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Marisol (Laguna Madre) Boat Ramp Groundbreaking Ceremony Scheduled

South Padre Island, TX, September 26 — The City of South Padre Island is hosting a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Marisol (Laguna Madre) Boat Ramp on October 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Construction is scheduled to begin within the next few weeks with an estimated completion of 240 days.

The City has partnered with LJA Engineering on the design and permitting of the project, and construction was recently awarded to Bryant Industrial Services. The City was awarded grant funding from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Boating Access Grant (engineering/permitting) and the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury)'s Direct Component program (land acquisition and construction) totaling \$2,409,915. Grant funding covers approximately 75% of the total project cost of \$3,201,103, with the City of South Padre Island funding the remaining 25% (\$791,188).

"The Shoreline Department is grateful for the opportunities that the Texas Parks & Wildlife Boating Access Grant and the RESTORE Act through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have created that have made this project possible," said Kristina Boburka, Shoreline Director, "The Marisol Boat Ramp will greatly improve boating access to the Lower Laguna Madre on South Padre Island."

Amenities at the Marisol (Laguna Madre) Boat Ramp will include an ADA accessible loading dock/attendant dock adjacent to the boat ramp, a fish cleaning station, and truck/trailer parking spaces. Construction is estimated to be completed in Summer 2026.

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