

# JOHNS PASS DREDGING

## JUNE 2022 – JULY 2025

### PURPOSE

To dredge a section of the John's Pass channel/waterway, more specifically an approximate 1.6 acres area on the northern side of the channel/waterway adjacent to a FDOT right-of-way, City property, and private property to remove/alleviate sedimentation likely attributed to alongshore sediment transport of sand moving north to south which becomes entrained via tidal currents along the updrift bank of the inlet.

### ACTIONS

**June 2022** City officials notified the Florida Legislature appropriated just over \$1.5 million to help fund the project.

**Oct 2022** City contracts with Aptim Environmental (the Pinellas County coastal contractor) to manage the project specifically to obtain all requisite permits and assist with bid issuance.

**Jan - Feb 2023** Aptim staff meet with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and US Army Corps of Engineers, USACE, representatives (pre-planning) to discuss and review permit application requirements. Aptim also communicated with FDOT throughout the middle of 2023 as the project will occur within State DOT right-of-way.

**May 2023** Aptim submits FDOT permit application.

**Dec 2023** FDOT approves State right-of-way permit with the DEP and USACE permits now able to be applied for by Aptim.

Mar 2024 FDOT permit received by Aptim. Issuance delayed due to impacts of Hurricane Idalia.

**Mar 2024** City requests extension of the State appropriation funding through June 30, 2025 (can be extended through Dec 31, 2025).

**July 2024** Aptim submits all remaining completed permits to the USACE and the FDEP.

- Why is it almost a year and half to submit?

- The FDOT permit was required to move forward with FDEP and USACE permitting as stated during the pre-application meetings. Neither agency was willing to issue a permit until FDOT approved of the project due to concerns about bridge infrastructure. Permit drawings, final design, analysis of impacts to the coastal system, environmental investigations, and permit applications were finalized and submitted between December 2023 and July 2024; however, specific permit conditions were needed to complete final design.

**Aug-Sep 2024** Follow-up comments received from USACE and FDP requesting additional information

**Dec 2024** Temporary access and construction easement obtained from private property owner adjacent to proposed dredging area USACE and FDEP

**Jan 2025** FDEP on-site visit to John's Pass proposed dredging area. Aptim replies to USACE and FDEP requests for additional information

- Why did this take 4 months to respond?
  - **APTIM needed clarification on the FDEP and USACE request for additional information (RAI)**
  - **APTIM reached out to FDEP on 8/20/24.**
    - **Heard back from FDEP on 8/30/24 and a meeting was set up for 9/9/24.**
    - **Additional information regarding easement requirements was requested by APTIM on 9/9/24.**
    - **Information was provided by FDEP to APTIM regarding the need for an easement on 10/1/24.**
    - **A meeting was held with the City regarding procuring an easement for the RAI on 12/3/24.**
    - **FDEP required a site visit as criteria for response to RAI; APTIM requested site visit, but FDEP arranged for what would be the passage of Hurricane Helene. Site visit was rescheduled but delayed again due to impacts from Hurricane Milton. Final date coordinated based upon FDEP schedule was 1/14/25.**
  - **APTIM reached out to USACE on 9/5/24, 9/19/24, and 10/14/24 to discuss the RAI.**
    - **Heard back from USACE on 10/22/24 and meeting was set up for 10/28/24.**
- Why no request for confirmation?
  - **We will request confirmation for future RAI responses. We are told by the FDEP to wait 21 days after submittal until follow-up as review timeline courtesy and 28 days for the Corps as that is their standard review timelines.**

**Feb 2025** FDEP replied on Feb 18 requesting additional information (due w/in next 30 days) involving construction plans, water quality standards, and disposal and dewater processes, as well as possible additional comments from state agencies, FWC and Water Resource Management.

**Feb-Mar 2025** USACE continues information reviews

Expected replies from USACE and FDEP to occur within 30-60 days. Upon receipt of permits, bid issued shortly after to schedule to complete the dredging by summer 2025.

- Follow up on February 14, 2025 –
  - Why did you wait over 3 weeks to follow up
    - **We are told by the FDEP to wait 21 days after submittal until follow-up as that is their standard review timelines.**

- Follow up on March 13, 2025 –
  - Why did you wait 4 weeks to follow up
    - **APTIM followed up with the USACE on 2/14/25 and 3/3/25, and the USACE responded on 3/13/25.**
    - **We are told by the USACE to wait 28 days after submittal until follow-up as that is their standard review timelines.**
  - Has confirmation from the March 13 submittal been received from USACE?
    - **Yes, the USACE has received the RAI response.**
  - If no confirmation what are you doing to move this project forward?
    - **A meeting was held between APTIM and USACE on 3/20/25 to discuss the RAI response.**
    - **An additional RAI was received from FDEP on 2/18/25.**
      - **APTIM reached out regarding a meeting on 2/19/25.**
      - **A meeting was held between APTIM and FDEP on 3/5/25.**
      - **Additional clarification from FDEP regarding mitigation and best management practices is pending.**

Aptim followed up with FDEP and USACE on March 21 and April 7, 2025, on the additional information submitted to both agencies. USACE replied on April 7, 2025. There may be additional information required after the Corps receives comments from the resource agencies. No reply from FDEP as of Wed, Apr 9, will follow-up prior to Apr 16 meeting.

