Pinellas Bayway Bridge Replacement

**Contractor:** Orion Marine Construction, Inc.

**Cost:** $40,081,202

**Start:** February 2012

**Finish:** Fall 2014

Artist rendering of the new Pinellas Bayway Bridge

**Pinellas Bayway Bridge**

(S.R. 682)

*Between Gulf Boulevard (S.R. 699) and west of S.R. 679/Sun Boulevard*

St. Petersburg/St. Petersburg Beach, FL

*Bridge Replacement*
Construction of the new Pinellas Bayway Bridge that connects Isla del Sol and St. Pete Beach is scheduled to begin in February. The 50 year old, two-lane drawbridge will be replaced with a new four-lane, high level fixed span bridge.

The new 65 foot high bridge will allow boats to pass underneath without impacting motorists. This will improve traffic flow by reducing congestion.

The contractor will begin building the new eastbound lanes south of the existing bridge. They will start by installing the pilings which are the foundations of the new bridge. This will being in February.

Construction of the new eastbound lanes should take approximately 14 months. Once completed, single lane traffic will be moved onto to the new bridge. This should take place in the Spring of 2013.

This will allow the contractor to remove the existing bridge and replace it with the new westbound lanes. This phase of the project is expected to take approximately 15 months.

The changes to S.R. 682 at Bahia del Mar/Sun Boulevard will involve temporary traffic detours. Signs will be posted to advise motorists of the detour route.

Channel closures will be coordinated with the Coast Guard when the contractor needs to work over the channel.

Fishing from the bridge will be allowed during construction however parking will be limited.

Construction is expected to be complete in the Fall of 2014.

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