



City of St. Pete Beach Improvements - 2020

St. Pete Beach held a public meeting on July 31, 2019 at the Recreation Center to inform the public about two upcoming construction projects. Elected Officials, City Staff and representatives of the Engineering Design Firms of the projects presented an overview of the projects and answered questions for about 60 Citizens and friends of St. Pete Beach.

The Sanitary Sewer Force Main project will install a new sanitary sewer pipe to increase the capacity of the transmission system to allow for future development and to help prevent sanitary sewer overflows into the Boca Ciega Bay. The new pipe connects to the existing force main under Gulf Blvd at 37th Ave and will be installed by an open trench method north to Gulf Winds Drive in the inside southbound lane. At Gulf Winds Drive the pipe will follow along to Boca Ciega Drive all the way to the pump station at 87th Ave.

The Undergrounding of the Overhead Electrical and Telecommunications Lines project will place all of the overhead lines on both sides of Gulf Blvd underground and replace all the streetlights with decorative LED light fixtures. The project goal is to underground all of the overhead lines and replace all of the streetlights from 75th Ave south to the Bayway. This project will improve the beautification of the Boulevard and harden our electrical service grid against storm damage.

Both projects are estimated to cost approximately \$12.5M each and are scheduled to start together in January 2019. The sewer project is expected to last up to 18 months and the electrical project up to 24 months. A Public Update Meeting is tentatively scheduled for November and will be advertised in advance.

Questions? Call Mike Clarke @ 727-363-9243

FAQs

1. What will be the extent of active construction on Gulf Blvd.? Will the entire project length along Gulf Blvd. be under construction same time?
 - a. Construction means and methods will be decided by the selected Contractor. The construction will be completed in segments of approximately 3 to 5 blocks, lasting for 1-2 months for each segment. An additional public meeting will be held once a Contractor is selected to cover construction means and methods.
2. Where will the construction start and how will it progress?
 - a. Construction means and methods will be decided by the selected Contractor and discussed at a future public meeting.
3. Will construction be completed during off-peak hours or overnight?
 - a. Construction will be completed within normal business hours. Night work will only be permitted when critical tie-ins or similar activities are required. Night work generally leads to increased risk and associated cost increases.
4. Will there be service outages – electrical and telephone – during the undergrounding project?
 - a. Service outages of a few minutes to a few hours may be required to switch over to the new service lines and will be communicated in advance.
5. Will the undergrounding project extend north of Gulf Blvd? (specific reference to Sunset Way)
 - a. Electrical and telecommunication undergrounding will only include Gulf Blvd. as identified in the design plans.
6. Will overhead utilities in the rear of properties along Gulf Blvd be relocated underground?
 - a. Overhead utilities that serve properties along Gulf Blvd from the rear will not be included in the undergrounding project.
7. Will the construction of these projects overlap with the Blind Pass Road project?
 - a. Official closeout of the Blind Pass Road project is anticipated in May 2020. There is no intended overlap with the Sanitary Sewer Projects or Electrical Undergrounding.
8. What is the project cost and how will it be financed?
 - a. The project construction costs for the Sanitary Sewer Projects and Electrical Undergrounding are \$12.5 Million and \$12 Million respectively.
 - b. The Sanitary Sewer Project is being financed through FDEP SRF and Penny for Pinellas is funding the Undergrounding project.
9. Will businesses be compensated for lost business during construction?
 - a. No.
10. Will the City be providing way finding signage for customers to access businesses impacted by construction?

- a. The City will provide additional signage as requested for businesses in addition to the signage set up by the Contractor according to City/FDOT requirements.
11. Will the completion of the sanitary projects allow the Tradewinds advance with their development plans?
- a. Completion of the sanitary projects will allow development as outlined in the City's land development code.
12. What is the size of the proposed lift stations? Are they noisy?
- a. The lift station site will be a maximum of 30ft by 20ft. The majority of the lift station is installed underground, with the only visual features being (2) ground level aluminum access hatches and the control panels. The lift stations are not noisy.
13. How is the area north of the proposed project limits being served?
- a. The Sanitary Sewer Projects will alleviate some of the flow from the existing sanitary pipes, resulting in the existing sanitary sewer system north of the project area sufficient to serve the existing properties.