#### **Mid-APRIL – MAY 2025**

Most recent communications between Aptim, the USACE, and the FDEP:

1. USACE Permit: Application complete, undergoing Resource Agency consultation
  - a. USFWS Consultation: In progress, no updates since last email.
  - b. NMFS Consultation: In progress, no updates since last email.
  - c. Public Notice: Complete.
  - d. Last check-in email with the USACE was 5/6/25. Edgar sent a Provisional Notification on 5/13/25. APTIM responded to his email on 5/13/25.
  - e. Next planned check-in email with the USACE will be on 5/20/25.
2. FDEP Permit: Application complete, undergoing Resource Agency consultation
  - a. State Lands Easement Sketch: APTIM submitted the sketch on 4/23/25. Under review by FDEP.

- b. Best Management Practice's (BMP's): RAI sent on 5/12/25. Response is being drafted by APTIM.
- c. Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM): In consultation with the Division of Water Resource Management and Aquatic Preserve staff. A meeting was held between DWRM and AP staff this week, however, no updates have been provided.
- d. Last check-in email with the FDEP was 5/7/25. Update was provided on 5/12/25 by FDEP, which included an RAI from DWRM.
- e. Next planned check-in email with the FDEP will be when the RAI response is delivered to FDEP.

### 3. Bid Documents (Plans and Specifications)

- a. The project technical specifications and construction plans have been drafted and are under internal review.

## **June 2025 most recent update:**

1. USACE Permit: Application complete, undergoing Resource Agency consultation
  1. USFWS Consultation: In progress, no updates since last email.
  2. NMFS Consultation: In progress, no updates since last email.
  3. Public Notice: Complete.
  4. Last check-in email with the USACE was 6/4/25. No response to date.
  5. Next planned check-in email with the USACE will be on 6/18/25.
2. FDEP Permit: Application complete, undergoing Resource Agency consultation. RAI received from FDEP on 5/12/25.
  1. State Lands Easement Sketch: APTIM submitted the sketch on 4/23/25. Comments received on 5/30/25. Revisions have been drafted and have been submitted with the RAI response on 6/13/25.
  2. Best Management Practice's (BMP's): RAI sent on 5/12/25. Response is being drafted by APTIM.
  3. Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM): In consultation with the Division of Water Resource Management and Aquatic Preserve staff.
  4. A response to FDEP's Request for Additional Information was submitted on 6/13/25.
  5. Next planned check-in email with the FDEP will be on 6/27/25.
3. Bid Documents (Plans and Specifications)
  1. The project technical specifications and construction plans have been drafted and are under internal review.

## **JULY 2025 Most Recent Update:**

1. USACE Permit: Application complete, awaiting State permit
  1. USFWS Consultation: Complete.
  2. NMFS Consultation: Complete.
  3. Public Notice: Complete.
  4. Meeting was held on 6/26/25 between the USACE, APTIM, and the City. USACE permit ready to be issued pending State permit.
  5. No planned check-in's until State permit is submitted.
2. FDEP Permit: Application complete, undergoing Resource Agency consultation.
  1. State Lands Easement Sketch: FDEP requested revisions to the sketch on 7/10/25. Tentative meeting to discuss the RAI on 7/16/25.
  2. Best Management Practice's (BMP's): Additional RAI's were sent on 7/10/25 and 7/11/25. Tentative meeting to discuss the RAI on 7/16/25.
  3. Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM): Additional RAI's were sent on 7/10/25 and 7/11/25. Tentative meeting to discuss the RAI on 7/16/25.
  4. Additional RAI's were received from FDEP on 7/10/25 and 7/11/25. Tentative meeting to discuss the RAI on 7/16/25.
  5. Next planned communication will be the tentative meeting to discuss the RAI on 7/16/25.
3. Bid Documents (Plans and Specifications)
  1. The project technical specifications and construction plans have been drafted and are under internal review.

City received on May 20, 2025, the following Amendment 2 to the agreement with a revised Date of Expiration to December 31, 2026:

**AMENDMENT NO. 2  
TO AGREEMENT NO. LPA0321  
BETWEEN  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AND  
CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH**

This Amendment to Agreement No. LPA0321 (Agreement), as previously amended, is made by and between the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), an agency of the State of Florida, and the City of Madeira Beach (Grantee), on the date last signed below.

WHEREAS, the Department entered into the Agreement with the Grantee for Madeira Beach John's Pass North Shoreline Dredging (Project), effective November 29, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Grantee has requested an extension of the Agreement due to permitting delays; and,

WHEREAS, other changes to the Agreement are necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section 3. of the Standard Grant Agreement is hereby revised to change the Date of Expiration to December 31, 2026. The Department and the Grantee shall continue to perform their respective duties during this extension period pursuant to the same terms and conditions provided in the Agreement.
2. Section 6. of the Standard Grant Agreement is hereby revised to the following:

Department's Grant Manager	
Name:	Tolulola Adeyewa
Address:	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
	3900 Commonwealth Blvd
	Tallahassee, FL 32399
Phone:	850-245-2146
Email:	Tolulola.Adeyewa@FloridaDEP.gov

3. Section 11 of Attachment 2 is hereby revised as follows:

**Subcontracting**

The Grantee may subcontract work under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Department's Grant Manager except for certain fixed-price subcontracts pursuant to this Agreement, which require prior approval. Regardless of any subcontract, the Grantee is ultimately responsible for all work to be performed under this Agreement. Upon request by the Department's Grant Manager, the Grantee will submit a copy of the executed subcontract.