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Building a Brighter Future Together

Clearwater is getting ready to start new projects in the downtown and Clearwater beach areas. We have entered the second phase of redevelopment projects and infrastructure improvements. Residents, businesses and visitors are asked to continue to show patience as these projects progress. We are truly partners in building a brighter future together.

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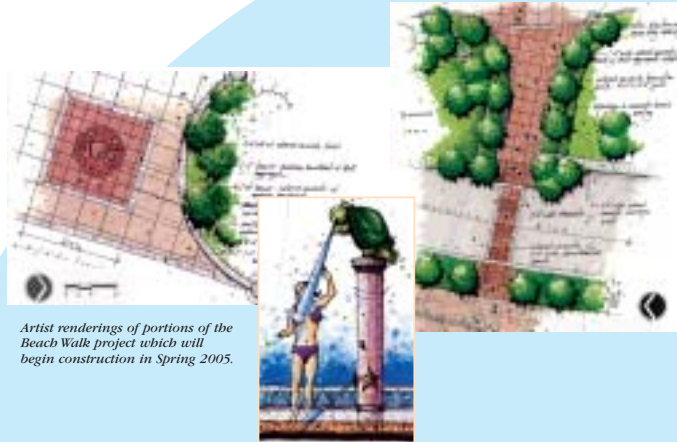
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Artist renderings of portions of the Beach Walk project which will begin construction in Spring 2005.

Beach Walk

Work begins Spring 2005 on Beach Walk, a \$16.22 million project along Clearwater's prized waterfront. Beach Walk will shift South Gulfview Boulevard to the west of its current location, where surface parking lots are located at present. Relocating South Gulfview to the west creates a walkway and drive with a wonderful view of the Beach and the Gulf of Mexico, allowing the City to make available 35 feet of the existing right of way to properties along eastern South Gulfview Boulevard.

Currently, redevelopment and revitalization of properties on the east side of South Gulfview is limited by factors such as small parcel sizes and the Coastal Construction Control Line. Properties will be able to make improvements with attractive grounds, pools, outside cafes and other "seaside" amenities.

South Gulfview will transform 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 be separate from a pedestrian sidewalk with small seating plazas and steps to the beach. Parallel parking spaces are included on Gulfview's eastern side. A lane for a future Clearwater Beach transit system is planned.

The curving roadway shifts between the western edge of the existing right of way and the western edge of the parking lot giving drivers direct scenic Gulf of Mexico views. Beautiful landscaping will line the entire beach promenade without obstructing beach views.

Construction will take three and a half years to complete and traffic will be directed to Coronado drive during this time.

Phases for Construction:

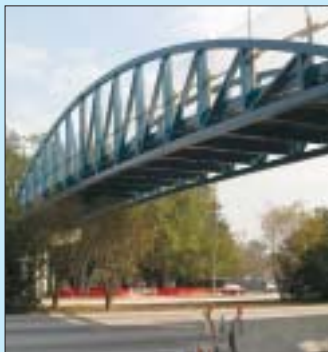
- Total Project is April 05- Nov. 08
- Phase I - Work on Coronado Dr.
- Phase II - Northern part of Gulfview Blvd., Pier 60 and Pier 60 parking lot.
- Phase III - Southern part of Gulfview Blvd.
- Phase IV - Final Phases of Coronado and work on sand dunes.

Memorial Causeway Bridge

Work continues on the new Memorial Causeway Bridge and traffic is scheduled to be on the bridge September 2005. Twin piers are being built around the existing piers, which were cracked, and the old piers will be removed after the new twin piers are constructed. The pedestrian overlook on the western side of the bridge is complete. The milling and resurfacing of Pierce Street is complete; the contractor is installing the pedestrian helix handrail; and the interior lighting for the bridge is being installed. Work has begun on the final alignment of Pierce Street under the bridge and the Pierce Street curb and sidewalk concrete work. The City of Clearwater is working closely with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to ensure that the bridge is completed in a safe and timely manner.

McMullen Booth Road Pedestrian Overpass

Construction began June 2004 on the McMullen Booth Road pedestrian overpass, which will make crossing this busy roadway safer. The bridge, part of the Clearwater East-West Trail, is just north of Drew Street. Construction is funded in part through a grant from the US DOT and should be complete this summer. When complete, the East-West Trail will connect the Safety Harbor Trail to Clearwater Beach.



Kapok Floodplain Restoration

Work began September 2004 to restore the Alligator Creek floodplain east of Cliff Stephens Park. Construction includes creating a weir on the channel north of Glen Oak Avenue, wetlands restoration, trails, boardwalks, bridges and a small parking facility. It includes the relocation of the sanitary sewer and water transmission main. The project allows for the implementation of upstream flood improvement projects and creates an extension of the East-West Trail and Park System. The project is on schedule for a September 2005 completion.

