

Lincoln Beach Redevelopment

Community Update & Phase 1 Progress

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Agenda

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- ❖ Our Commitment & What We Heard
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Our Commitment

1. Restore public access to Lincoln Beach safely and responsibly
2. Be **transparent** about progress, challenges, and timelines.
3. Move forward with **urgency**—**without compromising quality or safety.**

Community Voices

(what we heard)

WHEN WILL THE BEACH OPEN?

Residents want clarity about when the beach will reopen and what progress is being made.

SAFE ACCESS

Strong concern about safe, reliable access for all ages and abilities.

LONG-TERM VISION

Interest in amenities and activity beyond the initial reopening.

HISTORY & CULTURE

Preserving Lincoln Beach's cultural identity is a priority for the community.

COMMUNICATION

Clear, consistent updates are essential to building trust.

ONGOING COMMUNITY ROLE

Residents want continued involvement in future decisions.

Where We Are Today

(Progress since our last community update)

MASTER PLAN COMPLETED

Completed in August 2025, establishing a long-term vision and flexible framework.

CONTRACTING

Design (DE) and Construction (RNGD) Contracts executed in December 2025.

PHASE 1 UNDERWAY

Phase 1 design officially began December 15, 2025.

COST REVIEWS + OPTIMIZATION

30% cost modeling and value engineering completed February 2026.

PERMITTING

Ongoing coordination with key agencies. (Norfolk Southern, USACE, LADOTD, and the Levee Board)

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

Early coordination is laying the groundwork for future construction.

Lincoln Beach Redevelopment Master Plan

www.lincolnbeachnola.com



Master Plan (Long-Term Vision)

The Lincoln Beach Master Plan outlines a long-term vision to restore public access while creating a vibrant, community-centered waterfront.

It is designed to be implemented in phases over time, allowing the City to adapt and expand improvements as funding becomes available.

Phase 1: Core infrastructure: pedestrian/vehicle access, parking, restrooms, initial beach and shoreline restoration, and essential utilities.

Phase 2: lockers and expanded recreational amenities. Additional amenities and expanded recreational features, aligning with the broader Master Plan vision.

Phase 3: Park features, landscape enhancements, and supporting structures.

Future Phases: Welcome center, history museum, expanded event and recreation areas, and additional ecological improvements.

