



February 23, 2022

- SKA offers comments on the newly proposed South Siesta Key Beach Repair Project (Project No 85660). It will be discussed as Agenda for 2/23/2022, Item 33.
- SKA requests that the BCC request a presentation on this project and take comments in the Public Hearing.
- This project was approved for approved for FEMA partial funding by FEMA following 2016 damage. In 2019, FEMA requested that the project be accelerated from 2026 using truck-haul sand.
- Much has changed since the project has changed to truck-haul sand. SKA asks that you pause approval of project development to consider new facts and community input.
- The current plan appears is to have a convoy of large dump trucks hauling sand to Turtle Beach across the South Bridge, and down South Midnight Pass Road to Turtle Beach (in 2024?).
- Traffic is already bad on this section of road and may, during this period of time, be also experiencing construction traffic associated with two or more large, new hotels on the Key, the Benderson Promonede, the repaving of Midnight Pass Road, and signal work on the Midnight Pass/Stickney Point intersection. The cumulative impact of this traffic change/increase must be studied and alternatives considered as part of the design. For example, could a landing craft or barge be used instead of trucks.
- The staff memo confesses that no recent outreach has been made to SKA or the neighbors. Most are not even aware that the project has resurfaced. This should be fixed now. Staff and you are welcome at the SKA meeting next Thursday, 3/3 at 4:30pm or the following month on Thursday, 4/7 to discuss the project
- Residents want to know what the sand spec will be, fine sand like it used to be or course brown offshore sand like you put on in 2016.
- Residents want to know if they will be required to participate financially in this project via a property tax assessment.

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