

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-0401

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Howland

Date of Introduction: June 27, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, Finance, Jacksonville Waterways Commission

Date of Analysis: June 29, 2023

Type of Action: CIP Amendment, appropriation of funds

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$75,000 from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Project for Reed Island to provide signage to warn boaters of an unsafe shoaling area. The bill amends 2022-505-E, the 2023-2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, to incorporate the transfer of funds from FIND. The bill provides oversight by the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department.

Background Information: A shoal, otherwise known as a sandbar, has rapidly formed, and expanded in the mouth of Clapboard Creek approximately 7 to 10 football fields in length, and approximately 1 football field in width. At low tide the shoal is so large that the sandbar is exposed and presents a safety hazard for boaters in the community. Signage was found by the Jacksonville Waterways Commission to be necessary to prevent significant injury or harm until further steps are taken to address the shoaling issue long-term. The buoys that are being developed would be reusable should the shoaling issue be resolved.

Policy Impact Area: Boating safety, shoal growth

Fiscal Impact: \$75,000 would be reallocated from the FIND Project for Reed Island to provide for this signage.

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