

PROJECT UPDATES:

January 3, 2019

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.

- Pleasure Avenue from 73rd Street to 79th Street completed
- 70th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue completed
- 74th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue completed
- 79th Street from Landis Avenue to the Beach completed
- Pleasure Avenue from 79th Street to 81st Street completed
- 80th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue completed
- Central Avenue from 79th Street to 80th Street completed
- Central Avenue from 81st Street to 83rd Street completed
- 82nd Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue completed
- East Landis Avenue from 83rd Street to 85th Street completed
- 83rd Street from East Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue completed
- Pleasure Avenue from 83rd Street to 85th Street completed
- Pleasure Avenue from 85th Street to 94th Street completed
- 86th Street from Pleasure Avenue to the Beach completed
- 87th Street from Landis Avenue to the Beach completed
- 88th Street form Pleasure Avenue to the Beach completed
- 90th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue completed
- 91st Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue completed
- 93rd Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue completed

A pre-construction meeting was held on October 4, 2018. The contractor has completed work and is in the clean up and punch list phase.

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

All streets have been paved and the clean up and punch list phase has begun.

Roadway Reconstruction - Various Streets

On October 9, 2018, City Council awarded a construction contract to South State, Inc., of Bridgeton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$839,082.50 for work on the following streets that have completed utility reconstruction...

- 72nd Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 81st Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 62nd Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue
- 53rd Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade drainage and concrete work has begun
- 54th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade
- 55th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade
- 57th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade
- 48th Street from Central Avenue to Park Road
- 52nd Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade drainage and concrete work has begun
- 39th Street from Central Avenue to Kneass Street

The contractor anticipates beginning drainage work this winter. Materials have been delivered. Paving of all streets is scheduled to be completed in Spring of 2019.

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 is nearing the point where the roadway will be completely opened. The following is the current update from the county engineer:

The contractor has completed the base paving of the south side of Sea Isle Boulevard to within about 1000 feet of the Ludlam's Thoroughfare Bridge. The contractor continues to topsoil and vegetate the southerly roadway slope and will be finishing the guiderail along this portion of the project during the week of 1/2/19 into 1/7/19. This work will be completed in advance of the final preparation of the remaining 1000 feet of roadway approaching the bridge. The street light installation along the southerly slope has been completed. Once the guide rail has been completely installed, milling and base paving will resume over the entire project. It is expected that base paving will begin on 1/10/19 and will take 4 days to complete. The center barrier will begin to be removed when the paving starts. It is now anticipated that the roadway will be opened to traffic in its final configuration absent of the entire construction barrier on or about 1/14/19.

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. The contractor has completed all work.

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 in progress. 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.

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 Mayor has received a letter from the Open Space Board stating they are recommending full funding from the County for this project. The City also had a Pre-Application conference with the NJDEP last 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 was held September 13. Work on this project has been completed.

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. Due to problems with the contractor's original submission for approval of required materials, and longer than expected lead time for delivery of pre-cast structures involved with construction of the pump station, the project start will be delayed until February, 2019. Completion of the project is now scheduled for early April.

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. The demolition of the super structure has been completed. They are concentrating on the underwater salvage of piers 3 and 4 that broke off and fell to the seabed during the demolition process. Once these piers are removed the contractor will be working 3 shifts per day to keep work moving forward.

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. Boaters are urged to stay clear of the various barges that will be on site for the construction activities.