Phase 1

What We're Building Today

Phase 1 Focus : Safe Public Re-Opening

Essential infrastructure required to reopen Lincoln Beach safely

Access & Parking Improvements

Safe entry, Parking and emergency service access

Bridge & Utilities

Pedestrian access, Water, sewer, drainage, electrical

Restrooms

Essential amenities to support public use

Beach & Shoreline Restoration

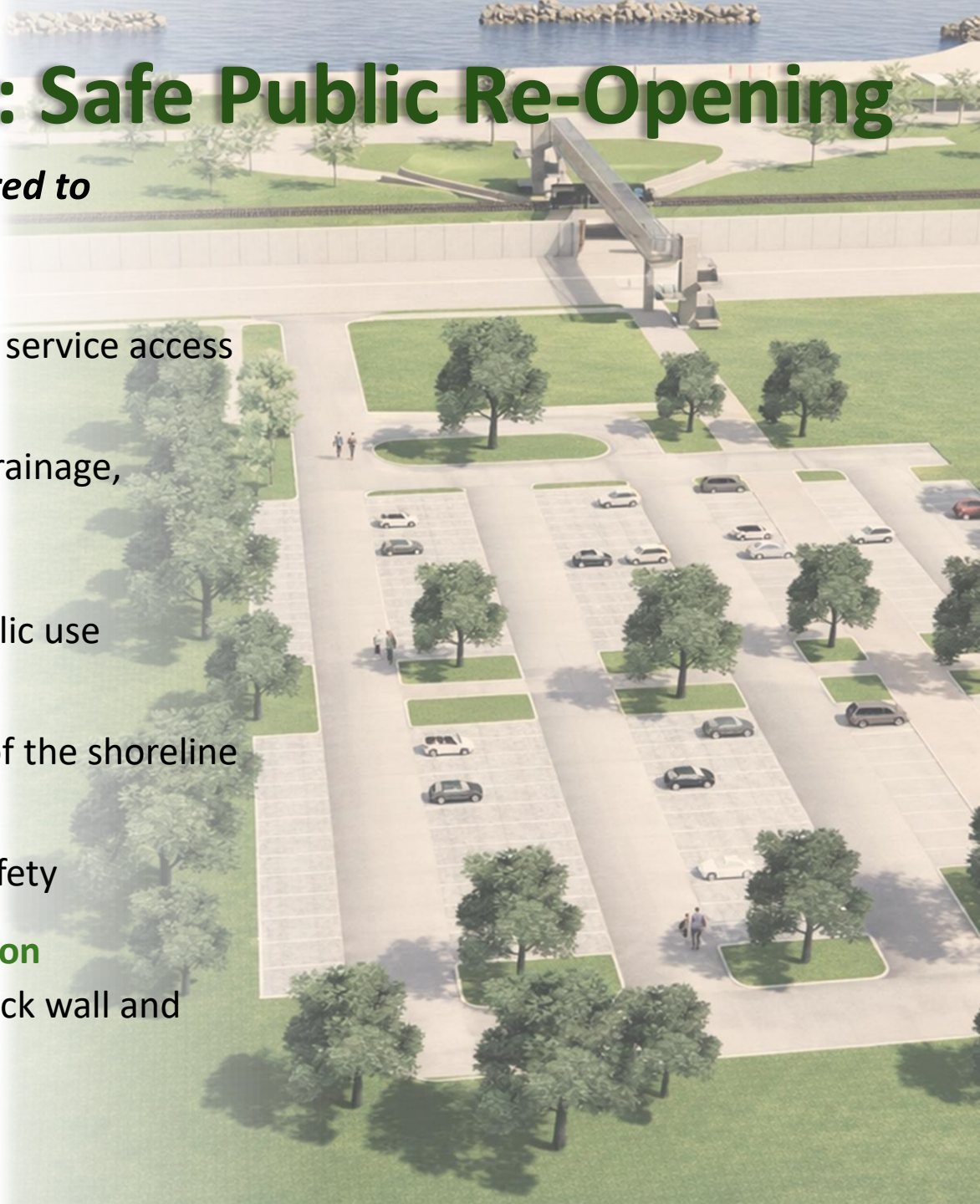
Sand placement and stabilization of the shoreline

Waterfront Repairs

Repairing existing structures for safety

Historic Lincoln Beach Rehabilitation

Restoration of Parking lot signs, brick wall and pavilions



PROJECT SITE



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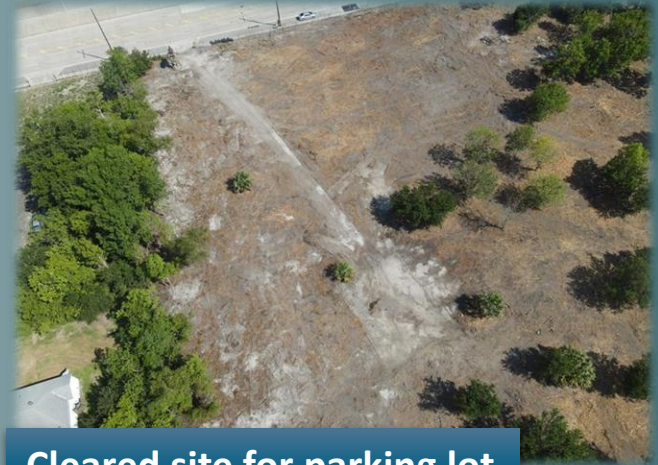
Existing Site Conditions



