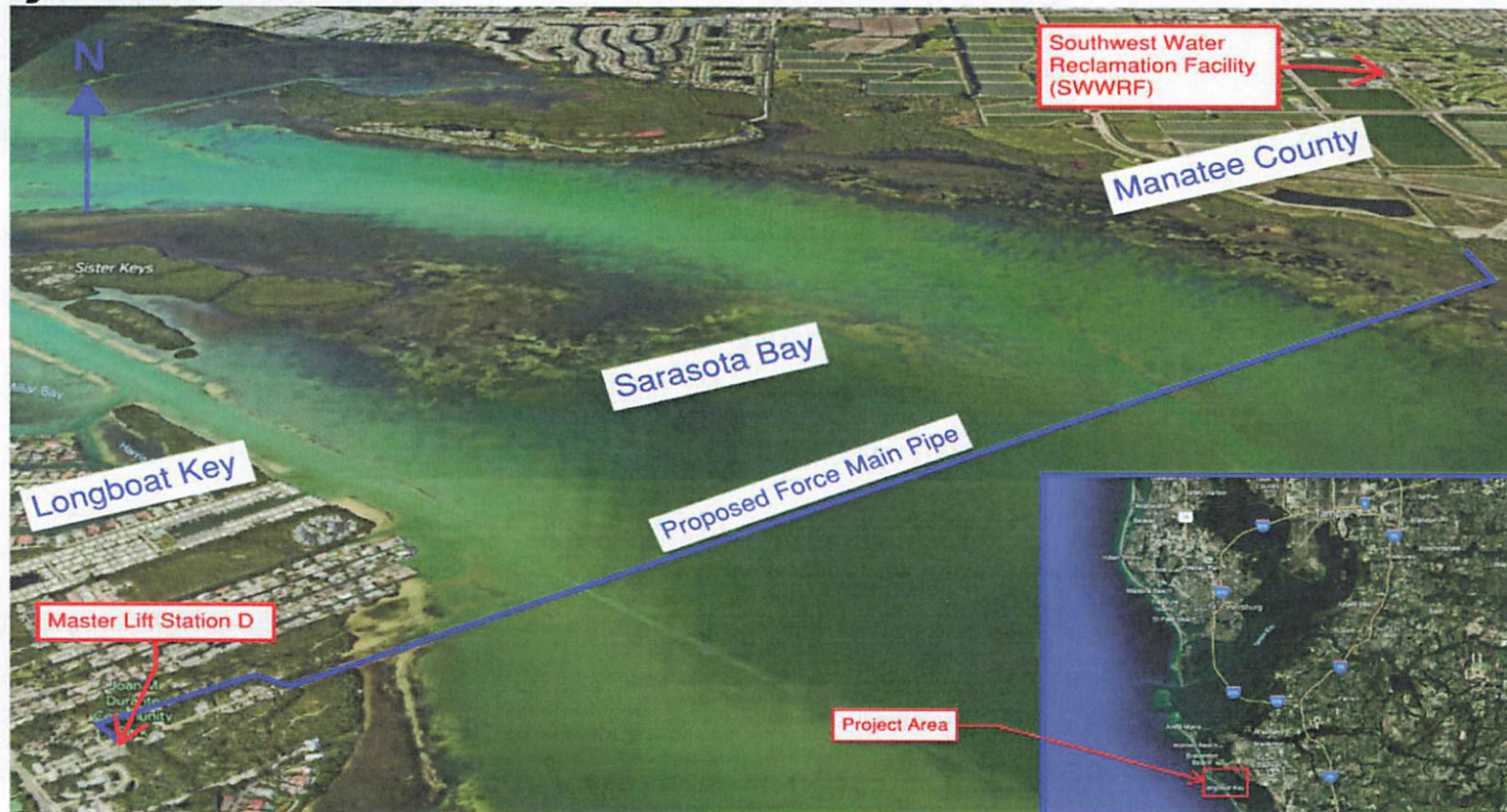




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Subaqueous Force Main Project Update

Project Location



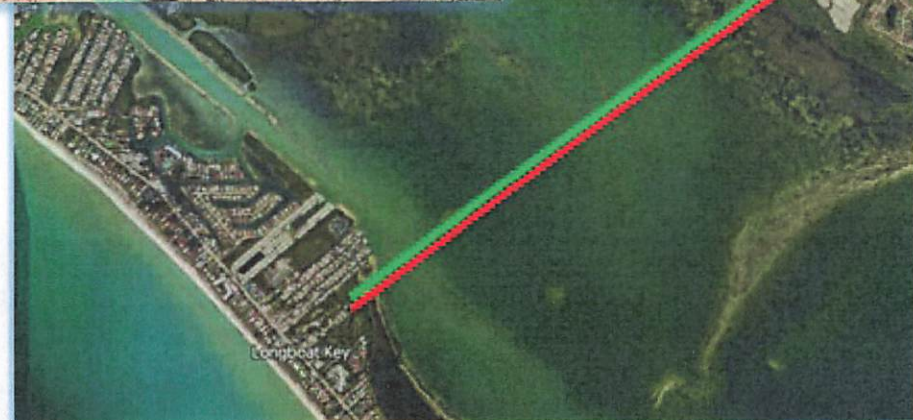


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Subaqueous Force Main Project Update

