



BACKGROUND
 There are three wooden pedestrian bridges located along North Sumter Boulevard. Two of these bridges cross Retention Ditch R-76 just south of Lorri Circle and one bridge crosses Retention Ditch R-86 just north of La France Avenue. Recent inspections have shown that the existing bridges have deteriorated and are no longer structurally adequate. The bridges have since been closed to the public and NPPW is seeking to have these structures demolished and replaced.

NPPW is seeking professional engineering services to develop construction ready plans and obtain relevant permits, for a pre-fabricated bridge. The City would also like to explore the possibility of reusing the existing bridge foundations to reduce cost and construction time. Lastly, it appears there is potential for the bridge adjacent to southbound Sumter Boulevard over R-86 (near La France Avenue) to be eliminated by rerouting the sidewalk over an existing culvert just northwest of the existing bridge. There are various utilities that may prevent this from being practical, however NPPW wishes to explore this possibility with the assistance of the selected engineering firm.

The bridges in question are currently closed to the public and therefore causing a disruption to the City's multimodal network. Time is of the essence to reopening the bridges and any efforts to accelerate the schedule will be greatly appreciated by NPPW.

City of North Port Pedestrian Bridge Replacement



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