Existing pedestrian tunnel



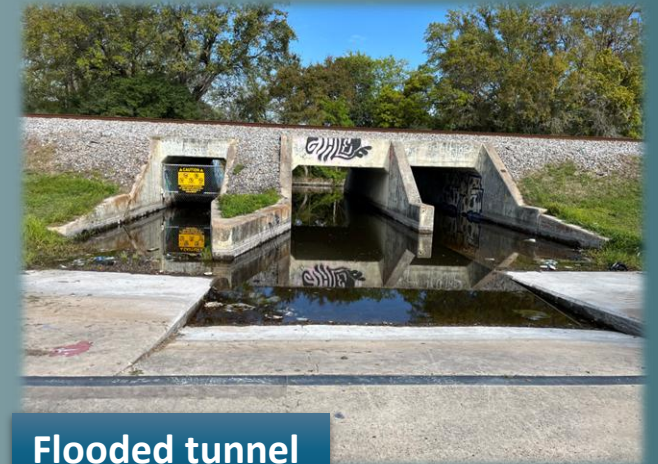
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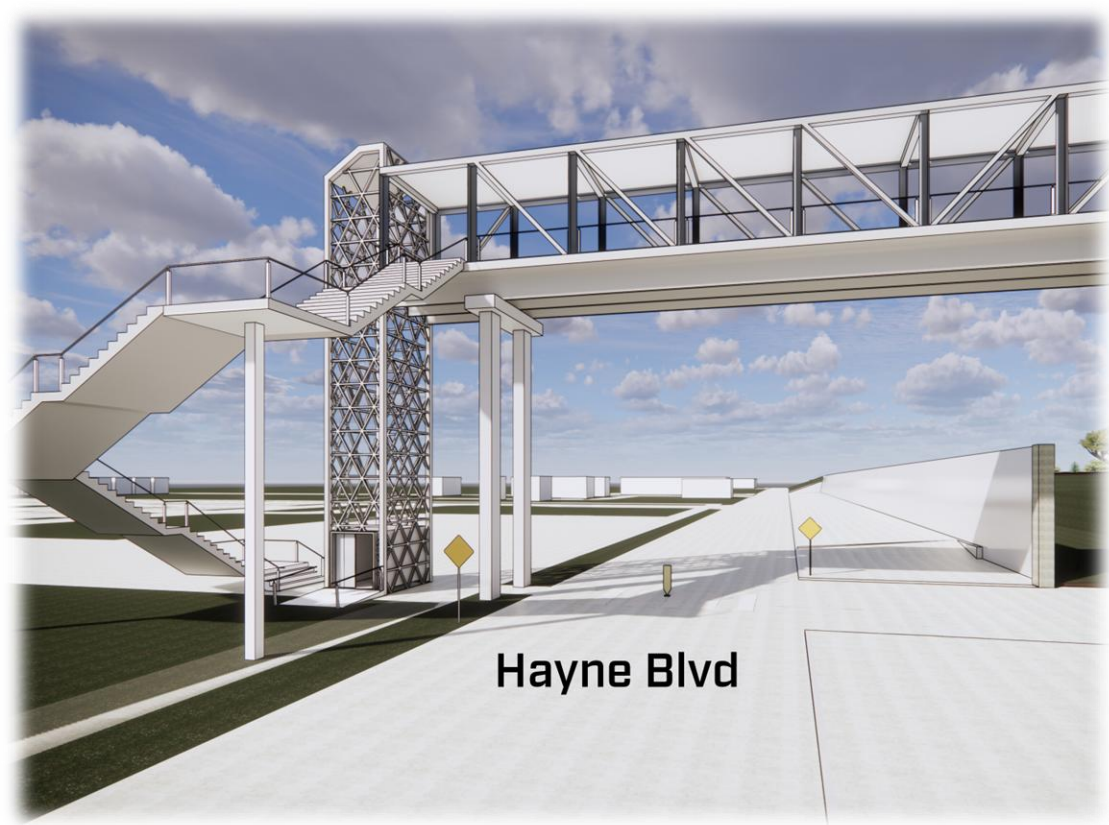
Cleared site for parking lot



