

PROJECT UPDATES MAY 17, 2012:

Phase 2 of Excursion Park, Beach to Bay Corridor – This project involves streetscape improvements to the public corridor along JFK Boulevard from the Promenade to Landis Avenue, and widening of the sidewalks along each side of this corridor by 3 feet. The contractor, Fred M. Schiavone Construction, is in the process of completing the project. New energy efficient, decorative street lighting and bollard lighting has been installed, and old utility poles were removed or replaced. Paver sidewalk construction has been completed, and the hanging flower baskets are scheduled for installation within the next week.

Demolition of the Existing Library/Beach Tag Facility and Conversion to Parking Lot – The old library/beach tag building has been demolished. Concrete curbs and sidewalks have been installed. Fence installation is in progress, and asphalt paving will be completed prior to Memorial Day Weekend, with the objective of providing public parking for the holiday weekend. The parking lot lighting will match that which was recently installed on JFK Boulevard from Landis Ave to the Promenade. The project will be landscaped and final completion of the new parking lot is scheduled prior to Skimmer Weekend (June 16 and 17). Please see photo below, taken earlier this week.



Construction of Welcome Center Addition to the Community Lodge and Renovations of the Existing Lodge Facility and Site – The contractor, R. Wilkinson and Sons, has framed the new Welcome Center addition. Rough-in installation of utilities within the framing is in progress. Siding is being installed on the lodge. Progress on the project has not advanced as quickly as was expected; and the opening of the Welcome Center is now anticipated to take place

in July. The Community Lodge will remain open and all activities will continue as planned. The City will continue to use all of its efforts to minimize the inconvenience caused by the ongoing work. The project is the culmination of several years of public discussion about the need for a Welcome Center, as well as the need for continued utilization of the current lodge facility. Please see photos below, taken earlier this week...



Improvements to T.I. Park – The project has been substantially completed and the park has been reopened to the public. The project includes installation of new decking on the ramps, stairs, and pavilion area; repainting of the pavilion; and installation of new aluminum railings, providing for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please see photos below, taken earlier this week.







Lagoon Dredging - The current status of the project is as follows:

*The contractor, Wickberg Marine Contracting of Belford, NJ, has assembled the dredge, and it is in the waterway adjacent to the Yacht Club. Dike construction is expected to be complete in the next few days; and dredging operations will commence following the Memorial Day weekend.

*Dredging of the western end of Rio Grande Lagoon and a portion of Rio Del Isole (along Venician Road) will take place after the Memorial Day weekend and continue through mid-June, with measures taken to avoid disruption to boaters.

*Dredging work will cease by mid-June and will re-commence after Labor Day, when the remainder of the lagoons will be dredged.

The lagoons to be dredged are as follows:

Rio Grande (south side of 47th Place)

Rio Delle Stelle (between 46th and 47th Place)

Rio Delle Luna (between 45th and 46th Place)

Rio Del Amore (between 44th Street and 45th Place)

Rio Delle Isole (along Venician Road)

Rio Del Barche (between 43rd Place and 44th Street)

Rio Del Affare (between 42nd and 43rd Place)

Rio Delle Ponte (along Park Road on either side of 43rd Place)

The project provides for the ability of private property owners adjacent to the project area to enter into an agreement with the dredging contractor to dredge their private slips (at the private owner's expense). In conjunction with the City project, properties at the above locations do have the required permit to perform private slip dredging.

As part of this project, consistent with the commitment to afford the opportunity to private property owners to have their slips dredged (at their own expense), the City continues to work with the Army Corps of Engineers and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to obtain permits for previously identified areas of need, including the western side of Venicean Road (along the intracoastal waterway) and along Sounds Avenue (in the area of 38th Street). Permits for these areas are not expected to be obtained until late summer or early fall, which will still allow time for these property owners to come to agreement with the dredging contractor to have their slips dredged prior to completion of the overall project. Please see photos below, taken earlier this week from the upper deck of Sea Isle's new library.





Sewer and Road Reconstruction on Central Avenue (49th to 69th Street) – The project has been contracted to the firm of Lewandowski Construction Industries, Inc., of Waterford, NJ. The project is being performed in two phases: the first being from 49th to 63rd Street and the second phase from 63rd to 69th Street. This week, the contractor will cease construction operations for the summer season, and start back up after Labor Day. Utility work was completed from 63rd Street to 55th Street, and the road surface was temporarily restored to allow for vehicular travel with no detours or obstructions over the summer. The remainder of phase one (to 49th Street), along with phase two (from 63rd to 69th Street) will be completed in the fall; after which time the entire roadway will be resurfaced. The project will provide for an upgraded sewer system and new road surface for the entire one mile stretch of roadway. This section of sewer has been problematic for years, with continuous maintenance issues. This project will not only provide for appropriate sewage infrastructure, it will assist in decreasing the amount of ground water sent to the county sewage treatment plant, thus saving in unnecessary costs associated with the treatment of “infiltration” water.

