



PROJECT UPDATES:

September 27, 2018

Milling and Paving – various streets

On September 25, 2018, City Council awarded a contract to Arawak Paving Company, of Hammonton, NJ, in the amount of \$477,000 for the milling and paving of various streets in the south end of town. This project is in conjunction with restoration of streets by South Jersey Gas resulting from the street openings performed over the past year as part of a comprehensive upgrade of gas service.

Fall Utility Reconstruction – various streets

On May 10, 2017, City Council awarded a contract to Perna Finnigan, Inc., of Vineland, New Jersey, in the amount of \$1,247,027.25 for utility reconstruction at the following locations:

- 72nd Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue - Utilities and Restoration Completed
- 81st Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue - Utilities and Restoration Completed
- 62nd Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue - Utilities and Restoration Completed
- 53rd Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade - Utilities and Restoration Completed
- 54th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade - Utilities and Restoration Completed
- 55th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade - Utilities and Restoration Completed
- 57th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade - Utilities and Restoration Completed
- 48th Street from Central Avenue to Park Road - Utilities and Restoration Completed
- 52nd Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade – Utilities and Restoration Completed

Paving work for the above streets is currently being advertised for bids, and tentatively scheduled for award on October 9. Paving is scheduled to take place in the fall of this year.

Fall Utility Reconstruction – 39th Street

On June 27, 2017, City Council awarded a contract to Perna Finnegan, Inc., of Vineland, New Jersey, in the amount of \$287,782.31 for utility reconstruction on 39th Street from Central Avenue to Kneass Street. The work on this project is completed.

Paving work for the above street is currently being advertised for bids, and tentatively scheduled for award on October 9. Paving is scheduled to take place in the fall of this year.

Fall Roadway Reconstruction

On April 10, 2018, City Council awarded a construction contract to South State, Inc., of Bridgeton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$724,332.32 for work on the following streets:

- 79th Street from Central Avenue to Roberts Avenue
- 78th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 78th Street from Central Avenue to Roberts Avenue
- 81st Street from Central Avenue to the Bay End
- 66th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 68th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 71st Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 73rd Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 76th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- Roberts Avenue from 55th Street to 56th Street

A preconstruction meeting was held on April 25, 2018 and most construction will be performed in the fall.

Sea Isle Boulevard

The Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders, at their May 13, 2014 meeting, awarded a \$12.7 million contract to South State, Inc. for the Sea Isle Boulevard Improvement project that will raise the roadway by approximately 4.5-feet and otherwise reconstruct Sea Isle Boulevard. Traffic has now been diverted to the north side of the boulevard. A separate temporary traffic lane has been established to access the marina.

The project has re-started following the summer season shutdown, and the current schedule is as follows:

- Begin base paving the middle of October and have the southerly side base paved by the first week in November.
- Topsoil and seed southerly shoulder edge the first week of November, install selected landscape material.
- Begin guiderail installation in early November with an anticipated guiderail completion by November 15.
- Remove the construction barrier by November 26, install temporary striping and allow traffic to utilize the full proposed paving width thereafter.
- Begin final construction of the parkway on ramp December 1 and complete by winter seasonal shut down.
- Install final surface course and final striping the first week in April 2019, install remaining landscape material.

Motorists are advised to be aware of the revised traffic patterns in the construction zone and the reduced speed limit.

Resurfacing of Pleasure Avenue

On March 13, 2018, City Council awarded a contract to Jerry and Son Excavating, Inc., of Mays Landing, NJ, in the amount of \$261,870 for the resurfacing of Pleasure Avenue from JFK Boulevard to 53rd Street. Of the above amount, \$179,000 will be reimbursed through a grant from the NJDOT. Work has begun on the catch basins prior to paving.

