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Alf Coleman Road is Substantially Complete

- In mid-August, this safety and rehabilitation work was deemed substantially complete. This is exciting progress as it means that very shortly, the project team anticipates Alf Coleman Road to be fully complete.
- Substantially complete means that the Contractor and managing teams have agreed that all original contract work is complete and that the project is functionally operational for the design intent of the project. Original work items include raising and resurfacing the roadway, installing new drainage, and connecting wider, continuous sidewalks on both sides of the road.
- Now, the team is moving towards final completion, by correcting any minor quality items or damaged/defective work and aesthetics. These activities may include replacing dead or damaged turf, sweeping or cleaning the curbs and pavement, and placing thermoplastic striping after the asphalt cure period.
- Final acceptance occurs when the project teams and funding partners, in this case, the Florida Department of Environmental Management (FDEM) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) visit on-site to inspect the work and find that any and all deficiencies are addressed, corrected and completed. Once these items are complete, the project is recommended to the City of Panama City Beach for final acceptance of the work.
- 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.
- Please continue to 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.
- Thank you for using caution and for your patience in this active work zone. We appreciate your cooperation as we move towards final completion.



Grading the roadside swale in the area of The Church of Christ.



Looking north towards U.S. 98 from the south Lowe's driveway.



Constructing curb ramps on the west side across from Stone Harbor Apartments.



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Segment 3 Lullwater Lake Box Culvert Progress

- 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. It also includes Front Beach Road from Cabana Cay Circle east to Lullwater Drive.
- The box culvert repairs, a component of the new weir construction at Lullwater Lake near the north lane of Front Beach Road, are complete. Water pumps relating to this work have been pulled from the lake and water levels are returning to their status pre-construction. This weir replaces the previous one that was over 60 years old, and is upgraded with the following:
 - An adjustable sluice gate, which the City can use to better manage the lake levels to control flooding and vegetation management
 - Steel sheet piling materials that will better support the new roadway embankment
 - Easier worker access for maintenance through aluminum grating
- Work on removing the traffic separator and constructing the turn lane at the U.S. 98/South Arnold Road intersection has been completed.
- Installing main line drainage between Carmen Street and Lullwater Drive on the south side of Front Beach Road continues. 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 continuing coordination 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.



Lullwater Lake weir construction.



Night work at the U.S. 98/South Arnold Road intersection.

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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