

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

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Updates on Segment 3

- The City's contractor continues work on Segment 3, which runs from the intersection of State Road 79 (Arnold Road) and Panama City Beach Parkway south to Front Beach Road, and also includes Front Beach Road from Cabana Cay Boulevard east to Lullwater Drive.
- As of early January, the segment is 75% complete. 100% completion is anticipated late 2024.
- Progress through December and early January has included working to complete the sidewalk on South Arnold Road, and preparing to pave that area, too.
- Work on the east part of this segment on Front Beach Road has been impacted by utility relocation issues. Once those utilities are cleared, there will be a better idea of the work scope in that area.



Aerial photo of east of the roundabout on Front Beach Road, looking towards the west, taken mid-December 2023.



Sidewalk installation on South Arnold Road.





Aerial photo of west of the roundabout on Front Beach Road, looking towards the east, taken mid-December 2023.

Alf Coleman Road Work Progress

- The road from the south side of the north Lowe's Home Improvement stores' entrance to the north side of Cabana Boulevard, is temporarily closed for all traffic, including vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist. This closure area is posted with no trespassing signs to ensure everyone's safety as this is an active work zone.
- The official detour route is on U.S. 98, Richard Jackson Boulevard, and Clara Avenue. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation and patience.
- Crews have recently placed gravity wall footings and installed a reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) which is a drainage pipe. They've also spread embankment material in order to bring the roadway to grade in preparation of placing stabilized subgrade. This is a mixture spread into the soil that allows it to bare the weight of vehicles before asphalt is placed.



Constructing footings for the gravity wall.



Installing the RCP pipe.



Placing concrete for the gravity wall.



Backfilling materials around the RCP pipe.



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Segments 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3

- Segment 4.1 includes the section of Front Beach Road from Lullwater Drive, where Segment 3 ends, to east of Hills Road and includes Powell Adams Road. Plans are 100% complete.
- Segment 4.2 includes the section of Front Beach Road from east of Hills Road, where Segment 4.1 ends, to west of Lantana Street. The City utility design is underway, and 90% plans are being finalized. There will be a public meeting to review these plans once complete, anticipated in spring 2024.
- Segment 4.3 includes the section of Front Beach Road from State Road 392A (Hutchison Boulevard) to west of Richard Jackson Boulevard. The City utility design is underway, and 90% plans are being finalized. Due to the extensive right of way acquisition process, the project is projected to go to bid in late 2024.
- All of these projects will consist of roadway improvements such as updated stormwater retention and medians, along with improving pedestrian safety with new lighting and sidewalks.



Recent image of Segment 4.2, looking west from Sharky's Beachfront Restaurant to Hills Road.

Upcoming Public Meetings

- The **Parking and Mobility Study Steering Committee Meeting** will meet Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. at City Hall (17007 PCB Parkway). This meeting is to discuss parking data and results of the survey administered summer 2023. There will be an opportunity for public comment in-person, limited to 3 minutes per speaker. The meeting will be recorded and broadcasted virtually at the Panama City Beach Government website.
- We invite you to **Chat with the Contractors** about Alf Coleman Road and Segment 3 projects on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. at the Lyndell Conference Center (423 Lyndell Ln, PCB, FL 32407). This is a casual meeting with no presentation. You may view display boards and talk with members of the engineering and construction teams.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Construction U.S. 98

- Utility relocation work is underway for the U.S. 98 widening project, from Mandy Lane to East Nautilus Street.
- Crews are working to relocate above and underground utilities that include water and sewer lines, electrical service, natural gas pipelines, telephone, cable television, internet, and fiber optics. It is a time-consuming challenge that requires close coordination with utility providers.
- Please continue to obey speed-limit signs, especially in areas where it has been reduced to 35 MPH. This is to ensure the safety of all on the road, including the contractor crew, while lanes and vehicle capacity is reduced to complete this work.
- Work on this \$110 million-dollar project that includes widening this section of U.S. 98 to six travel lanes is currently estimated for completion in late 2027.
- This is not a CRA project, but information is being shared as a courtesy. For more information visit the Florida Department of Transportation District Three website at www.nwflroads.com, follow them on Twitter and Instagram @myfdot_nwfl, or like them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MyFDOTNWFL.





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