



PROJECT UPDATES:

August 17, 2017

In accordance with our typical practice during the summer season, we try to limit the amount of construction taking place on public property in order to minimize the disruption to our residents and visitors, as for many, this time of the year is precious. We also are in the process of preparing and putting into place plans for the next round of capital improvements throughout the City. As these projects move forward through the design, bidding, and construction phases, we will continue to provide you with updates on their progress.

Public Works Garage Maintenance Shop

On August 15, 2017, City Council awarded a contract to Archetto Construction, of Vineland, New Jersey, in the amount of \$450,601.70 for structural steel work and new siding of the Public Works garage maintenance shop. Work will begin in mid-September.

Fall Utility Reconstruction – various streets

On May 10, 2017 City Council awarded a contract to Perna Finnegan, 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
81st Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
62nd Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue
53rd Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade
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

Work will begin on this project in the fall of 2017.

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. Work on this will begin in the fall of 2017.

Road Reconstruction – various streets

On March 28, 2017, City Council awarded a contract to Arawak Paving Co., Inc., of Hammonton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$443,700 for reconstruction of the asphalt roadway at the following locations:

47th Street from Landis Avenue to Promenade
49th Street from Landis Avenue to Promenade
65th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
69th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue
76th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue
77th Street from Roberts Avenue to Central Avenue

The contract documents require that no work be performed on this project between June 10 and September 17, 2017, unless authorized by the City. Concrete and paving has been completed on 47th Street, 49th Street, 65th Street and 69th Street. Those streets have entered the punch list phase. Work on 76th Street and 77th Street will resume 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 been diverted to the south side of the boulevard; and the contractor placed fill on the north side of the causeway to an average height of about 6.5-feet, which was 2-feet higher than the eventual height of the completed roadway. The additional 2-feet, which was removed in preparation for paving, was surcharge to compress the underlying layers of soil. The goal was to obtain as much settlement as possible prior to paving on top of the new fill.

The majority of the north side of the causeway has been paved, but will not be utilized until the fall of this year, as additional construction must be done prior to the switch-over. As promised by the County, a rumble strip was added to the center of the current driving lanes, as an additional safety measure.

After switch-over of traffic to the north side this fall, traffic will remain on the north side of the causeway until completion of the roadwork. The current schedule is to complete the roadwork for the new causeway prior to the 2019 summer season.

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

Utility Reconstruction

On October 11, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to F.W. Shawl & Sons Construction in the amount of \$1,003,025 for utility work to various streets as listed below:

79th Street – Central to Roberts
Landis Avenue – 73rd to 72nd
Landis Avenue – 74th to 76th
78th Street - Landis to Central
78th Street – Central to Roberts
81st Street – Central to Bay End
66th Street – Landis to Central
68th Street – Landis to Central
71st Street – Landis to Central
73rd Street – Landis to Central
76th Street – Landis to Central

This project is on hold until the fall.

Demolition of West Jersey Fire House / Construction of New Pickle Ball Courts

Demolition has been completed at the old firehouse on West Jersey Avenue and the site restoration has commenced. Asphalt has been placed for the pickle ball court surfacing; curb and sidewalks have been installed as well as perimeter fencing and fencing installed for designation of two pickle ball courts. Line paint has been delivered and plans have been initiated for court lines to be installed by our Lines and Signs Department. Depending on the weather, we expect that the court lines will be painted late this week or early next week. Posts, nets and park benches have been delivered and will be installed once the court lines are completed. It is anticipated that the facility will be completed for pickle ball play prior to Labor Day Weekend.

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