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## **Caspersen Beach boardwalk construction begins today**

Construction of a boardwalk and other amenities begins today, April 9, at Caspersen Beach Park, 4100 Harbor Drive South, Venice.

The boardwalk will be replaced in phases over the next six months. At least two access points to the parking lot will remain open during construction.

Stairways on the beach side of the boardwalk system will be replaced before the start of marine turtle nesting season on May 1. Buried debris at the south section of the beach will be removed and a pathway to the water will be opened near the middle of the beach.

Boardwalk sections parallel to the beach will be replaced in phases from north to south. Areas not under construction will remain open.

Other improvements include:

- Expanding the north parking area.
- Relocating the north shower station closer to the road.
- Removing a portion of the southernmost boardwalk section and upgrading the entire boardwalk system similar to recently completed boardwalks at Venice, Chauncy Howard and Brohard beaches.

The boardwalk at Caspersen Beach Park will be accessible under the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Shoreline Foundation Inc. of Pembroke Park is the contractor.

This project is part of the Sarasota County Economic Stimulus Program of fast-track, capital-improvement projects. Funding is provided by the penny surtax (1-cent sales tax).

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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