Existing Hayne Blvd. at site entrance



Flooded tunnel



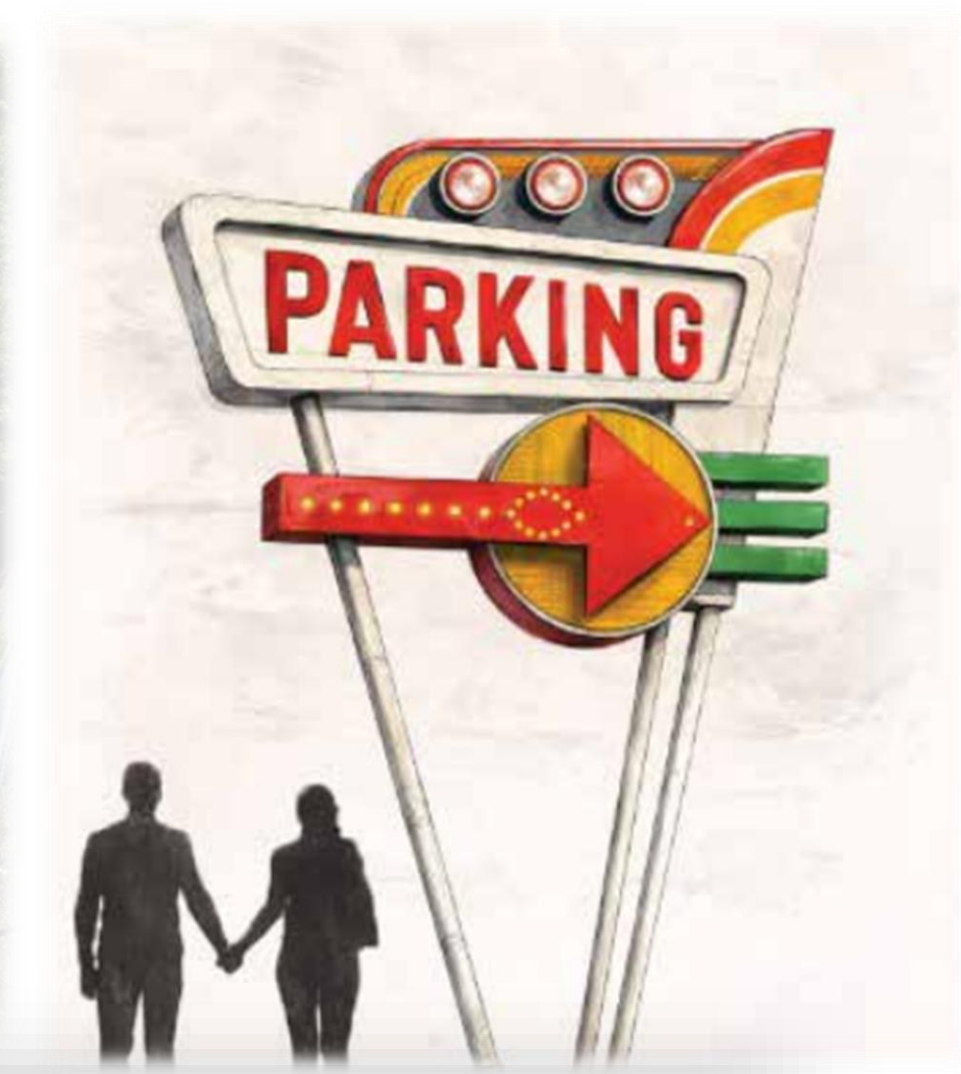
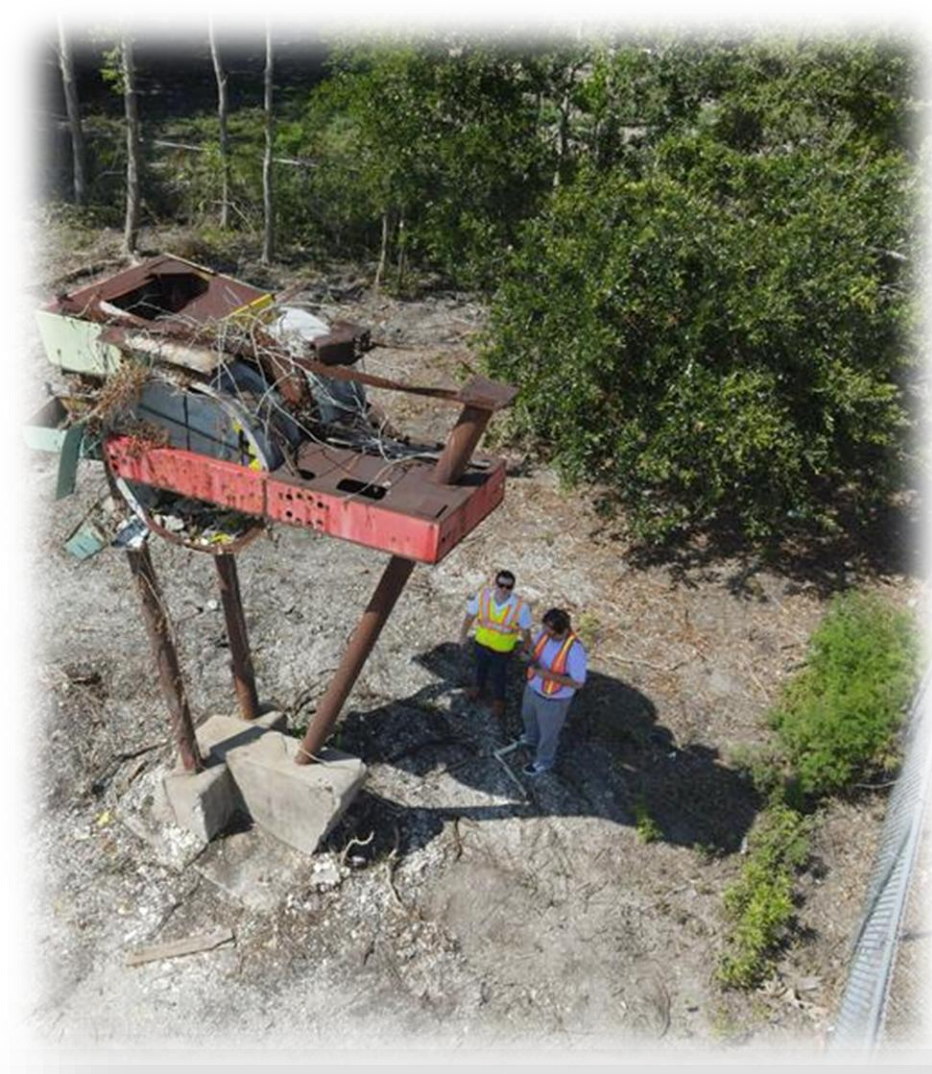
Pedestrian Bridge and Tunnel Rehabilitation

