

JOHNS PASS DREDGING

JUNE 2022 – FEB 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 still in progress by Aptim.
- 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.
- 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
- Feb 2025** FDEP confirms receipt of Aptim's replies
- Feb-Mar 2025** USACE & FDEP 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 June/July 2025.