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Building a Brighter Future Together

As we look ahead to the future, Clearwater's forecast is exciting. Change is all around as new projects take shape. Construction projects are on schedule and all of us can find satisfaction in knowing we have helped make Clearwater a great place to live, work and play. We are paving the way to improve our city as we move progressively forward to a brighter future together.



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Glen Oaks Park and Stormwater Management Project

The Glen Oaks Stormwater Management Project will provide recreational opportunities as well as stormwater management. Five stormwater management areas totaling approximately 21 acres of the 32-acre site will provide flood protection from a 100-year storm. Runoff from 1,193 acres of highly developed land that previously discharged untreated stormwater to Stevenson Creek will now be treated in catch ponds. This runoff typically contains fertilizers, oils and grease, sand, grass clippings and other floating debris. Water in the creek will flow slower, decreasing the amount of earth that is washed out of the creek banks, and reducing the sediments deposited in other areas of the creek.

Recreational amenities include two lighted, regulation-size soccer fields, a trailhead for the Druid Road Trail, bicycle trails, pedestrian paths, a restroom/vending shelter, observation docks, and a gazebo. The project is scheduled to begin Summer 2005. This \$7 million project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2006.

Cleveland Street Streetscape

Cleveland Street, once the center of a bustling downtown Clearwater, will be undergoing the beginning of a transformation to restore that vitality. The revitalization will include a pedestrian-friendly environment for retail, street festivals, and small concerts. Construction is estimated to begin on this project in early 2006 after traffic is rerouted to Court and Chestnut streets with the realignment of the new Memorial Causeway Bridge. Cleveland Street will remain one lane in each direction and have parallel parking on both sides of the street with newly landscaped sidewalks and medians with areas for public art.

The \$4.7 million project includes new benches, trash cans, bike racks and

decorative street lighting. Key intersections will have designs in the decorative pavers to reflect Clearwater's heritage such as a saxophone, heron and sailboat. Utility enhancements, new mast arms, and directional signs will also be included. Station Square Park will be improved to make it a better small concert venue and new gas and electric connections will facilitate vendors and festivals in the park. The project will take 12 to 18 months to complete and will help bring new life to Clearwater's downtown.

Memorial Causeway Bridge

The new Memorial Causeway Bridge is scheduled to open for traffic this September. The twin piers being built around the existing center piers are 70 percent complete, all of the gaps in the superstructure have been aligned and connected, and the old fishing pier is scheduled to be demolished in May. The contractor finished the installation of the pedestrian helix handrail and the interior lighting for the bridge is being installed. The night-lights under the bridge approaches on both sides are installed and operational. The work is complete on the final alignment of Pierce Street under the bridge and the Pierce Street curb and sidewalk concrete work are complete as well. The final coat of the class V finish is being applied. The City of Clearwater is working closely with the Department of Transportation to ensure that the bridge is completed in a safe and timely manner.



The Memorial Causeway Bridge is now one continuous structure. Plans are underway for a September 2005 opening.

Ross Norton Recreation and Aquatic Complex & Extreme Sports Park

Inline skaters, skateboarders and BMXers are ready to practice their skills at the new Ross Norton Complex & Extreme Park. The center and extreme park are getting final touches for a May 21st grand opening. The new 21,000-square-foot center includes a teen lounge, fitness room, gymnasium and outdoor patio. The 30,000-square-foot Extreme Sport Park features Woodward jumps, ramps and rails. The \$3.92 million project, which is partly funded through Penny for Pinellas revenues and a \$200,000 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant, is located at 1426 S MLK Jr. Ave.

Beach Walk

Excitement is building for the groundbreaking of the \$15 million project along Clearwater's prized waterfront known as Beach Walk. Designed to transform South Clearwater Beach, Beach Walk will shift South Gulfview Boulevard to the west of its current location, thus creating 70 feet of potential improvements to the existing right of way. Beach Walk will also create a walkway and drive with an excellent view of the Beach and the Gulf of Mexico.

South Gulfview will be transformed into a two-way, two-lane road with sidewalks along the roadway's western edge. A 10-foot wide sidewalk for bicycles and in-line skaters will parallel a pedestrian sidewalk with small seating plazas and steps to the beach. Parking spaces are included on Gulfview's eastern side. Properties will be able to make improvements with attractive grounds, pools, outside cafes and other "seaside" amenities. Beautiful landscaping will line the entire beach promenade without obstructing beach views.

Construction will take 42 months to complete and traffic will be directed to Coronado Drive during this time.



Memorial Causeway Bridge

Cost*: \$64.2 million
 Funding: Utilities \$2.8 million
 Penny for Pinellas \$12.1 million
 Trans. Impact Fee \$500,000
 Gas Tax \$1.4 million
 Federal Grant \$20.7 million
 State Grant \$15.5 million
 Pinellas County \$10 million

Estimated Completion Date: December 2005

Kapok Wetlands and Floodplain Restoration

Cost*: \$22,851 million (estimated)
 Funding: SWFWMD \$3.5 million
 EPA/FDEP \$500,000
 Florida Communities Trust \$3,498 million
 Operating Revenues \$30,000
 Stormwater Rev. Bond Proceeds \$15.3 million

Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2005

Ross Norton Recreation and Aquatic Complex & Extreme Sports Park

Cost*: \$3.92 million
 Funding: Special Development Fund \$257,200
 Penny for Pinellas \$2.82 million
 Recreation Facility Impact Fees \$360,076
 State Grant (FRDAP) \$400,000
 General Fund \$74,000

