

SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY
PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA
FUNDING PRIORITIES WORKSHOP
MAY 17, 2023
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. STAFF PRESENTATION
3. VISITOR'S FORUM
4. BOARD DISCUSSION
5. ADJOURN

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Funding Priorities Workshop

Background:

SRIA and other agencies are currently preparing for the FY 2023/2024 budget cycle. As part of that process, staff is seeking Board direction on establishing a funding priorities platform for capital improvements. Establishing such a platform will not only assist staff in immediate budget preparations but will also be helpful as funding opportunities arise from other agencies or through grant opportunities.

Analysis:

Notable progress and investments have been made within the past two years to address infrastructure needs and renovations on Pensacola Beach (Attachment #1). However, significant needs remain.

Staff observations combined with input received from Visitor's Forums, public meetings, communications with commercial and residential leaseholders, the Visitor's Information Center, and the Pensacola Beach Advocates have led to a compilation of on-going infrastructure needs on the Island. Those needs include, but may not be limited to:

Beach Nourishment	Park Amenities
Bike Path Renovations	Parking Improvements
Boardwalk Improvements	Seawall Replacements
Crosswalk Lighting	Stormwater Improvements
Dune Restoration	Toll Booth Renovations/Gateway Improvements
Dune Walkover Construction	Trolley Replacement
Landscaping Improvements	Uniform Signage Plan

Staff evaluated these needs with four questions in mind:

- Does it provide value for residents and/or tourists?
- Does it increase safety?
- Does it preserve natural resources?
- Does it contribute to economic vitality?

All identified needs, arguably, have a positive impact on each of these questions. However, Attachment #2 attempts to capture the most direct impact associated with a specific project category.

Although SRIA's responsibility of funding infrastructure projects was significantly reduced through the 2015 Interlocal Agreement with the County, the SRIA has, at times and when funding was available, determined it to be in the best interest of the Island to advance projects that might otherwise not be addressed. Recent examples include: Morgan Park renovations, four new crosswalk installations on Via de Luna, trolley stop bench

refurbishment, and dredging of Lafitte Cove. This approach has benefited commercial and residential leaseholders and the Island community as a whole. It is anticipated that this approach and/or a cost-sharing approach with the County, TDC, or grant dollars will still be utilized for future projects in order to best leverage resources and expedite projects.

For purposes of Board discussion, staff has broken the projects into Tier 1 and Tier 2 priorities, but with no particular ranking within the tiers.

Tier 1
Beach Nourishment
Bike Path Reconstruction
Boardwalk Improvements
Dune Restoration
Dune Walkover Construction/Replacement
Seawall Replacement
Trolley Replacement

Tier 2
Crosswalk Improvements
Landscaping Improvements
Park Amenities
Parking Improvements/Parking Garage
Stormwater Improvements
Toll Booth Renovations/Gateway Improvements
Uniform Signage Plan

The Board may add or subtract projects as deemed appropriate and/or may wish to take a different approach in establishing a funding priorities platform.

Recommendation:

Board discussion.

Recently Completed Improvement/Renovation Projects

Project Category	SRIA Funded	County Funded	TDT Funded
Beachball Water Tower Refurbishment			✔
Crosswalk Walk Installtion	✔		
Dredging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Little Sabine Bay - Lafitte Cove 	✔		
Dune Walkover Repairs and Reconstrution		✔	
Gulfside Pavilion Roof Replacement and Painting		✔	✔
Morgan Park Restortion	✔		
Pavilions Refurbishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mom's Beach - Park West 		✔	✔
Parking Lot Resurfacing and Restriping (Casino Beach)		✔	
Pensacola Beach Sign Replacement		✔	
Public Restrooms Refurbishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Casino Beach - Mom's Beach - Park East - Park West 		✔	✔
Pump Reinstallation for Little Sabine		✔	
Visitor's Information Center Painting	✔		
Trolley Stop Bench Refurbishment	✔		

Identified Capital Improvement/Infrastructure Needs

Project Category	Does it provide value for residents and/or tourists?	Does it increase safety?	Does it preserve natural resources?	Does it contribute to the economic vitality?
Beach Nourishment - Gulf side - Sound side	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bike Path Renovations/Reconstruction	✓	✓		
Boardwalk Improvements - Entrance Renovations - Public Bathroom Construction - Structural Maintenance	✓	✓		✓
Crosswalk Improvements	✓	✓		
Dune Restoration	✓	✓	✓	
Dune Walkover Construction/Replacement	✓	✓	✓	
Landscaping Improvements	✓			✓
Park Amenities - Skate Park - Pickleball - Bocce courts - Sand volleyball courts	✓			
Parking Improvements/Parking Garage	✓			✓
Seawall Replacements (Sound side)	✓	✓	✓	
Stormwater Improvements	✓	✓	✓	
Toll Booth Renovations/Gateway Improvements	✓	✓		
Trolley Replacement	✓	✓		✓
Uniform Signage Plan	✓	✓		