South Jersey Gas Company Reliability Enhancements

Installation of 2" and 4" yellow plastic natural gas mains has taken place along 70th Street between Central Avenue and Landis Avenue, 69th Street through 79th Street (except 76th Street) between Landis Avenue and Pleasure Avenue and on Pleasure Avenue between 69th Street and 79th Street, and 80th Street to 93rd Street. The program's primary function is the accelerated replacement of aging bare steel mains with more durable plastic pipe. South Jersey Gas or its contractors will contact customers to gain access to properties with gas service to complete this work. The road restoration work is scheduled to commence in October. If residents have questions or would like more information on this project, please contact South Jersey Gas Cape May Division at 609-465-2900 Ext. 6250 and reference the Sea Isle Project.

Playground and Pavilion at 85th Street and the Beach

This project began over the winter with the design, purchase and installation of a new ADA compliant playground, upgrades to the area including a retaining wall and upgrades to the pavilion. The playground elements were purchased from Ben Shaffer Recreation, of Lake Hopatcong, NJ. Green Lane Contractors of Mullica Hill, NJ is contracted to install the playground. The Public Works Department is constructing the retaining wall and completing the pavilion upgrades that include new vinyl railings, posts, and flooring. New picnic tables will be installed along with park benches. The total cost of the improvement is \$53,807.26. The remaining item to be completed is the retaining wall, which will take place in the fall.

Sea Isle City Public Fishing Pier with Kayak Launch

To be constructed on the bay front at Dealy Field, this project will include a fishing pier, a pier with a covered pavilion, kayak/paddleboard launch facility (including launch facilities for the disabled) and decorative lighting. As of now there is no bid date; but the City has applied to the Cape May County Open Space Board for grant funding (a presentation of the project was made to the Open Space Board at their August 28 meeting). The City also had a Pre-Application conference with the NJDEP this month. The permitting process is expected to extend into 2019, with final design and construction to follow. As the City proceeds, a more definitive schedule for project completion will be able to be established.

Venicean Road Drainage Project

On August 28, 2018, Council awarded a contract to Garden State General Construction, Inc. of Clermont, NJ, in the amount of \$32,073.15 for road drainage system reconstruction. This project will eliminate a storm sewer which crosses 4426 Venicean Road and outfalls into Ludlam's Thorofare and will redirect this system to discharge into Rio Del Isole (one of the interior lagoons). A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Work will begin in the fall.

38th Street Drainage Area Storm water Pump Station

On July 24, 2018, Council awarded a contract to Mathis Construction, of Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, in the amount of \$789,580.00 for the construction of a storm water pump station at 38th Street to the west of Sounds Avenue. Work on this project will begin in October.

Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair

In September, the City experienced a break in the sanitary sewer trunk main on Central Avenue near the 35th Street intersection. A bid for emergency services was given to Perna Finnegan, Inc., of Vineland, NJ, in the amount of \$27,725 for the necessary repairs. Work began immediately and the work area is currently being restored.

Townsend's Inlet Bridge Closure

The Townsend's Inlet Bridge (connecting Sea Isle City and Avalon) is closed as part of the planned replacement of spans 1-7 until May 22 as the County's contractor, Agate Construction, removes this portion of the structure. The proposed work will include the demolition of spans 1-7, installation of new piling installation of new pier caps, installation of new stringers and installation of a new concrete deck and railing system at these spans. Thru traffic heading north along Ocean Drive (C.R. 619) will be detoured onto Avalon Boulevard (C.R. 601). Thru traffic heading south along Landis Avenue (C.R. 619) will be detoured onto Sea Isle Boulevard (C.R. 625). Residents living adjacent to the Bridge will have full access to their homes at all times.

No vehicles, bicycles or pedestrians will be permitted to enter beyond the staging area at the south end of the bridge. An ongoing bridge railing project at the northerly portion of the bridge will prevent vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians from entering the northerly bridge approach. Work hours will generally be from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, with Saturday work beginning on September 29. Depending upon the progress of the project, the contractor may be working double shifts from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. starting in October. The demolition of the bridge spans is expected to begin on Friday, September 28, with the first 3 spans and pier 2 expected to be removed by October 4. Boaters are urged to stay clear of the various barges that will be on site for the construction activities.