Estimated Completion Date: May 2005

Beach Walk

Cost*: \$16.22 million
 Funding: Penny for Pinellas \$3 million
 Impact Fees \$478,000
 State Grant \$500,000
 Interfund Loans \$7 million
 Developer Contributions \$1.14 million
 Special Development Fund \$1 million
 City Utilities \$779,000
 Road Millage \$1.8 million

Estimated Start Date: 2005

Glen Oaks Stormwater Management Project

Cost*: \$7.6 million
 Funding: Stormwater Bonds \$4.5 million
 SWFWMD \$1.55 million
 FDEP \$1.55 million
 Progress Energy \$25,000

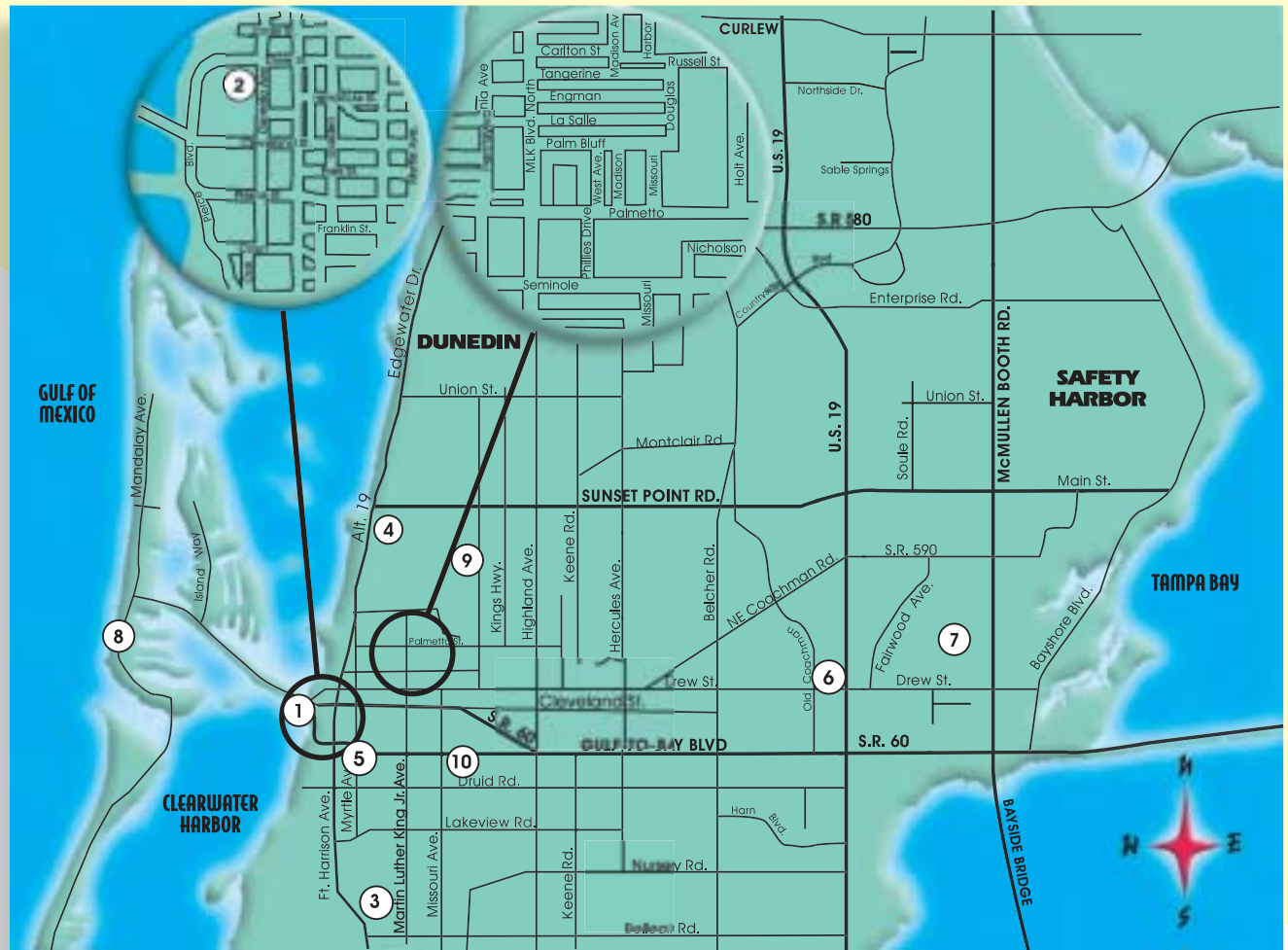
Estimated Completion Date: March 2007

Cleveland Street Streetcape Project

Cost: \$4.7 million
 Funding: Penny for Pinellas \$3.7 million
 Comm. Redev. Agency Funds \$1 million

Estimate Start Date: January 2006

*Estimated Total



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| 1. Memorial Causeway Bridge | 4. Stevenson's Creek | 8. Beach Walk |
| 2. Main Library | 5. Myrtle Avenue Reconstruction | 9. Northwest Fire Station |
| 3. Ross Norton Recreation and Aquatic Complex & Extreme Sports Park | 6. Drew Street Overpass (FDOT) | 10. Glen Oaks Park Stormwater Project |
| | 7. Kapok Floodplain Restoration | |

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