## **BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

## Financial Project Identification (FPID) No.: 440424-1

NASA Causeway Bridge

## Brevard County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION** 

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is replacing the NASA Causeway Bridge over the Indian River to support future growth and improve public and commercial mobility. The current NASA Causeway consists of twin bascule bridges constructed in 1964, which are being replaced with new twin high-level bridges that will provide improved movement for oversized vehicles to launch sites.

The NASA Causeway Bridge is being reconstructed under a partnership between the FDOT, NASA, and Space Florida. The State of Florida secured a \$90 million Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant from USDOT. The grant will help to provide part of the funding needs for this bridge project as well as the widening of Space Commerce Way.

With a taller and wider fixed bridge, spanning 4,025 feet over the Indian River Lagoon and rising 65 feet above the water, the new NASA Causeway Bridge will enhance the accessibility of this corridor, which includes Kennedy Space Center and the Cape Canaveral Spaceport.

In June 2023, the eastbound bridge was opened to the public, a milestone completion for this project. The second bridge westbound will open in early 2026.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Electronic message boards and other signage will be used to direct traffic. Loud noise and vibration can be expected during construction of the new bridges as the contractor must drive large piles, column-like structures that support the bridge, during various phases of construction. Such conditions during construction are short-term and will become less apparent as the project progresses. Motorists are asked to use extra caution while driving through the work zone. The level of work activity will vary during different phases of construction, and pile driving operations will be intermittent.

The schedule is also subject to change due to weather or other unexpected conditions.

For the most current project details and lane closure information, make sure to visit the project page on FDOT's Central Florida Roads website, <u>www.cflroads.com</u>.

**CONTRACTOR** Orion Marine Group

PROJECT COST \$126 Million

**PROJECT START** December 2021

ESTIMATED COMPLETION Spring 2026



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