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Subject: ** October 5th at 2:00 PM ** FRDAP Grant – Johns Pass Boardwalk Resiliency Improvements Public Meeting

Importance: High

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to notify you of a required public meeting regarding the City of Madeira Beach's proposed Johns Pass Boardwalk Resiliency Improvements and Repairs Project and the City's application for funding through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP).
The meeting is scheduled for:

****Monday, October 5, 2026****

2:00 PM
City Hall
300 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed project scope and obtain feedback from Madeira Beach residents and business owners regarding the proposed repairs and resiliency improvements to the Johns Pass Boardwalk. The public participation component is a required part of the FRDAP application, and the City's application must include documentation of public participation.

The proposed project will focus on improving the structural integrity, safety, and resiliency of the Johns Pass Boardwalk. The proposed scope of work would include:

- Structurally wrapping the remaining unwrapped boardwalk pilings to provide additional protection from marine exposure and deterioration.
- Repairing or replacing damaged or missing cross bracing and associated hardware supporting the boardwalk structure.
- Removing the existing electrical lighting and replacing it with resilient solar-powered lights to reduce reliance on electrical components vulnerable to storm surge, water exposure, and future storm events.
- Repairing handrails that have separated or become disconnected to improve pedestrian safety and restore the structural integrity of the boardwalk railing system.
- Other necessary repairs identified through the City's inspection and engineering evaluation of the boardwalk.

The Johns Pass Boardwalk was constructed in the 1970s and is supported by approximately 192 pilings with cross bracing. Due to the boardwalk's age and continuous exposure to the marine

environment, ongoing structural maintenance and resiliency improvements are necessary to extend the useful life of the facility and protect this important public recreational asset.

The FY2027–2028 FRDAP application period is currently open, and applications must be submitted through FDEP's grant portal no later than 5:00 PM on October 15, 2026. The maximum FRDAP grant request is \$200,000. Because of the short application timeframe and the required supporting documentation, the October 5th meeting is necessary to meet the public participation requirements and allow the City to finalize the proposed project scope prior to submission.

I encourage the Board to attend and provide feedback on the proposed project and the improvements and repairs identified above for inclusion in the City's FRDAP grant application.

Sincerely,

Megan Wepfer

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