

BSI Canal Committee 11/11/2024

**City Council has approved the lock widening project!!**

So, we are moving ahead! The particular's most would be interested in are:

- Total project duration is between 175 and 205 days (for conversation purposes, let's just say 6 months) from contract award (which should be happening as this is written). The work must start within 60 days of contract award (this is part of the for- mentioned 175-205 total days)
- Kelly Brothers of Ft Myers will be awarded the contract. If you recall, they were the contractor for the Buckley Pass Shortcut from Alligator Creek to PGI several years ago.
- It is my understanding that a schedule will be generated and posted on the city site as to when the lock may be closed to traffic. They plan to keep closings to a minimum and will try and work around particularly busy times, but expect some inconveniences during this process.

Several have voiced concern that this work will happen during the busiest time of the year, but let's keep our wits about us and know it wouldn't be that long before it's done and behind us. I am asking for you help and understanding during construction, I honestly believe the job will go quicker and better with our total and full support.

And—as always---calm seas, warm breezes, and plenty two-handed fish--

Rick Daugherty, Chairman, BSI Canal Committee