

## **Beach & Dune Committee Report (12/17/2021) for Dec PC Members Update**

**Federal Project SHI Timeline** - Construction Schedule as of Dec 15 from the county as outlined by the CORPs - "The latest construction schedule has the contractor placing sand around mid-March. They anticipate 30 days of construction." This is welcomed news and better than the April 1<sup>st</sup> indicated as recently as Dec. 8.

**Community-wide Meeting** – It is now scheduled Monday Feb 14, 2022, 2pm at the Nettles Island main club house for a presentation by the CORPs and county about the construction schedule and what to expect. (similar to the 2013 project). Intended from the county is a January letter which will be shared. More to follow. . .

**Turtles** – They will be protected throughout the project with professionals dedicated to just the turtles and wildlife including extra monitoring and other protocols that provide for the moving of viable nests within 24 hrs. and other measures. Florida Fish & Wildlife and meeting their requirements are part of the planning process.

**Electronic Monitors** - By way of a heads up, one of the early signs that construction is about to commence will be the placement of electronic real time monitors along the beach, maybe every 500 ft or so. (No need to call the sheriff about suspicious activity as has been known to occur.)

**Dredges** - Multiple dredges are anticipated to be used. Presently identified, but subject to change, are the Dodge Island and Padre Island. More about them is at

<https://www.gldd.com/gldd-equipment-trailing-suction-hopper-dredges/>

Their location and other information can be found at:

Corps/Industry Dredge Weekly Report

<https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/About/Technical-Centers/NDC-Navigation-and-Civil-Works-Decision-Support/NDC-Dredges/>

Dodge Island -

[https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:358780/mmsi:303589000/imo:7917800/vessel:DODGE\\_ISLAND](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:358780/mmsi:303589000/imo:7917800/vessel:DODGE_ISLAND)

Padre Island -

[https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:449016/mmsi:367525000/imo:8101783/vessel:PADRE\\_ISLAND](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:449016/mmsi:367525000/imo:8101783/vessel:PADRE_ISLAND)

**Funding of the Local Share** – In part, the county to date, without “actual costs better known” has refrained from any funding commitment from county-wide sources. With costs now known

expected is earnest advocacy again in the new year (Jan-Apr) for the much talked about “fair” funding from county-wide sources NOT just the local SoHI MSTU.

**Cost** – Requested and still pending is an update or revised forecast from the CORPs or SLC since Sep 29 when the CORPs announced the construction contract was awarded in the amount of \$11.3m providing approx. \$1.8m in further savings or cost reduction.

Stay up to date and search “beach” within the PC website for the most recent and latest information.

Respectfully submitted,

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