Ross Norton Recreation Center and Extreme Sports Park

The gymnasium roof and the rest of the building's roof decking is complete on the new Ross Norton Recreation Center. The glass doors and windows are being installed, the site grading has started on the skate park and the concrete should be poured soon. The new 21,000-square-foot complex will include a teen lounge, fitness room, gymnasium and outdoor patio. Outside, the park will boast the city's first Extreme Sports Park. The project is funded through Penny for Pinellas revenues, and a \$200,000 grant for the Extreme Sports Park from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program.

Myrtle Avenue Construction

Construction continues on Myrtle Avenue between Lakeview and Fairmont. Infrastructure maintenance, including an improved roadway drainage system, installation of new water mains, hydrants, gas mains and sewer pipes, are among the upgrades. New sidewalks, curbs and asphalt will be installed after underground utility and road construction is finished. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on Myrtle Avenue at all times during construction, with completion expected by the end of 2005. Total project cost is \$16.13 million.



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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: December 2005

McMullen Booth Road Pedestrian Overpass

Cost*: \$3.23 million
Funding: DOT Grant \$3.08 million
Penny for Pinellas \$150,000

Estimated Completion Date: August 2005

Kapok Wetlands and Floodplain Restoration

Cost*: \$22.851 million (estimated)
Funding: SWFWMD \$3.5 million
EPA/FDEP \$300,000
Florida Communities Trust \$3,498 million
Operating Revenues \$30,000
Stormwater Rev. Bond Proceeds \$15.323 million

Estimated Completion Date: September 2005

Ross Norton Recreation Complex and Extreme Sports Park

Cost*: \$3.92 million
Funding: Special Development Fund \$257,212
Penny for Pinellas \$2.82 million
Recreation Facility Impact Fees \$360,076
State Grant (FRDAP) \$400,000
General Fund \$74,995

Estimated Completion Date: April 2005

Beach Walk

Cost*: \$16.22 million
Funding: HUD Grant \$490,000
Penny for Pinellas \$3 million
Impact Fees \$478,000
State Grant \$500,000
Interfund Loans \$7 million
Developer Contribution \$1.4 million
Special Development Fund \$1 million
City Utilities \$779,000
Road Millage \$1.8 million

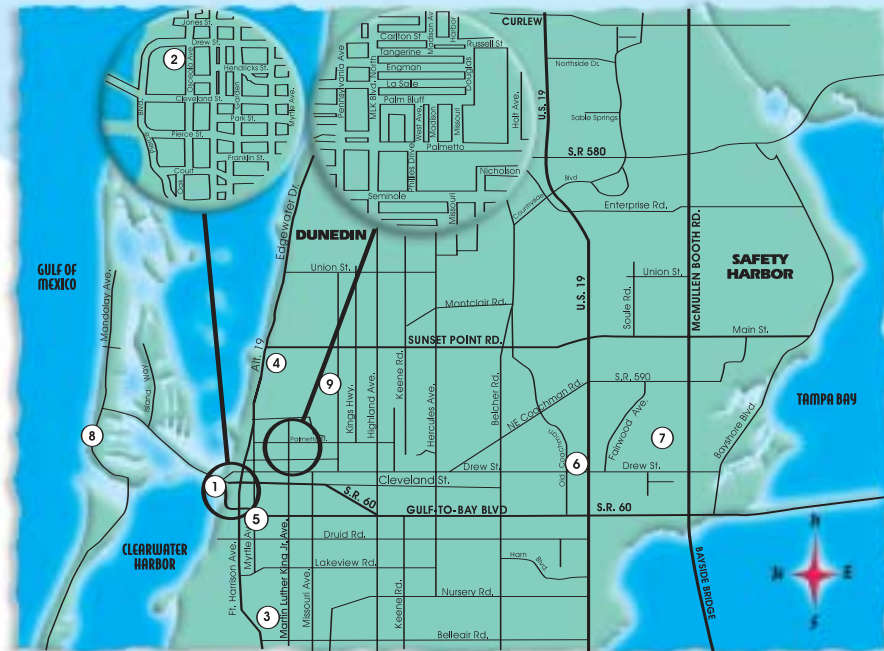
Estimated Start Date: Spring 2005

Myrtle Avenue Reconstruction

Cost*: \$16.13 million
Funding: Gas Tax \$1 million
Dev. Impact Fees \$217,199
Penny for Pinellas \$379,831
Stormwater Bond Issue \$11.52 million
Other City Utilities \$3.01 million
Other City Funds \$5,653

Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2005

*estimated total construction cost.



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| 1. Memorial Causeway Bridge | 4. Stevenson's Creek | 8. Beach Walk |
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