



Alf Coleman Road Over 80% Complete

- Overnight work, from 8 p.m. – 6 a.m. will continue intermittently on Alf Coleman Road over the next several weeks. The road is open to all thru-traffic/pedestrians, although at times, drivers should expect temporary single-lane closures. Day-time work under a similar scope will continue. By working both day and night, the Contractor is improving the roadway while keeping the schedule on-track with a substantial completion date of mid-summer (weather dependent). This is the original timeline anticipated when work started this past October.
- The current project goals are to significantly reduce the frequency of roadway flooding, rehabilitate the road surface, and improve safety in the corridor by constructing continuous sidewalks and improving lighting. Sidewalks are significantly important to the project scope as dozens of students use Alf Coleman Road to walk to Arnold High School, as well as residents who walk to access businesses along U.S. 98/Panama City Beach Parkway.
- The final lane widths will meet Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Green Book minimums for local collector roadways.
- The pavement has not yet been brought to final elevation, so the current travel lanes are constrained between the edge of the curb/gutter combination, which was placed on top of the asphalt base for support and durability in wet conditions. This makes the lanes appear narrower in the current configuration than they will be when the asphalt is brought to final grade closer to full completion of the project. This final layer of asphalt will also help in reducing manhole impacts within the travel lanes. Additionally, the gutters will provide an additional buffer between the edge of pavement and the curb. The curb and gutter drainage system is crucial for the channelization of water from the roadway to the roadside swales to reduce road flooding.
- The area from Cabana Boulevard north to the south Lowe's driveway required a full closure due to surrounding wetlands, retaining wall construction, existing utility relocation and cross drain culvert replacement. That work was within phase I and now in phase II, the area from Cabana Boulevard to Hutchison Boulevard is being raised using an asphalt overbuild technique, to not disrupt access to the surrounding subdivisions. The roadside swales are jurisdictional wetlands and cannot be impacted, so the road is worked under traffic using temporary single lane closures so that the contractor can raise the road to the required height.
- The full solution of four-laning Alf Coleman Road (anticipated bid in 2031) will require much more extensive real estate acquisition for pond sites and additional right of way, more complex permitting and potential floodplain mitigation. That future project will incorporate additional lane widths as appropriate to the final design, as well as consideration for roadway shoulders. In the interest of resolving the roadway flooding issue as soon as was possible, the City proceeded with the current interim project in consultation with its partners, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Emergency Management. These partner agencies are providing the majority of the funding for this project.
- Thank you for using caution and for your patience in this active work zone.



Paving the median turn lane near Cabana Boulevard.



Milling asphalt near Moonraker Circle.



Compacting new asphalt near the intersection with Hutchison Boulevard.



Improvements Continue on Segment 3

- 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.
- Traffic was switched from south to north lanes on Front Beach Road from Lullwater Drive west to the roundabout on June 12. **This area is an active work zone and has been reduced to 25 MPH.**
- The Contractor continues to build the new weir at Lullwater Lake. This upgraded weir includes the following features:
 - An adjustable sluice gate (orifice) which the City can use to better manage lake levels for vegetation management and flood control.
 - It's constructed with materials such as metal sheet piles that support the upgraded Front Beach Road roadway embankment.
 - It provides aluminum grating to workers for weir maintenance.



A median correction to its approved elevation is ongoing at the intersection of S. Arnold Road and U.S. 98. This reconstruction is at no cost to the City.



Traffic switch from south to north lanes on Front Beach Road June 12.

Contractor continuing work on the new Lullwater Lake weir.

Segments 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and Powell Adams Road

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 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. **Powell Adams Road**, from Stingray Drive south to Front Beach Road, will be constructed at the same time as Segment 4.1. St. Joe Company is being worked with on these plans to address traffic impacts from the future TopGolf development. 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.

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