



Building a Brighter Future Together

Progress continues on various City projects. New construction and redevelopment are changing the face of our City. Residents, businesses and visitors are asked to be patient during these changing times. These projects, which are at various stages of completion, are proof that we are truly partners in building a brighter future together.



The distinctive roofline of the Main Library is clearly visible from Coachman Park.

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Artist's rendering of the new Clearwater Mall Fire Station 49. The new station will be larger and will have improved amenities.

Clearwater Mall Fire Station 49

Walls are going up on a new Clearwater Mall Fire Station that will replace a 30-year-old facility. The new, modern station, which will also accommodate a co-ed firefighting force, is on Sky Harbor Drive, one block south of Gulf-to-Bay. The four-bay station will house a fire engine, heavy rescue, EMS rescue, and marine rescue units. The new facility will better equip firefighters to respond more quickly to area emergencies and fires.

Community Sports Complex

Approximately 50 percent of the foundation has been poured, and will be completed in July. Next, work will begin around home plate and the first base dugout. The Complex, which will serve as the spring training home of the Philadelphia Phillies and many local youth and adult baseball activities, will accommodate approximately 8,000 fans. Amenities include an expanded food court area, a grass seating area, suites, and a children's play area. The new complex's location, on U.S. Highway 19 just north of Drew Street, is conveniently located and accessible. It will open for the 2004 spring training season.



This view of the east approach shows that bridge construction is more than half completed.

Memorial Causeway Bridge

The new Memorial Causeway Bridge is now more than fifty percent complete. Much of the work on the western approach is finished and the eastern approach is now visible from the bluff. The new high-span structure will be a safer and more efficient connection between the beach and downtown. Travel lanes will open in early 2004. For bridge updates, call the hotline at (727) 562-4549 or tune in to C-VIEW 15, Clearwater's 24-hour information station.

Main Library

Construction continues on the 90,000-square-foot Main Library located on the bluff overlooking Clearwater Harbor. As the interior framing progresses and roof installation begins, the structure's distinctive roofline and expansive west façade of multi-story glass begin to take shape. The dramatic grand stairway has been installed within a four-story atrium and masonry work on the rooftop terrace has been completed. The new library, designed by world-renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern, will include a local history center, café, computer lab, teen room, gallery space, expanded reading areas and a children's library with a special story-time room.



Ruth Eckerd Hall's renovations include improved sound and lighting systems, new seats and a Grand Concourse.

Ruth Eckerd Hall

Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater's premier performing arts center, is undergoing a \$28 million renovation. The first phase, the Marcia P. Hoffman Performing Arts Institute, opened in February and offers classes for children and adults. The second phase is the Main Hall renovation. Seats are being removed to make way for a 125-foot Grand Concourse, a new amenity connecting the two lobbies and providing additional lobby space with a lounge and meeting room. Patrons will no longer have to walk around the building or cross a long row of seats to get between the lobbies. In addition, the number of restrooms will triple; new seats, and an improved sound and lighting system will be installed. The main hall opens in November. The City of Clearwater contributed \$2 million in Penny for Pinellas funding to the project.

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
 Interest \$1.2 million

Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2004

Ruth Eckerd Hall

Cost*: \$28 million
Funding: Penny for Pinellas \$2 million
Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2003

Main Library

Cost*: \$20.25 million
Funding: Penny for Pinellas \$14.5 million
 Clearwater Library Foundation \$5 million
 Bequest \$500,000
 Library Cooperative \$100,000
 Interest \$150,000

Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2004

Town Lake

Cost*: \$10 million
Funding: SWFWMD Grant \$1.8 million
 HUD Grant \$1.3 million
 DEP Grant \$400,000
 Bond \$6.5 million

Completed: May 2003

Clearwater Mall Fire Station

Cost*: \$2 million
Funding: Penny for Pinellas \$2 million
Estimated Completion Date: November 2003

