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Miami Beach Gets Entire Walkway Makeover

MIAMI BEACH (CBS4) — Miami Beach will soon have a walkway that covers its entire coastline, from South Pointe to the open space park in North Beach.

Miami Beach's draw has always been the sun and the surf. Feet away from the sand, walkways get an equal amount of attention. On South Beach there is the winding ocean walk, mid-island a boardwalk, and now the north end is getting a six million dollar makeover—with its very own beach walk.

"We are trying to work to go around the island," said Miami Beach Mayor Matti Herrera-Bower.

The mayor is hoping to one day make that a reality, but by the end of this year you will have a walkway along the entire coastline of Miami Beach.

"We are trying to get all the beach like this so people can start in South Pointe and walk all the way to the end to the open space park in North Beach," said Herrera Bower.

This has been 10 years in the making. When developer Eric Sheppard heard about it, he donated $300,000 to make the walkway a reality.

"This is the whole lifeblood of the entire Miami Beach," said Eric Sheppard. "I call it the Miami Beach connection; this enables us to connect all of Miami Beach through this boardwalk."

Sheppard is just finishing up his multi-million dollar Canyon Ranch development. When complete, he believes it will be the largest fitness-spa facility on the east coast. The walkway is his way of bringing his healthy lifestyle to the average Joe.

"We've invested the money. We hope people invest their time and their brain knowledge to really capitalize and embrace and utilize the health and fitness and utilize this beautiful boardwalk because it's going to change their life," said Sheppard.

MANY PEOPLE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW WALKWAY EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT EVEN DONE

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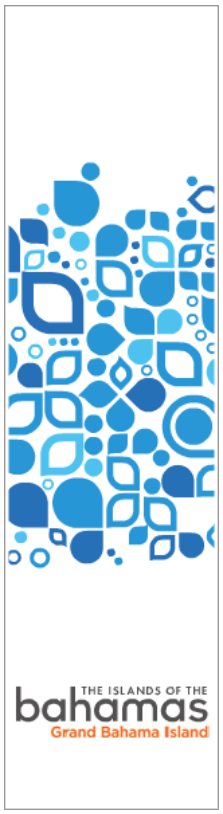

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