

# Proposed Conceptual Plan for Parking Area



# Big Carlos Pass Bridge - Fishing Pier and Parking Area Information



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In February 2023, Lee Board of County Commissioners awarded the contract for the Big Carlos Pass Bridge construction to Superior Construction. Additionally at this time, funds were approved to provide a fishing pier as a part of the project, with the goal of maintaining the recreational opportunity afforded by the existing bridge. This decision was made in response to public comment received during the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study phase. Public comment was received at the Big Carlos Pass Bridge Alternatives Public Workshop (January 2018) and Public Hearing (January 2021). The Mayor of Fort Myers Beach also supported this addition since with the new fixed span bridge fishing would no longer be possible.

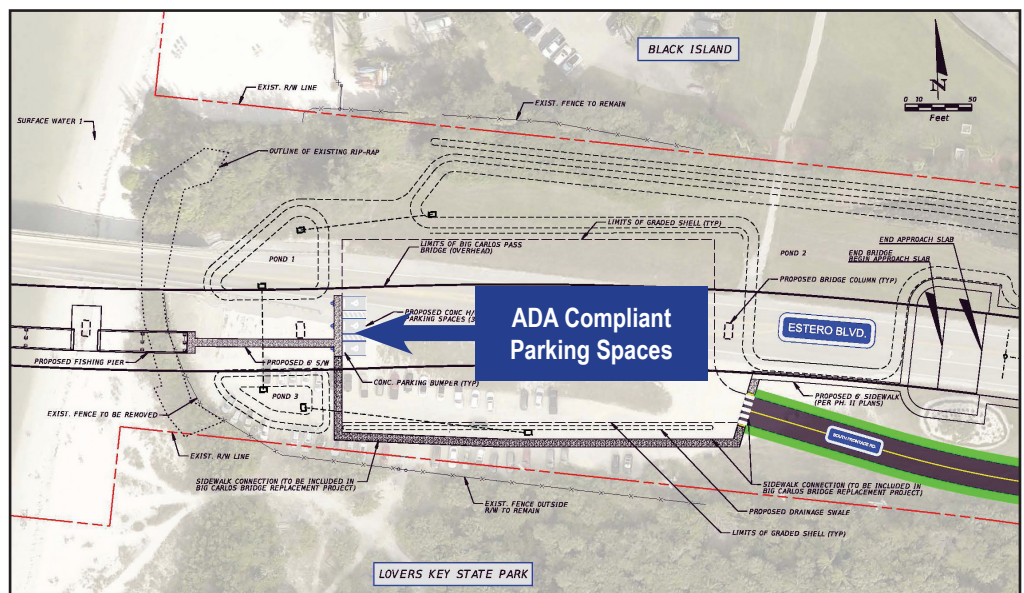
The pier will be located directly under the south side of the bridge, extending approximately 300 feet over the water, with about 100 feet over the land tucked under the bridge. The pier will be approximately 14 feet wide for the majority of the length, with some additional room provided around the bridge piles.

The parking lot for this facility is in the early planning stages and has not yet been formally designed. A preliminary concept is on reverse of this flyer. Approximately 70 parking spaces located under the bridge approach are proposed in this concept. The only part of this parking area that has been designed to date are three ADA Compliant parking spaces located closest to the pier.

Both the fishing pier and the parking area would be managed and operated by Lee County Parks & Recreation. It is anticipated that the parking lot will have paid parking and restrooms would be provided. The hours of operation are still to be determined. Lee County understands the concerns from adjacent communities regarding safety, security, trash, and noise, and welcomes the opportunity to discuss the design of the parking area and to coordinate to find solutions to shape this area into a quality resource for the citizens of Lee County.

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