

PROJECT UPDATES MAY 3, 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 is now being completed, and the hanging flower baskets are scheduled for installation in the next two weeks. The entire project will be completed prior to the Memorial Day weekend.

Construction of Decorative Seat Wall at Excursion Park – To improve the appearance of the park and provide for additional seating, the City constructed a landscaping masonry seat wall along the eastern edge of the grounds. The wall matches the masonry work recently installed, and was built completely by in-house Public Works forces.

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Demolition of Existing Library/Beach Tag Facility and Conversion to Parking Lot – The old library/beach tag building has been demolished. Concrete curb work has been installed along JFK Boulevard, and the site is being graded in preparation for asphalt paving. The parking lot lighting will match that which was recently been installed on JFK Boulevard from Landis Avenue to the Promenade. The project also includes landscaping and a 6-foot high fence around the perimeter. Completion of the new lot is scheduled for the first half of June, prior to Skimmer Weekend (June 16 and 17).

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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. The building envelope for the addition is scheduled to be completed within the next three weeks, with opening of the Welcome Center scheduled for June. The new handicapped access ramps along with interior renovation work to the Community Lodge have been completed, and community activities are once again taking place inside the lodge. 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.

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Improvements to T.I. Park – The contractor, Axios, Inc., is expected to substantially complete the project this week. 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. Access to the park is expected to be opened to the public for the coming weekend.

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

*The contractor, Wickberg Marine Contracting of Belford, NJ, is continuing with construction of dike walls in the dredged material disposal area, located west of the library adjacent to Rio Grande lagoon (Rio Grande is along 47th Place). Dike construction is expected to be completed within the next week.

*Dredging of Rio Grande Lagoon and a portion of Rio Del Isole (along Venicean) will take place during May and into June; with measures taken to avoid disruption to boaters.

*Dredging work will not take place over most of the summer; 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 Venicean 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.

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. The contractor will be required to cease construction operations for the summer season and start back up after Labor Day. Based on the current assessment of the project, utility work is expected to be completed from 63rd Street to 55th Street prior to the coming summer. The road surface will be temporarily restored to allow for vehicular travel with no detours or obstructions over the summer. Trench paving work was completed last week from 63rd to 59th Street; with the remaining trench paving to be performed before the project ceases operation for the summer. At this point, all construction operations will be ceased by May 18th, and the project area will be completely demobilized until operations resume in September.

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 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; and 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.

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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 summer, then resumed in the fall. The County is scheduled to resurface Landis Avenue from 54th to 69th Street either in the fall of 2012 or spring of 2013. Intersections from 69th Street to 63rd Street have been completed in regard to water services, hydrants and water main extensions. Sanitary manholes have been delivered with sanitary sewer installation complete near 61st and 60th streets. Most of the sanitary sewer work will be completed in September. Trench Restoration is on-going.

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Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Remediation – 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 – 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 from Landis Avenue to Park Road (NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS UPDATE) - 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, in the amount of \$98,500. This paving project will finalize a complete reconstruction of this section of 43rd Street, which previously received new water and sewer lines. The project is scheduled to be completed prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Turtle Sculptures - The City previously authorized the acquisition of two signature turtle sculptures – one for placement on 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 will be about three feet in length. The sculptures are expected to be delivered to the City within the next two weeks.

County Drainage Improvements - The County has contracted with 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 have now mobilized their operations to Landis Avenue (between 24th and 25th Street), where they will complete their drainage improvement work in Sea Isle.