

I want to wish each of you a Happy New Year! It is an honor to serve as your Commissioner. Thank you for your support and let me know how I can serve you. My contact information is listed below.

<u>Infrastructure Improvements Coming to Fort Walton Beach</u>, Okaloosa Island and Santa Rosa Beach

Planning and construction is already underway for a new bridge to replace Brooks Bridge. The new span is scheduled to be completed in 2028. In addition, changes are coming to Santa Rosa Boulevard and downtown Ft. Walton Beach, including new bike paths and roadways. These projects will provide much needed improvements to our county. Take 5 minutes and view the video production below.

https://www.getthecoast.com/ilovefwb/

Also, more public beach access is coming soon in Destin! The City of Destin, Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, Trust for Public Land and Destin-Fort Walton Beach Tourism have partnered to acquire land in Destin. This new property will expand the existing Tarpon Beach access. The ribbon cutting is set for February 3, 2023, at 10:00. We hope to see you all at this celebration! Parking details on the day of the event are attached.