

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

NEWSLETTER

July 2024

Alf Coleman Road Work is Nearly Complete

- Throughout the next month, expect temporary day-time single-lane closures in various locations from Hutchison Boulevard to U.S. 98. These temporary closures allow the contractor to complete final touches along the corridor. The road remains open to all traffic, including bicycles and pedestrians.
- This safety and rehabilitation work started in October 2023 and is primarily funded by partner agencies: the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM). The roadway and sidewalk portions of construction are 100 percent grant-funded. The City paid for the design portion and received a \$1.6 million grant from FDEM for drainage and utility improvements, resiliency, and raising the roadway. The remaining funds came from the FDOT's safety funds for sidewalk and lighting improvements, and FDOT's general highway funds for resurfacing, signalization and signage.
- Components of this work include raising the road about 18 inches, adding improved sidewalks, upgrading stormwater drainage, and roadway lighting. Students walking to Arnold High School now have wider, safer sidewalks with handrails for much of the corridor, and all existing sidewalks have been made continuous on both sides of the road.
- The full solution of four-laning Alf Coleman Road (anticipated to 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 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.
- Read the June 2024 CRA Recap Newsletter for additional information about this current project and the future four-laning project at: https://www.pcbfl.gov/departments/community-redevelopment-agency-cra/near-term-work-plan/cra-monthly-newsletter.
- Thank you for using caution and for your patience in this active work zone.



Temporary single-lane closures continue during the day.



Roadway flooding is significantly reduced.



Constructing new curbing and sidewalk in the area of the Church of Christ and across from Moonraker Circle.





Handrails where needed and wider, continuous sidewalks.



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Segment 3 Drainage Placement and More

- Segment 3 runs from the intersection of State Road 79 (Arnold Road) and Panama City Beach Parkway/U.S. 98 south to Front Beach Road, and also includes Front Beach Road from Cabana Cay Circle east to Lullwater Drive.
- Recent work includes installing main line drainage between Carmen Street and Lullwater Drive on the south side of Front Beach Road. This main line will eventually be hooked into the upgraded curb and gutter drainage system to assist in getting stormwater off the roadway.
- The contractor is coordinating with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on installing traffic signal loops at the South Arnold Road/Panama City Beach Parkway intersection. Loop systems detect when a vehicle is waiting and provides real-time traffic signal changes versus being on a timer.
- Work on constructing a new weir at Lullwater Lake and Front Beach Road continues.





Continuing to install storm drainage infrastructure on the south side of Front Beach Road.

South Arnold Road/U.S. 98 intersection.

Looking west on Front Beach Road.

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.



Looking west from Clara Avenue and Front Beach Road.

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