



DEPARTMENT OF
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Texas Beach Bridge Closure Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is the bridge closed?

A: On September 1, 2022 a Bridge Safety Inspection of the pedestrian truss bridge providing access to Texas Beach at North Bank Park was conducted as required by law. During this inspection, severe structural damage was observed and the bridge had to be closed for the safety of park users until significant repairs can be made.

Q: Can I still get to Texas Beach?

A: Unfortunately, there are no other public access points to Texas Beach at this time. The land between canal and the riverfront is owned by CSX and we do not have permission to cross the CSX railroad tracks.

Q: When is the bridge going to be fixed?

A: PRCF is assessing options for repair and or replacement of the bridge. Fortunately, funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding were designated in November of 2022 for the repair and/or replacement of this bridge and a process is underway with structural engineers to find the best solution for repairing and re-opening access to Texas Beach, this process will likely at least take a year from the summer of 2023. Once we have a timeline established for the repair we will post it publically so everyone can follow along with this complex and important project.

Q: Can I still get to the river from Texas Beach Parking Lot?

A: North Bank Trail is still open in full. If you're up for a hike, you can take North Bank Trail east towards downtown to Belle Isle and Brown's Island and access the river there. There are no alternative routes to access Texas Beach at this time. Please do not cross private CSX property to access the riverfront.

Q: Can we get a temporary access point to get to Texas Beach?

A: Unfortunately, there are no temporary access points sanctioned by the City or by CSX to access this portion of the riverfront at this time. We know this is frustrating, but we invite you to enjoy all of the other open and accessible areas of the James River Park System while we work to ensure the safety of our citizens and re-establish access to Texas Beach over the coming year. You can visit the Friends of James River Park System Website: [Homepage - Friends of James River Park](#) to see all the other free, public and open areas of JRPS to explore.