

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Handout

Q: What Town actions are critical to continue progress on reFRESH Estero Boulevard?

A: Two independent actions are necessary by the September 7th Town Council meeting.

1. Need Town to issue full NTP for all eight Phase 2 joint outfalls and waterlines. This requires Town Council approval of the construction contract for the remaining 4 joint outfall streets.
2. Town Council concurrence is needed for the proposed Phase 3 joint outfall locations to advance the design and permitting efforts for both Town and County.

The September 7th date is critical to avoid further schedule delays that will result in cost increases to both the County’s road construction and Town’s water main construction.

Q: What is the connection between the joint outfall construction, Estero Boulevard road construction and watermain replacement?

A: Estero Boulevard must first temporarily be widened to avoid one-way alternating traffic while the new watermain is being installed. With the roadwork following close behind, the Town’s waterline roadway restoration is dramatically reduced. If joint outfalls are unavailable or delayed, County roadwork will be delayed. This will have significant impacts to the Town’s site clearing and roadway restoration efforts and cost, construction duration and inconvenience to the public.

Q: How much is the Town estimated to spend on the joint outfalls? How much is the County estimated to spend on drainage for the island?

A: Current estimated stormwater construction costs are as follows:

Town of Fort Myers Beach		Lee County	
Phase 2	\$4.1 M	Segment 2	\$4.2 M
Phase 3	\$2.0 M	Segments 3 & 4	\$8.0 M
Phase 4	\$3.0 M	Segments 5 & 6	\$8.0 M
County contribution	(\$0.4 M)		
County sewer relocation	(\$1.2 M)		
Estimated Town Total	\$7.5 M	Estimated County Total	\$20.2 M

Q: Why are the joint outfalls not all located on streets with the worst flooding?

A: Per the Town’s directive, outfall pipe sizes are limited to 30” or smaller to avoid increased National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) monitoring requirements. The combined flows of Estero Boulevard and the local streets with the worst flooding are too great for a 30” pipe to carry.

Q: How were the proposed outfall street locations for Phase 3 selected?

A: Through extensive collaboration between Town and County teams, joint outfall streets were identified based on Estero Boulevard flows and availability. These streets were further refined by Town staff and designers with final recommendations made based on several factors including constructability, right-of-way availability, condition of water service facilities, permitting impacts, and drainage needs of the side streets.

Q: Will the “hot streets” be addressed with in the selection of joint outfall locations?

A: Yes. Town and County projects will improve drainage on most “hot streets” either through construction of joint outfalls or installation of drainage inlets at all side street intersections with Estero Boulevard. Additional “hot street” improvements can be scheduled at the Town’s discretion.

Q: Why have the outfall locations in Phase 4 not been determined yet?

A: Survey and design work has not advanced to the extent necessary to select proposed outfall locations.