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FORT MYERS BEACH PIER PROJECT



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The Fort Myers Beach Pier Reconstruction Project will restore a beloved community landmark and build a stronger, more resilient structure for the future. This FAQ shares key details about construction, design, environmental protection and what residents and visitors can expect. Explore the sections below to stay informed.

Project Timeline & Milestones

When did construction begin?

Construction started in August 2026.

Will there be a groundbreaking ceremony?

Yes, a groundbreaking ceremony took place on Friday, Aug. 21, 2026 at Crescent Beach Family Park. If you were unable to join us, you can watch a video of the ceremony on the county's YouTube channel here: [Fort Myers Beach Pier Replacement Project](#).

What is the estimated timeline of the project?

Project completion is anticipated for late Summer 2027, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

Funding & Budget

How is the construction project being funded?

Multiple funding sources are being used for this project:

- FEMA Public Assistance: \$6.1 million
- Tourist Development Tax funds: \$1.3 million
- RESTORE Act grants: \$7 million

Construction Operations (Hours, Access, Materials)

What are the days/hours to expect construction to occur?

Construction is expected to occur Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. As the project progresses, weekend work may occur and there may be adjustments to the daily working hours.

Will the site be secured on nights and weekends?

There will be a 6-foot fence surrounding the construction site on land; floating turbidity curtains will encompass the in-water work areas.

Where will construction materials and work crew vehicles be stored?

All materials and work crew vehicles will be in a designated area behind fencing at Lynn Hall Park.

How large will the construction area be?

The size of the construction area will vary depending on the activities taking place. A safety buffer of up to 200 feet may be established around the work zone as needed. During pile-driving activities, about 75 feet of

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additional temporary fencing will be installed around portions of the work area to provide additional separation from construction activities.

Will it be necessary to close any nearby roadways or impact vehicle traffic?

No roadways are expected to be closed at this time. There may temporarily be traffic delays due to materials delivery. This will be coordinated and approved with timely information sent out in advance.

What should residents and visitors expect during construction?

During construction, residents and visitors can expect periodic construction noise, including equipment operation, cranes and pile driving. Temporary construction fencing, equipment and pedestrian detours will also be present. Additionally, parking spaces near the project staging area may occasionally be temporarily unavailable to accommodate construction deliveries and equipment access. Beachgoers should be prepared for periodic reductions in available parking near the project site.

Will construction impact Times Square and special events?

It's not anticipated that the project will impact Times Square. The project team is coordinating closely with the Town of Fort Myers Beach to plan for and be aware of special events.

Pier Design & Features

What will happen to the remnants of the old pier?

The remnants of the old pier will be removed and hauled offsite by the county's contractor for proper disposal elsewhere.

What will the new dimensions of the pier be?

The reconstruction will extend the pier to roughly 1,000 feet long and 12 feet wide, or more than 70% longer and 50% wider than the pier destroyed by Hurricane Ian in September 2022.

Where can I see renderings of what the pier will look like?

Check them out [here](#).

How will the new pier be more resilient to weather events?

The pier has been designed with current code and standards, which will increase its resiliency for storm protection. For example, the concrete piles will be deeper and the finish floor elevation will be higher than the old one to provide more resiliency against wave action.

Safety, Access & Traffic

How will the construction site and materials be secured in the event of an approaching storm?

All materials and barges will be moved or secured in the event of an incoming storm.

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Will there be pedestrian access near the project site during construction?

Pedestrian detours will be in place to help maintain safe access on and around the beach. Visitors are encouraged to follow all posted signage and detour routes throughout construction. The amount of beach surrounding the site that will be closed off to the public during construction will vary, depending on what construction activities are taking place and when.

Will I be able to swim in the water near the pier during construction?

Visitors should use extreme caution when swimming near the construction area and follow all posted signs, barriers and instructions. For everyone's safety, please avoid entering any restricted work zones. Once the construction barge is in place, safety buoys will be positioned around the marine work area. Boaters, personal watercraft operators, and swimmers should remain outside the marked area and avoid approaching the barge or pier construction zone.

Environmental Protection

How is the project protecting sea turtles and other wildlife?

Turtle Time personnel will survey the project area each morning for sea turtle activity and nests, and construction activities will comply with all applicable local, state and federal environmental permits and wildlife protection requirements.

Staying Informed

How can I stay informed about construction progress?

Residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to sign up for project updates by emailing FMBPierProject@exp.com.

Where is additional information located?

Visit the Fort Myers Beach Pier Replacement Project landing page at <https://go.leefl.gov/FMBPierProject>