

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

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Segment 3 Updates

- Segment 3 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 Circle east to Lullwater Drive.
- Crews are constructing a new weir at Lullwater Lake, with anticipated completion in July. The lake level is drawn down one foot for this work and will resort back to normal levels upon completion.
- Median construction north of the roundabout is complete and the contractor is continuing to place curb and sidewalk concrete along Front Beach Road from the roundabout to Lullwater Drive.







Weir reconstruction at Lullwater Lake.



Safety and Rehabilitation Improvements Continue on Alf Coleman Road

- Upgrades to the south section of Alf Coleman Road from Hutchison Boulevard north to Cabana Boulevard will start May 6 and
 continue for several weeks. Temporary single-lane closures for this work will occur during the day, with flaggers present to
 direct traffic.
- Thru-traffic and pedestrians will be permitted at all times. Access to all residents and businesses will be maintained at all times, with very brief access delays only if the paver is directly in line with the respected driveway.
- These upgrades include raising the road, installing new stormwater drainage, adding sidewalks, and improving lighting.
- This safety and rehabilitation work will significantly benefit pedestrians and drivers whether they use this route to walk to school or drive to work. A significant decrease in standing water after a rain event is already noticeable on the recently improved section from Cabana Boulevard north to Panama City Beach Parkway/U.S. 98.
- Thank you for your patience and cooperation as this work is ongoing. Improvements to Alf Coleman Road from Panama City Beach Parkway/U.S. 98 south to Hutchison Boulevard are anticipated to be complete mid-summer 2024.









Placing sod along the new trench drain at the Dairy Queen driveway.

Removing damaged sidewalk, building forms to place the new sidewalk, and placing concrete for new curbing in the CVS area.



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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 developed. There will be a public meeting to review these plans once received. These segments are joint projects with an anticipated bid for both in late 2024, with construction starting shortly after a successful bid process. Segment 4.3 includes the section of Front Beach Road from Hutchison Boulevard to west of Richard Jackson Boulevard. The City utility design is underway, and 90% plans are being finalized. Due to the extensive and ongoing right-of-way acquisition process, Segment 4.3 is projected to go to bid mid-late 2025. All of these projects will consist of roadway upgrades such as updated stormwater retention and medians, an additional roadway lane east/west and improved pedestrian safety with new lighting and sidewalks.

FDOT U.S. 98 Construction Updates

Construction crews with this Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project are widening Panama City Beach Parkway/U.S. 98 to six travel lanes, between Richard Jackson Boulevard and Mandy Lane.

Recent activities included low-profile barrier wall installation, drainage installation, mainline pipe crossings, base installation, median construction, completion of the new ITS fiber backbone, and excavation for new stormwater ponds along this project corridor.

A retention pond behind the Harley-Davidson dealership is being constructed and a larger 16-acre drainage pond is planned further east, behind the Pineglen Motorcoach and RV Park. Retention ponds are a crucial component of stormwater management systems in urban and suburban areas. They are designed to combat flash flooding and to minimize the potentially negative environmental impacts on water quality.

Drainage improvements are also significant to the longevity of roadways as they prevent ponding and erosion that might lead structural issues. Efficient drainage systems also enhance safety by reducing the potential for accidents due to hydroplaning.

Much of the work underway on Panama City Beach Parkway/U.S. 98 is being performed at night to minimize traffic impacts during peak travel times. Lane closures are limited to nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., otherwise two travel lanes in each direction are remaining open, the same number of travel lanes that were available prior to the start of construction last fall.

Work on the \$110 million U.S. 98 widening project is currently estimated for completion in late 2027. This is not a CRA project; updates are being shared as a courtesy. More information: www.facebook.com/myus98wfl



Retention pond taking shape behind Harley-Davidson.



New drainage pipes being installed along U.S. 98.



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