

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

Painting of exterior stucco and doors at Fleet building are scheduled for completion by end of next week.

Preparation work for removal of unused trailer adjacent to Building B at Murdock campus is underway, along with access control bollards installation for enhanced security.

Operations

The Facilities Department continues to work with our non-profit partners to enable them to better serve their clients. Initial contacts occurred recently regarding signage for tenants at the Family Services Center, which may lead to a County guideline for displaying tenant signage for any County building. Conversations began with CARE agency, which occupies a County building, regarding a concept for expanding the building to better meet their needs.

Project Management

The south county concession stands are progressing with the monolithic slabs poured and block walls being laid. The sanitation and domestic lines are installed. Storm water piping is being installed at the Carmalita site. The concession stands will service the South County Regional Park soccer fields and Camalita Park softball fields.

Revisions to the purchasing bid package for the Anger Fishing Pier/Parking project have been made and sent to purchasing.

Public Works

Active Construction Projects (may affect vehicular/boater/pedestrian traffic patterns)

2014 County Paving Program – This program provides for the resurfacing of roads in Greater Port Charlotte and the Road & Bridge Districts. 2014 paving maps are available on the public Web site. Construction Contract: Ajax Paving, Projected Schedule: 02/03/14 – Late 2014

Ajax Paving finished the final course of asphalt in the Olean 1 and Elmira 2 areas and restoration is underway. The Contractor's crews are not working this week or next week; they will return July 14, 2014. Once work resumes they will move to the southern part of the County to begin paving Taylor Road which is in the Road and Bridge District.

To date, approximately 54,062 tons of pavement has been placed in the Road and Bridge and Greater Port Charlotte Districts. The amount of contract time that has elapsed is approximately 34.82% and the Contractor has completed approximately 52.91% of the work.

Burnt Store Road Phase III Construction – Construction consists of widening Burnt Store Road, between the Lee County Line and a point north of Zemel Road, to a four-lane divided suburban typical section including stormwater management, drainage improvements, street lighting, 6' sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, utility relocations and additions. Construction is projected to be complete in September 2015. Construction Contract: Gibbs & Register, Projected Schedule: 03/10/14 – 09/10/2015

The excavation of all 5 ponds and grading of swales continues. Work began on box culverts at the Clark Canal. Installation of four 54" pipes is underway near Zemel Road. The box culvert at the Bear Branch Creek is almost complete and backfilling continues.

C.R. 771 (Gasparilla Road) Widening – The purpose of this project is to widen C.R. 771 (Gasparilla Road) to a four-lane divided roadway, from S.R. 776 to the vicinity of Rotonda Boulevard East. The project will

include the installation of sidewalks and bicycle facilities. This 790 calendar day project is funded by the 2009 Sales Tax, Road Impact Fees, Gasoline Tax and a State Grant. Construction Contract: Halfacre Construction, Projected Schedule: 07/07/14 – 09/06/16

A preconstruction meeting was held June 4, 2014 and the Notice to Proceed was established for July 7, 2014. The subcontractor, Woodruff and Sons, Inc., will be performing the on-site construction. Work will begin on the south side of the project, near Rotonda Boulevard East, where the roadway will be widened to four lanes up to the Bridge at the Butterford Waterway. The Bridge work is anticipated to begin in mid-December 2014.

Harborview Road Bridge Replacement – This project is to design and construct a replacement Bridge over the DeSoto Canal on Harborview Road east of Rio de Janeiro Avenue. The new Bridge will be constructed with a precast concrete deck and a temporary bridge with related structures. Construction is projected to be complete in the fall of 2014. Construction Contract: Owen Ames Kimball, Projected Construction Schedule: 11/18/2013 – Fall 2014

June 30, 2014: Traffic was shifted onto the new permanent Bridge and the temporary bridge was removed. Sidewalks are being installed and restoration has begun. Once all the heavy machinery work has been completed the final lift of asphalt will be installed.

PSA issued 6/12/14: Effective Monday, June 16, 2014, traffic lanes will shift to the new Bridge on Harborview Road over the DeSoto Canal. Variable message boards and traffic control devices are in place to direct travelers through this area. Construction crews will remove the temporary bridge and proceed with curbing and restoration work. The Public Works Department would like to remind motorists to remain alert at all times and exercise caution when traveling through construction zones.

