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Public meeting set Jan. 13 for South Lido Coastal Recreational Trail

A public meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 13, to present design plans for the South Lido Coastal Recreational Trail, a new multiuse trail that will provide an internal link between the north and south areas of Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach.

The meeting will be from 5-7 p.m., with a presentation at 5:30 p.m. It will be held in the Buchanan Room at Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota.

The new trail is expected to be about 4,500 feet long. It will feature several wooden bridges, a boardwalk through the mangrove swamp, interpretive signage and an 8-foot-wide asphalt surface that will accommodate a variety of uses.

Plans call for removal of nuisance invasive plants, which will be replaced by Florida-native plants. The design project also includes the addition of an adjacent parking lot that may be built by the city of Sarasota to improve the usability of a nearby public access corridor to the gulf.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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