

# THE SCENIC VIEW

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## NEW SAFETY PROGRAM

Please help us promote our new fundraiser for Pedestrian Cyclist Safety program.



## OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Roger Hall named new Scenic Walton President. Brings wealth of experience and knowledge.



## INLET BEACH UNDERPASS

Construction on the Inlet Beach Underpass is beginning! We're so excited to see this.

## PEDESTRIAN CYCLIST SAFETY PROGRAM

Scenic Walton needs help to raise \$25,000 to begin funding a Pedestrian Cyclist Safety program.

"There are several areas that are in critical need of safer pedestrian and cyclist facilities," Executive Director Leigh Moore said. "We would work with the county to identify those areas. Pedestrian safety has always been a key issue for Scenic Walton, but after the tragic deaths of an Indiana teenager and a 44-year-old cyclist, we realized we needed to act with more urgency in certain areas."

Traffic studies have proven that well-designed sidewalks, cyclist lanes, adequate lighting, landscaping, and road design save lives. Please click [here](#) to donate.

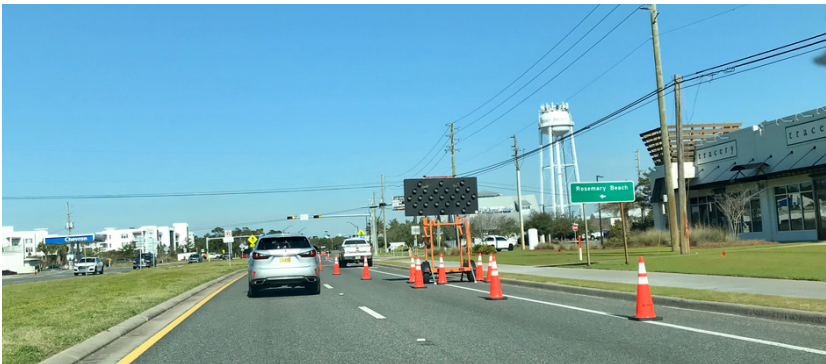
# UNDERPASS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Construction on the underpass has begun! Scenic Walton worked tirelessly over the last several years to coordinate the effort to make this important safety improvement happen. Walton County officials are planning an official groundbreaking ceremony for the underpass March 26 at 3PM. Local restaurants Shades and The Donut Hole will provide refreshments. All are welcome.

According to the Florida Department of Transportation, the first construction activities include installing signage, erosion control, removing streetlights, and clearing areas for pipe installation. Crews have already removed streetlights at the U.S. Highway 98 and County Road 30A intersection. There will not be any lane closures until after March 28, to accommodate the heavier than usual Spring Break travel.

The FDOT has created a Facebook page named, "My U.S. 98 Underpass at Inlet Beach" where ongoing information about impacts to traffic and construction updates will be posted.

Once the underpass is complete, it will provide safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists through a lighted tunnel. FDOT will also install landscaping in the area of the underpass once construction is complete. We are partnering with the Cultural Arts Association to create a public arts component so that the Inlet Beach Underpass is as unique and special as the National Scenic Byway it connects to.



Construction crews have installed signage (above), removed street lights (right), and have begun clearing areas for pipe installation. Below is a rendering of an underpass entry.





# ROGER HALL NAMED NEW SCENIC WALTON PRESIDENT

Roger Hall is no stranger to the Scenic Walton organization, or to Walton County. An active board member for many years, Roger retired from his role as President of Ascension Florida's Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast last year.

The decision to hire Leigh Moore as Executive Director of Scenic Walton, left the President position open. Board members felt there was no one better to help lead the non-profit than the man who forged community relationships and raised more than \$30 million to fund the new hospital?

Lucky for us, Roger agreed.

"I'm passionate about the health, safety, and beauty of Walton County," he said. "I look forward to working with Leigh and the board to grow our membership and secure support for the projects we support."



## HELP US GROW

As a non-profit organization, we rely on our members and supporters to help us spread the message of Scenic Walton. Thanks to social media, that's now easier than ever.

We invite you to like our [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Facebook](#) pages.

Help us spread the word about Scenic Walton's mission to make Walton County a safer, and even more beautiful, place to live and visit.



# 30A NOW NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY



The covered 30A pedestrian bridge in Blue Mountain Beach sits tucked among the trees in the background of this beautiful photo, captured by JWC Studios.

Scenic Walton was thrilled to learn County Road 30A has been named a National Scenic Byway. The Friends of Scenic 30A began the lengthy application process in December of 2019 and we were happy to assist the organization with obtaining letters of support, photographs and descriptions of the area.

National Scenic Byway 30A is one of 34 new National Scenic Byways added by the Federal Highway Administration.

“We are excited to partner with the new Byway designees as they tap into the program’s benefits, and we look forward to helping other Byways across the country in applying for future designations,” Scenic America President Mark Falzone said.

Established in 1991, the National Scenic Byways Program recognizes roadways with notable scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational, and archaeological qualities.

There is \$16 million included in the National Scenic Byways Program which is available to the 150 roadways that carry this national distinction, as well as to the more than 1,000 state and tribal scenic byways throughout the country.