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## Major sewer and water pipe replacement project to get underway on Anna Maria Island

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ANNA MARIA ISLAND, FL (WWSB) - "I'm actually very excited about the project," said Claudia Carlson, a Holmes Beach Resident.

That's how Carlson feels about the upcoming project where underground sewer and water lines will be replaced on Gulf Drive and some of the side streets from Cortez Road West in Bradenton Beach to Manatee Avenue West in Holmes Beach.

"The island's infrastructure is old and needs replacing," said Carlson.

Carlson joined many other folks at a public meeting Tuesday afternoon which gave complete details about the project and what people can expect. One of those in attendance was long time Holmes

Beach resident Marvin Grossman. Grossman is also a city commissioner. He says that he is in full support of the project.

"It's going to disturb the island, that's why I'm here to find out how much," said Grossman. "But by the same token, without water and sewer, I think most people would put up with the noise."

Preliminary work on this \$7.4 million pipe replacement project will get underway this week and the construction portion of the project will begin in a few weeks. Officials say the age of the pipes is around 50 years old and they are reaching their life expectancy. They say it's something that absolutely needs to be done despite some of the headaches that are expected for drivers and for people who live on Anna Maria Island.

"They should know ahead of time if we're going to be in their neighborhood or community and yes there will be lane closures," said Trudy Gerena with Community Outreach in Manatee County. "There will be some detour routes in place, so you have to allow extra time for that and just be patient when you're out there."

This pipe replacement project is expected to be finished sometime in the summer of 2019. Information on this project will be available later this week at [www.amipipereplacement.com](http://www.amipipereplacement.com).