



SAN MARTIN BLVD OVER RIVIERA BAY BRIDGE FORCEMAIN AND WATERMAIN RELOCATION PROJECT

Project Facts

The City of St. Petersburg is relocating vital underground utilities near the San Martin Bridge to improve long-term reliability, strengthen storm resilience, and protect local waterways. This work includes relocating a 24-inch wastewater force main and a 12-inch drinking water main, which provide essential wastewater and water service to approximately 30,000 residents in St. Pete and surrounding areas.

This relocation is required due to Pinellas County's upcoming replacement of the San Martin Bridge over Riviera Bay, which will improve clearance for boat traffic. The utilities are currently attached to the bridge and must be relocated before construction begins. A new wastewater force main and a new drinking water main will be installed underneath Riviera Bay by horizontal directional drill, a tunneling method commonly used to avoid water bodies and minimize impact above ground.

The City is relocating utilities under Riviera Bay to protect the environment and improve reliability and resiliency.



Public Impact

Work will occur Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pipe will be staged along Patica Rd NE, and the pipe pull for each phase will be a 24-hour-per-day continuous operation, which lasts approximately three days each. During construction, residents can expect:

- One single lane across the bridge with temporary traffic signals to alternate traffic in both directions; bicycles and motor vehicles must share the roadway single file
- Construction noise; construction traffic along San Martin Blvd NE, Patica Rd NE and 83rd Ave N
- Sidewalk closures in the laydown and staging areas on both sides of Patica Rd NE to Macoma Dr NE
- Tree trimming and/or removal in the work zone
- Minor utility interruptions; residents will receive advance notice
- Advance notice of work outside normal construction hours
- Residential access will be maintained

Schedule

Work is scheduled to begin in late March 2026 and will take approximately eight months to complete.

For More Information

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