

PROJECT UPDATES APRIL 19, 2012:

Please Note: As we head toward the summer, the push is on to complete projects in advance of our busy tourist season. Our objective continues to be to maintain and improve Sea Isle's public assets and infrastructure in order to provide our residents and visitors with the best quality of life, and fulfill the City's vision of Sea Isle as a premier destination resort, while maintaining a small town, community atmosphere.

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. Verizon and Atlantic City Electric are in the process of relocating utility poles and placing some utilities underground. Once the utility work is complete, the paver sidewalks will be finished and hanging flower baskets and decorative banners will be installed on the light poles. The entire project is expected to be completed within the next month.

Construction of Decorative Seat Wall at Excursion Park – To improve the appearance of the park and provide for additional seating, the City is constructing a landscaping masonry seat wall along the eastern edge of the grounds. The wall will match the masonry work recently installed, and is expected to be complete within the next two weeks.

Demolition of Existing Library / Beach Tag Facility and Conversion to Parking Lot – The old Library / Beach Tag Building has been demolished. Following the clearing of the site, construction of concrete work will start next week, along with installation of underground conduit for the parking lot lighting. The parking lot lighting will match the lighting recently installed on JFK Boulevard from Landis 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). Please see photos below...







Construction of Welcome Center Addition to the Community Lodge and Renovations of the Existing Lodge Facility and Site – The contractor, R. Wilkinson and Sons, will be installing the new siding on the Lodge over the next two weeks and continuing with construction of the new Welcome Center addition. The building envelope for the addition is scheduled to be completed within the next month; with opening of the Welcome Center scheduled for mid-June. The new handicapped access ramps along with interior renovation work to the Community Lodge have been completed, and activities are once again taking place at 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. Please see photos below...





Improvements to T. I. Park – The contractor, Axios, Inc., is completing the installation of new decking on the ramps, stairs, and pavilion area. The pavilion has also been repainted. New aluminum railings are currently being installed, providing for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Access to the park and pavilion remains closed in order to ensure public safety while construction takes place. The project is expected to be complete by the end of the month. Please see photos below...





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 has continued to be difficult, due to the condition of the soils, and this phase of the work is now expected to be completed by the first week of May.

Dredging of Rio Grande Lagoon and a portion of Rio Del Isole (along Venician Road) 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 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 Venician 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 will be 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 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 from 63rd to 59th Street is scheduled to take place tomorrow; with the remaining trench paving to be performed before the project ceases operation for 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 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. Please see photos below...



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 and 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.

Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Remediation – The firm of Video Pipe Services, Inc. of Newfield, NJ, is in the process of performing work associated with internal repairs of sewer pipelines and manholes throughout the City. The portion of the project involving sealing of sanitary sewer mains has been substantially completed. The bulk of the remaining work involves internal lining of deteriorated sewer under Pleasure Avenue in the area of 35th to 39th Street. The Pleasure Avenue work is scheduled to be performed the week of April 23rd. The entire project is scheduled to be completed within the next month. The need for this project was indentified 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. As indicated above, this project is expected to be completed by April. 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. Garden State was the lowest bidder of the eight firms that submitted bids for the project. The work is scheduled to be performed partially in the spring, with a summer hiatus, then completed 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 Sea Isle 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 – 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 (NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS UPDATE) – The City previously authorized the acquisition of two signature turtle sculptures, one for placement at the JFK and Pleasure Avenue corner of Excursion Park and the other at the north-end entrance of Sea Isle. The sculpture at Excursion Park will be approximately six feet in length and the north-end sculpture will be approximately three feet in length. The sculptures are expected to be delivered to the City this month.

County Drainage Improvements, Park Road – The County has contracted with RTW Construction to perform several drainage improvement projects in Sea Isle City. RTW has completed underground drainage work on Park Road and is now mobilized at 79th Street, where they will perform replacement of deteriorated storm sewer between Landis and Central Avenue. This work is scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks. Following completion of the drainage work at 79th Street, additional drainage work is scheduled to be performed on Landis Avenue between 24th and 25th Street.