- Safe, ADA-accessible entry across Hayne Blvd and railroad
- Connects community to the beach
- Includes utility corridor (water, sewer, electrical, fire protection)



Beach Nourishment & Shoreline Protection

- Improve existing shoreline protections and add new features to help keep sand in place and reduce erosion
- Nourish the beach with additional sand and expand the usable area for the public
- Combined, these improvements will provide increased storm protection of the site



Historic Lincoln Beach Sign Restoration

Phase 1 Funding

Total Phase 1 Funding: ~\$15M

Scope of Work	Funding Source	Funding Amount
Pedestrian Improvements, Landscaping	State (Capital Outlay)	\$ 477,500
Beach Nourishment	Federal (EPA)	\$ 1,500,000
Stabilization and selective Removal of unsafe waterfront structures	Federal (RESTORE)	\$ 4,224,709
Pedestrian Bridge (Hayne Blvd)	Federal (HUD)	\$ 4,116,279
Utility Improvements, Parking Lot	Bonds	\$ 4,766,702

Permitting Overview

Permitting & Coordination Process

- **What This Means for the Project**

- Permitting is a **multi-step, multi-layered process**
- Reviews happen at **multiple design stages (30%, 60%, 90%)**
- Required to ensure **safety, environmental compliance, historic preservation and long-term resilience**

- **Multiple Agencies Involved at Every Level:**

- **Federal:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- **State:** DCOE, Wildlife & Fisheries, Historic Preservation, CPRA
- **Local:** Building permits, zoning, stormwater management
- **Other:** Railroad coordination (Norfolk Southern), Flood Authority / Levee Board

Permitting Progress

Meetings to date:

- ❖ USACE, SLFPA-E, LADOTD, SWBNO, NOFD, Norfolk Southern
- ❖ **Based on agency feedback,** the project will be divided into three design and construction packages aligned with permitting requirements and timelines
- ❖ **Allows the City to accelerate certain portions into construction**

Phase 1A: Permeable Parking Lot

- ❖ Major Permits Needed:
 - ❖ LADOTD Project Permit
 - ❖ LADOTD Driveway Permit

Phase 1B: Pedestrian Bridge/Utilities/Site Work

- ❖ Major Permits Needed:
 - ❖ Norfolk Southern
 - ❖ USACE Section 408
 - ❖ Department of Natural Resources Coastal Use Permit
 - ❖ Levee Safety Permit
 - ❖ LADOTD Project Permit