Utility Reconstruction on Landis Avenue (54th to 69th Street) – The project has been contracted to F.W.Shawl & Sons, of Marmora, NJ, and will provide for water and sewer line replacement in advance of the County project to resurface Landis Avenue from 54th to 69th Street. To date, the contractor has installed hydrant services, water main extensions out of several intersections, and new water services to adjacent properties. Utility work will continue through the third week of May, with work suspended through the Memorial Day weekend. Work will commence for about two weeks into June then will be suspended again through summer and resumed in the fall. The County is scheduled to resurface Landis Avenue from 54th to 69th Street in the spring of 2013. Work at intersections from 63rd Street to 60th Street has been on-going or completed in regard to water services, hydrants and water main extensions. Sanitary manholes have been delivered with sanitary sewer installation complete near 61st/60th streets. Sanitary main and services will be started along the 54th to 56th Street location with the bulk of the sanitary sewer work being completed in September. Trench Restoration is on-going and settled trenches will be brought back to grade to eliminate any severe bumps.

Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Remediation (NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS UPDATE) - The firm of Video Pipe Services, Inc. of Newfield, NJ, has substantially completed the project, which included internal repairs of sewer pipelines and manholes throughout the City. The need for this project was identified over the past several years through a comprehensive investigation and analysis of the City's sewer system. Sewer systems are prone to both inflow (overland water entering the sewer system through manhole covers and other surface openings in the system) and infiltration (entry of groundwater into pipelines through cracks, deteriorated pipe, and pipe joints). The effects of I & I are symptoms of deterioration of the sewer system that must be corrected to avoid more problematic maintenance issues and potential failure of the sewer system. I & I is also costly, in that the City must pay for the unnecessary treatment of water that enters the sanitary sewer system. This is the first phase of a multi-year citywide sewer maintenance and improvement project that will ensure the continued viability of the City's vital sewer infrastructure. The next phase of I & I work will involve replacement of sewer lines that cannot be corrected through internal, "no-dig" repairs, as are being performed in this phase. As those projects are engineered and prepared for bidding and construction, we will provide updates on the specific details of the projects.

Utility Reconstruction, Various Streets (NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS UPDATE) – The project includes replacement of deteriorated underground utilities (water and sewer) in several streets, as part of the City's comprehensive road and utility program. At the April 10th City Council meeting, the council authorized award of a construction contract for the project to Garden State General Construction, Inc., of Rio Grande, NJ, in the amount of \$607,653.92. Last week, a pre-construction conference was held, and the City and the contractor jointly agreed that only test pit investigation would take place prior to the summer season to minimize disruption to our residents and visitors. The construction work to perform the actual utility replacement will take place in the fall. Following utility work, the streets will receive new surface paving. The following streets are included in this project:

1. 50th Street, Landis Avenue to Promenade
2. 51st Street, Landis Avenue to Promenade
3. 60th Street, Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
4. 43rd Place street-end with guide rail barrier

5. 42nd Street, Landis Avenue to Promenade
6. 79th Street, Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
7. 60th Street, Landis Avenue to Beach End

JFK Boulevard Reconstruction, from Bridge to Landis Avenue (NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS UPDATE) - The County has been working with the City for design of the project to reconstruct and reconfigure JFK Boulevard from the bridge to Landis Avenue. The project limits also include reconstruction of Landis Avenue from JFK Boulevard to 40th Street. The project scope will include the addition of widened sidewalks, decorative lighting, streetscape improvements and landscaping, drainage improvements, and elevation of the road surface, which will assist during times of flooding. The County Engineer and the design engineering firm of Urban Engineers (which is under contract to the County), along with the City Engineer, made a presentation on the JFK Boulevard project on March 7, 2012 in council chambers, at which time those in attendance were informed of the project details and the proposed timing of the project. The meeting was attended by approximately 30 members of the public and the media, with the opportunity for questions and concerns to be raised. The engineers addressed issues relative to drainage, traffic, the proposed elevation of the road surface, changes to the road configuration, and the new streetscape. The project involves federal funding, and the next step is for the County to obtain authorization from federal and state agencies to proceed to bidding. If authorization is received, the County will put the project out to bid by July in order to award a contract for a fall 2012 construction start. In this event, construction will take place between October 2012 and May 2013.

Paving of 43rd Street (Landis Avenue to Park Road) – The project involves final resurfacing of the street, along with associated replacement of some of the adjacent curb and sidewalk. The work has been contracted to the firm of Arawak Paving Co., Inc., of Hammonton, NJ. This paving project will finalize a complete reconstruction of this section of 43rd Street, which previously received new water and sewer lines. Concrete work has been completed and the road surface has been prepared for paving, with asphalt paving scheduled to take place within the next week.

Turtle Sculptures - The City previously authorized the acquisition of two signature turtle sculptures: one for placement near the corner of JFK and Pleasure Avenue at Excursion Park, and the other at the north-end entrance of Sea Isle City. The sculpture at Excursion Park will be approximately six feet in length and the north-end sculpture about three feet in length. The delivery of the sculptures has taken longer than anticipated; and they are expected to arrive at the port of Newark next week, with delivery and installation scheduled to take place in the first half of June.

County Drainage Improvements - The County has contracted RTW Construction to perform several drainage improvement projects in Sea Isle City. RTW has completed drainage work on Park Road and at 79th Street (between Landis and Central Avenue). They are currently working on drainage improvements on Landis Avenue between 24th and 25th Street, and are expected to be complete in the next two weeks.