

## M E M O R A N D U M

**To:** Howard Tipton, Town Manager  
**From:** Isaac Brownman, Public Works Director  
**Report date:** April 18, 2023  
**Meeting date:** May 1, 2023  
**Subject:** TECO/People's Gas Easement for Town Property, 280 Gulf of Mexico Drive

### **Recommended Action**

Authorize the Town Manager to sign TECO Easement

### **Background**

TECO Peoples Gas ("TECO") supplies natural gas amenities to residential and commercial uses on the island of Longboat Key. According to a narrative provided by TECO, pressure drop issues have been experienced in winter, peak season months in Longboat Key, partly due to large pool heater loading on the island. The Town was typically only served from the south by a single four-inch gas main.

In order to better support the winter loading and also create a secondary source, another crossing was added in 2018 from Coquina Beach under Longboat Pass. With that project complete, this new project will replace the existing four-inch crossing of New Pass with a new six-inch natural gas main. Doing so will provide additional capacity to the Town and also provide better material cover under New Pass.

The crossing under New Pass is planned to pass under a small portion of Quick Point Nature Preserve, which would require an easement be granted by the Town to TECO. The easement is necessary to make landfall on the northeast side of the Ringling Bridge. Because of existence other underground utilities in the area, TECO has expressed that the alignment is challenging and critical. Once the crossing is made, the pipe would then continue within the Gulf of Mexico Drive right-of-way and tie in near the Longboat Club Road intersection.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Authorize the Town Manager to sign TECO Easement.

### **Attachments (Available in the Town Clerk's Office)**

- A. Easement description for 280 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Parcel Number: 0012050001  
South Water Plant Entrance
- B. Easement Diagram
- C. TECO Justification Letter
- D. New Pass Channel Crossing Plans

**End of Agenda Item**