Phase 1C: Beach Nourishment/Rock Breakwater/Waterfront Demolition

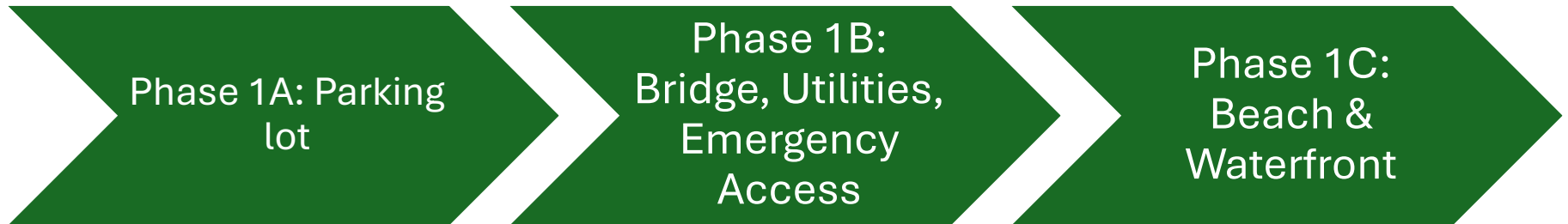
- ❖ Major Permits Needed:
 - ❖ USACE Section 10
 - ❖ USACE Section 404
 - ❖ Department of Conservation and Energy - Coastal Use Permit

Advancing The Design

Advancing Construction Through Phased Delivery

Project Delivery Strategy: Multiple Construction Packages

Project divided into three construction packages aligned with permitting



Phase 1A: Parking Lot

*(earliest
construction
phase)*

Parking Lot

- ❖ Permeable pavement
- ❖ Drainage improvements
- ❖ Sidewalks
- ❖ ADA improvements
- ❖ Raised crosswalks
- ❖ Striping
- ❖ Historic sign rehab

Lighting & Electrical

- ❖ Parking lights
- ❖ Standard EV charging infrastructure
- ❖ Security cameras

Landscaping

- ❖ Native trees and planting
- ❖ Invasive tree removal
- ❖ Grass

Phase 1B: Pedestrian Bridge, Utilities, and Rehabilitation

Pedestrian Bridge

- ❖ 250 ft long pedestrian access bridge across Hayne
- ❖ Elevators (2)
- ❖ Stairwells

Utility Infrastructure

- ❖ Water
- ❖ Sewer
- ❖ Restrooms
- ❖ Lift stations
- ❖ Fire protection + hydrants
- ❖ Electrical

Tunnel Improvements

- ❖ ADA Access
- ❖ Sump Pump
- ❖ Structural rehab (tunnel columns)
- ❖ Pavement improvements (beachside)
- ❖ Emergency Access improvements

Structural Rehabilitation

- ❖ Pavilion
- ❖ Perimeter brick wall

Phase 1C: Beach Nourishment, Breakwaters, & Waterfront Structure Demolition

Beach Nourishment

- ❖ Increased footprint of usable beach
- ❖ Matching existing sand texture & Color

Shoreline Protection

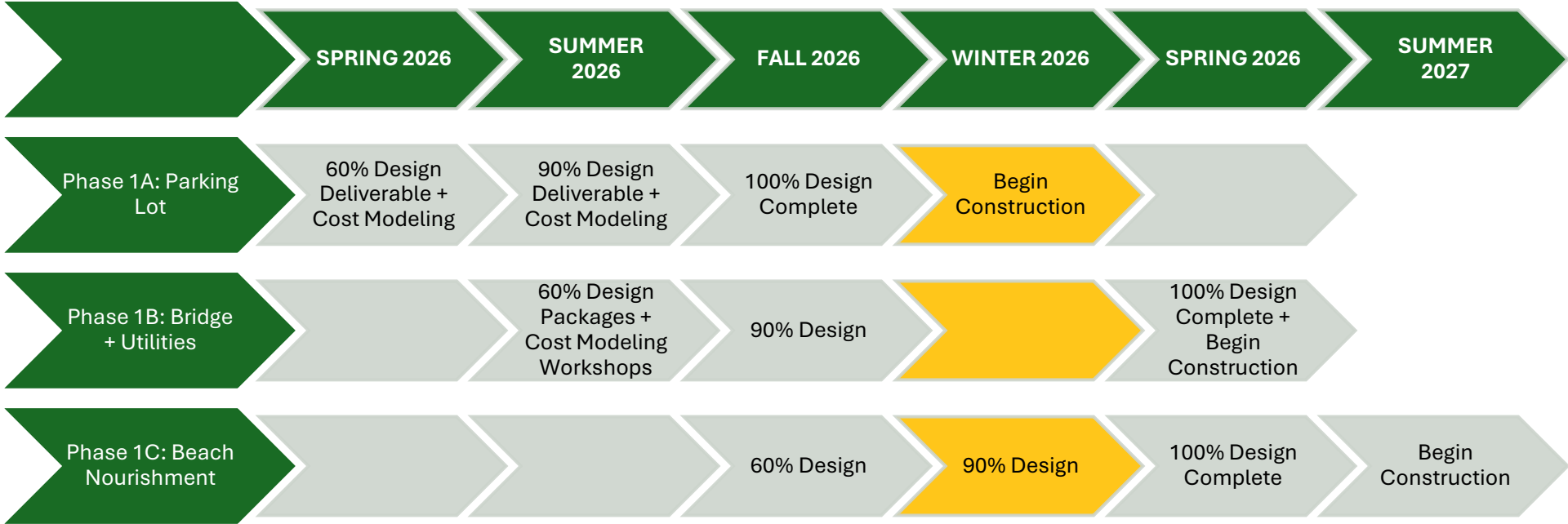
- ❖ Rock breakwater protection for beach erosion
- ❖ Groins?