U.S. 41 Microtunnels / Weirs – This project involves engineering and permitting for the directional drilling of culverts under U.S. 41 at the Fordham, Elkcam, and Pompano Waterways, replacement of culverts at the North and South U.S. 41 Access Roads, within the Pompano Waterway, replacement of a stand-alone weir across the Elkcam Waterway, north of the U.S. 41 Access Road, and replacement of a stand-alone weir across the Fordham Waterway, north of the U.S. 41 Access Road. Construction Contract: ZEP Construction, Projected Schedule: 11/18/2013 – Summer 2015

Pompano Waterway: Utility installation work is complete. Roadway restoration has begun and should be complete by the middle of July 2014. The Pompano Waterway construction is 83% complete and is on schedule.

Elkcam Waterway: The second 84" microtunnel is complete and the final tunnel is scheduled July 14, 2014. The project at the Elkcam Waterway is currently 30% complete. The contractor plans to start work at the Fordham Waterway mid-July 2014.

Construction Projects in Design or Negotiation

Parkside - Elkcam Boulevard Multi Use Path – The Public Works Engineering Division will oversee the Design, Project Management, Inspection Services and Permitting of a 10' multi-use sidewalk with street (shade) trees along the west side of Elkcam Boulevard and decorative trees on the east side. Charlotte County Utilities will construct this project. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 07/01/2012 – 08/16/2013, Procurement Process: November 2013 – June 2014, Projected Start of Construction: July 2014

On June 24, 2014 the Board awarded the construction contract to Owens, Ames, and Kimball. Currently the Purchasing Department is setting up the pre-construction meeting to kick off this project.

Parkside - Harbor Boulevard Improvements (U.S. 41 to Olean Boulevard) Phase 2 – Phase 2 design includes roadway improvements consisting of a four lane divided roadway with a 16' – 20' raised median that will provide for safer turning movements, 8' – 10' multi use paths on both sides, landscaping, decorative lighting, wayfinding and a gateway feature. Utility improvements are included in this project. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 11/12/2013 – Late 2014, Procurement Process: Early 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Spring 2015

The Board of County Commissioners approved the preferred design options for the decorative lighting, gateway

feature and the access management plan on May 13, 2014; 30% design plans are in progress.

Research continues concerning the possibility of running FPL power lines underground along Harbor Boulevard as part of the Harbor Boulevard Enhancement project. Staff will present this option to the Board of County Commissioners on September 9, 2014 to seek direction.

Placida Road Safety Improvements Phase 1 (Rotonda Blvd. West to Cape Haze Drive) – Safety improvements include: a 2.9 mile bicycle-pedestrian path from Rotonda Boulevard West to Cape Haze Drive, intersection improvements at Lemon Bay Golf Course, Bantry Bay, Cape Haze Drive and Panama Drive and resurfacing of Placida Road from Rotonda Boulevard West to the Boca Grande Causeway. Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting Schedule: through September 30, 2014, Procurement Process: Fall 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Late 2014

The design engineer is finalizing the 60% plans and will forward them to staff for review by close of business on July 3, 2014. The design schedule was adjusted slightly due to additional work required to extend the left turn lane at Panama Blvd. The 90% plans are scheduled for completion on August 15, 2014.

Utility notification/coordination activities are on-going:

1. Plans were received from CenturyLink for relocation work within the corridor. These plans are currently being reviewed by the consultant to verify that all conflicts with the proposed sidewalk have been addressed.
2. Utilities Inc. (Sandalhaven) owns active sewer forcemain line buried with 3ft +/- cover along northbound shoulder from Sta 181 to Sta 266. Sidewalk grading will move roadside ditch/swale closer to the road and will reduce existing cover for forcemain. They are considering adjustment and/or re-construction.

Placida Road Safety Improvements Phase 2 (Cape Haze Dr. to Boca Grande Causeway) – This project is the continuation of the Phase 1 bicycle-pedestrian path from Cape Haze Drive to Boca Grande Causeway. Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting Schedule: Through July 30, 2014, Procurement Process: Summer 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2014

The 90% plans are scheduled to be completed by July 15, 2014; with 100% plans anticipated July 30, 2014. The SWFWMD exemption request was approved on June 26, 2014.

Utility notification/coordination is on-going:

1. CenturyLink has identified specific locations of "minor" conflict issues with existing pedestals and will make necessary adjustments.
2. FPL power pole relocation and hardening is underway throughout sidewalk project area; three FPL poles with guy wires are pulling westward across the proposed sidewalk area and will be adjusted by FPL.
3. Possible addition of new CCU reclaimed water main within project limits.