



# MIAMI BEACH

## Venetian Causeway Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project

### Frequently Asked Questions - Phase I

#### **What is the purpose of this project?**

The existing water and sewer mains are in poor condition. This emergency project will replace the old main and bridge crossing with new pipes that will be installed underground.

#### **Where will this project take place?**

The project's boundaries extend from Rivo Alto to Belle Isle.

#### **How long will this project take to complete?**

This project is scheduled to start on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2023. [Click here](#) for a detailed project schedule.

#### **What are the current work hours?**

Work is scheduled Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Extended hours will be permitted only for specific construction activities that require continuous operations, such as drilling or pipe pulling.

#### **Will there be construction related noise?**

There may be construction noise due to drilling equipment.

#### **How will traffic be controlled?**

Traffic operations will be assisted by off-duty police officers and flaggers. While we do not have the capacity to limit vehicular traffic to residents only, we will use message boards at either end of the causeway to strongly encourage drivers to seek alternate routes.

#### **How will pedestrians and cyclists be affected?**

During Phase I, the eastbound bike lane and sidewalk from E San Marino Drive to E Rivo Alto and between Island Avenue (Belle Isle) will be closed. The contractor will install signage to direct pedestrians around the project site and notify them when a bike lane ends or converts to a shared lane.

#### **Will the bus and trolley be in operation?**

The bus and trolley systems will be operational. The County has temporarily relocated the bus stop on the north side of Venetian Way to the south side on Belle Isle near the corner of Island Ave and Venetian Way. The trolley stop near Venetian Way and E Island Avenue (stop ID: 185) will remain open.

#### **Work is taking place in front of my property. Will I still have access to my home?**

Workers on-site will provide residents with continuous access in and out of their homes.



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#### **Will there be lane closures on Rivo Alto during Phase I?**

During Phase I, the contractor will close the eastbound bike lane and sidewalk from E San Marino Drive to W Rivo Alto to layout the pipe for the drilling operation. To keep traffic and pedestrians clear of the work zone, the eastbound traffic lane, bike lane and sidewalk on Venetian Way between W and E Rivo Alto will also remain closed.

#### **Will there be lane closures on Belle Isle during Phase I?**

During Phase I, the contractor will close the eastbound traffic lane, bike lane and sidewalk on Venetian Way between Island Ave to position drilling equipment for the project.

#### **Will Miami-Dade County and Coast Guard officials modify the drawbridge schedule for the duration of this project?**

The Coast Guard has authorized the following drawbridge deviations until January 31, 2023:

Monday through Friday (except on Federal holidays)

- 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. - The drawbridge will only open on the hour.
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - The drawbridge will only open on the hour and half hour.
- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - The drawbridge will only open on the hour.
- 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. - The drawbridge will open on signal.

The drawbridge will open on signal on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays.

Public vessels of the United States and vessels in distress may pass at any time. City staff will continue to work with the U.S. Coast Guard for future extensions as the project progresses.

#### **How will construction, landscaping and delivery vehicles service my property?**

To avoid traffic congestion, vehicles will be required to drive onto the property to perform their services. The city's Parking Department has been informed of the construction and will conduct regular inspections in this area.

#### **Will emergency vehicles have access to the Venetian Islands?**

All emergency response teams have been notified of the construction and will continue to have access to the Islands. A dedicated Venetian Islands Police detail is also available for resident convenience.



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#### **Will the city modify crosswalks to assist with pedestrian traffic?**

The City will not be modifying crosswalks at this time. Staff will be onsite to monitor traffic conditions and make adjustments as needed.

#### **Who do I contact if I have additional questions?**

For all other questions, please email Gabriella Gonzalez, Neighborhood Affairs Coordinator at [gabriellagonzalez@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:gabriellagonzalez@miamibeachfl.gov)