Waterfront (Selective) Demolition of Unsafe Structures

- Boat launch
- 3-foot break wall on beachfront
- Trapezoidal pieces – historic concrete supports

Lincoln Beach Redevelopment Timeline

as of April 2026



Progress To Date

- Evaluated early design against real construction costs to stay within budget
- Identified major cost drivers (such as beach construction and materials)
- Worked closely with contractor to review and refine the design
- Evaluated different construction approaches (how materials are delivered and installed)
- Reviewed material options and sourcing to improve efficiency
- Identifying opportunities for local and small business participation

Community Engagement & Staying Connected

- Monthly updates at Public Works Committee Meeting
- End of Summer (august) (Final parking lot design – update on construction timeline)
- October – Updates on Phase 1B and 1C
- Construction Kickoff Meeting – December 2026

Stay Connected!

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RNGD Engagement



**Office of
Sustainability**
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Deep Community Engagement (2024–2025)

- Participated in **multiple public meetings + milestone events**
- Engaged residents, stakeholders, and advocacy groups directly
- Focus areas: **equity, access, cultural identity, sustainability**
- Continuous feedback integration to align with community vision

Key Engagement Touchpoints

- **Master Planning Milestones (#2, #3, #4)** – Design input, programming, implementation alignment
- **Voices of Lincoln Beach** – Cultural and historical storytelling from residents
- **Neighborhood Association + DBE Bootcamp** – Local involvement + procurement readiness



LOCAL INCLUSION & COMMUNITY IMPACT

Current Local Team

- **Trucking Innovation** –New Orleans East DBE trucking & site work
- **Southern Welding @ NOLA** – New Orleans East DBE steel & welding
- **Riverside Lumber Co.** – New Orleans East Supplier
- **VPG Construction** –Mentor-Protégé DBE Partnerships

New Orleans East Inclusion Plan

- Local Hiring Goals with key subcontractors
- Encouragement of Mentor-Protégé Partnerships to grow local firm capacity
- Outreach to DBE firms for participation and teaming
- Ongoing DBE engagement + onboarding from local events

Possible Community-Focused Initiatives

- Beach Clean-Up Days
- Community Planting Day
- Jobsite Tours



Questions?

Thank You!

Suggested Presentation Outline (from Andrew)

1. Our charge

2. What we heard

2. Where we Stand/where we are today

- How we got here (summary of Master Plan activities)
 - Master Plan as a guiding document, not a hard set of rules

3. What we've been up to

- Contracting of DE/RNGD
- 30% Cost Modeling
- 60% Design & Pre-permitting

4. What we've accomplished

- Major cost drivers ID'd through Cost Modeling (DE)
- Construction alternatives ID'd through CMAR to alleviate cost (DE)
- Design refined into 60% to address cost drivers (DE)

5. Where we're going

- Design development (DE)
 - GMP 1 (DE)
 - GMP 2 (DE)
 - GMP 3 (DE)
- Permitting (DE)
- Timelines (we need to be careful here and ID where potential external roadblocks are)

6. Community engagement / governance

7. Next steps

- RNGD Summary and local engagement for construction