Community Sports Complex

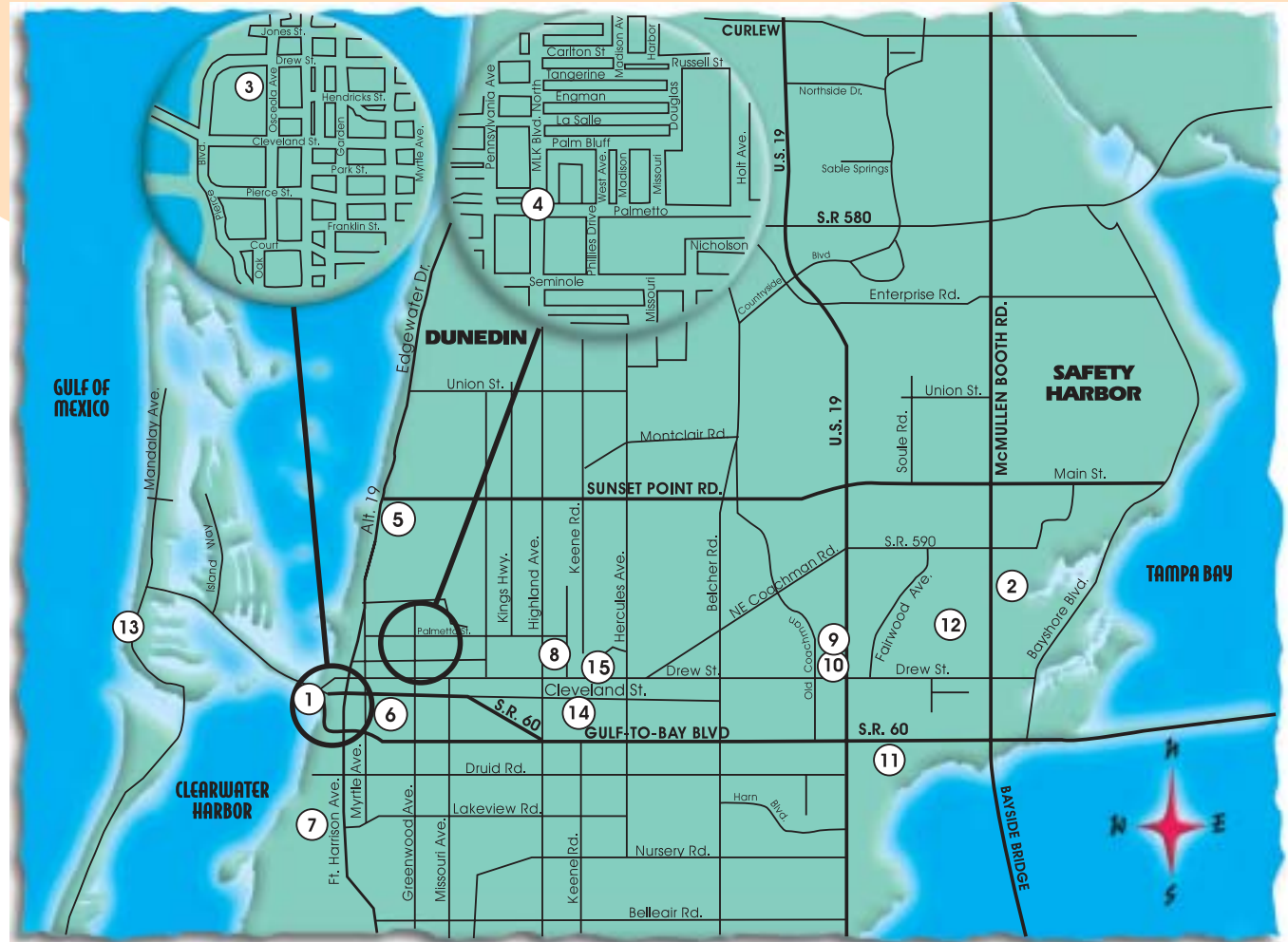
Cost*: \$30.5 million
Funding: City \$3.0 million
 Penny for Pinellas \$2.5 million
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 Pinellas County \$8.5 million
 State \$8.5 million

Estimated Completion Date: Spring Training 2004

Beach Walk

Cost*: \$500,000 (design only)
Funding: HUD Grant \$490,000
 Penny for Pinellas \$10,000

Estimated Completion Date: To Be Determined



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| 1. Memorial Causeway Bridge | 6. Town Lake | 11. Clearwater Mall Fire Station |
| 2. Ruth Eckerd Hall | 7. South Fort Harrison Avenue (FDOT) | 12. Kapok Floodplain Restoration |
| 3. Main Library | 8. Water Treatment Plant | 13. Beach Walk |
| 4. North Greenwood Corridor Enhancements | 9. Community Sports Complex | 14. Keene Road Extension (County) |
| 5. Stevenson's Creek | 10. Drew Street Overpass (FDOT) | 15. Drew Street (FDOT) |

*estimated total construction cost.

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