Background: *The Town has been planning redundant force main project for some time.*

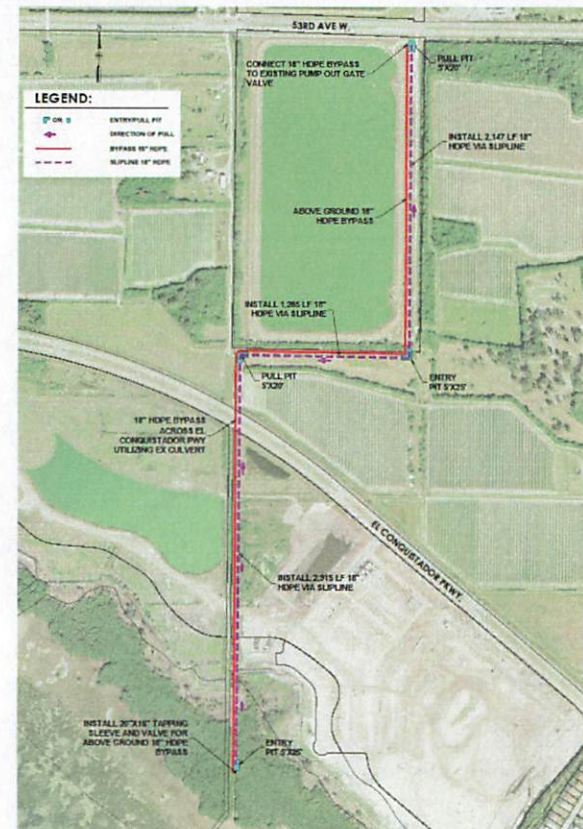
1. **January 2020:** Began preliminary design and permitting for a Sarasota Bay “open-cut” project.
 - a. Town hired:  
2. **June 2020:** Manatee County and Town staff discovered a force main leak on the mainland side of the bay. Repaired and placed back into service in about 30 hours.
3. **February 2021:** Entered into a Consent Order with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).





Subaqueous Force Main Project Update

4. **January 2022:** FDEP Permit Issued.
5. **January 2023:** USACOE Nationwide Permit Issued.
6. **May 2023:** Town and Murphy Pipeline completed slip-line rehabilitation of the major mainland portion of the force main pipeline (~6,400 linear feet).
7. **October 2024:** Construction Manager at Risk:
 - a. Town hired:  **GARNEY**
8. **November 2024 – 2025:**
 - Design Review, Constructability, and Cost/Benefit Analysis: Revised Footprint Causes Permit Modifications.
 - Numerous Meetings with Agencies to Develop Permit Path.
 - Permit Modification Submitted to Agencies.





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Subaqueous Force Main Project Update

Current Permitting Status:

9. **February 2026:** USACE notifies the Town that, due to the size of the impacts, a new permit mechanism is required.
10. **March - April 2026:** New USACE Nationwide Permit applied for, and FDEP modification already in progress.
11. **April – June 2026:** Notified by USACE that the Nationwide Permit is not acceptable; will need an Individual Permit.
12. **Currently:** Submitted for an Individual Permit from USACE and an FDEP Modification; both in progress.



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Subaqueous Force Main Project Update

External Funding Support to Date:

1. Grants (No Payback Required):

- EPA Community Grants Program: \$3,000,000 (*Congressman Vern Buchanan*)
- FDEP State Appropriations Grant: \$1,500,000
- STAG-Clean Water SRF Grant: \$1,000,000
- SRF SAHM Funding (Principal Forgiveness): \$9,583,250 (No payback required)

Total Grant Dollars: \$15,083,000

2. Loans:

- SRF SAHM Funding (0% Interest Loan): **\$9,583,250**

3. Total Current External (Grants + 0% Loan): \$24,666,250



Guaranteed Maximum Price Construction + Environmental Mitigation Costs as part of ongoing permitting are still under negotiation.



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Subaqueous Force Main Project Update

Goals/ Next Steps:

1. FDEP Major Modification Permitting

- A. Address all outstanding RAI and finalize Environmental Impact Scoring
- B. Obtain permit

2. USACE Permitting

- A. Individual Permit Application package under expedited review
- B. Obtain an approved permit

3. Work with Contractor

- A. Construction and Timeframe Alternatives based on permit progress
- B. Work on Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Construction Manager
- C. Pipe and Equipment Procurement

4. Work with Funding Agents

- A. Maintain Grants and confirm/adjust period of performance, as needed.
- B. Seek Additional Grant Opportunities / Loans, as needed.

5. Work to Obtain Outstanding Upland Interest



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Subaqueous Force Main Project Update

As Town works to achieve Goals/Next Steps:

1. Continued Use of Existing Main

- ✓ Assessment screening tools have indicated continued reliability
- ✓ A significant portion of existing pipeline is already re-lined.



2. Cost Control

- ✓ Construction Manager already including strategies to contain.

3. Contractor Availability

- ✓ Construction Manager has confirmed continued commitment to the project.

4. Grant Period of Performance

- ✓ For SAHM \$19 million, appears to be sufficiently pushed out.

5. Pipe Purchase & Storage

- ✓ Favorably negotiated with supplier.





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Subaqueous Force Main Project Update

Thank you!

End of Agenda Item

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5. Adjournment

No Material Provided for This Item

END OF AGENDA ITEM