



FACT SHEET

New traffic signal at Old San Carlos and Estero Boulevards and traffic improvements in the Town of FMB

- For many years, traffic in the Town of Fort Myers Beach has been a recurring discussion by Town Council, Lee County officials (Lee County owns Estero Boulevard), residents and visitors.
- Many improvements are planned and have been implemented.
- A long-term project called “*reFresh Estero Boulevard*” began in 2015 and is designed to improve water and stormwater structure along Estero Boulevard and install bike lanes and sidewalks. This project is scheduled to be finished on the south end of Estero Island at the end of 2021. It began on the north end of Estero Island. (www.refreshfmbeach.com)
- On Monday, August 16, 2021, construction is set to begin on the Town’s new traffic signal at the intersection of Old San Carlos and Estero Boulevards.
- This new signal is the start of more long-term improvements that are planned in partnership with Lee County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).
- The signal is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.
- Motorists should anticipate periodic lane closures and delays in the area and some work taking place at night to minimize traffic disruptions.
- Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, is the contractor, and will be managing traffic.
- Two signalization mast arms and associated equipment are to be installed.
- The Local Agency Program (LAP) through FDOT is the principle funding source for this project. This is the Town’s first LAP project since certification was obtained in 2020.
- Estimated cost is \$776,511.
- Lee County is also planning to install a second new signal at the intersection of Crescent Street and Estero Boulevard starting approximately in May of 2022. This signal is also to be completed with LAP funding.



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- The signals at Estero/San Carlos and Estero/Crescent are two parts of several improvements to traffic patterns that are planned over the next several years near the base of the Matanzas Pass Bridge. These improvements involve partnerships with the Town, Lee County, and the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Lee County presented an intersection improvement concept for the base of Matanzas Pass Bridge called Seafarer's Alternative to the Town Council of Fort Myers Beach on March 2, 2020. This alternative was adopted by Town Council and FDOT is preparing the final design.
- Seafarer's concept:
<http://www.swflroads.com/sr865/sancarlosboulevarddesign/images/Seafarers%20Alternatives.jpg>
- View the March 2, 2020, FMB Town Council meeting:
http://fortmyersbeachtownfl.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1392
- Learn about LAP federal funds that are provided to municipalities for local transportation improvements: <https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/lap/becomingcertified.shtm>
- Progress of these projects will be shared through the Town's website (www.fmbgov.com) and social media outlets.