



March 18, 2025

Project Report and Update

Action Items

1. Authorization to advertise for the Unit Price Maintenance Contract for Roadway and Infrastructure Repairs.

Project Updates

1. General
 - A. Coordinating a workshop with personnel from NOAA to discuss abnormally high tides, sea level rise and other recent flooding in low lying areas of The City.
 - B. NRCS Main Drain Improvements – Topographic surveying has commenced and is approximately 95% complete. Coordinating drainage model.
 - C. MEMA Drainage Hazard Mitigation Grant has been submitted to MEMA and is under review. Waiting on comments or further direction from MEMA.
 - D. Finalizing preliminary plans for City Wide Box Culvert Repairs (Webster, Good, McDonald Lane and Dunbar Ave). Dunbar Ave culvert has two blockages, a set of timber piling supporting the timber bridge on the west side of the culvert and an abandoned force main on the east side of the culvert. Based on preliminary data, the culvert does appear to be undersized for the drainage basin. There are also concerns about the invert elevation of the box culvert crossing Beach Blvd near Felicity St. as the survey shots indicate the Dunbar Ave culvert is approximately 1' higher than the Felicity St. culvert. We do recommend the piling to be relocated and the force main removed to eliminate any potential debris from being trapped on these obstructions which can lead to storm water backing up during rain events. It is anticipated that these improvements would be eligible items for the other drainage improvements grants from NRCS and MEMA.
 - E. Coordinating GIS updates with city personnel and MyGov Online.

2. Building Department



A. CFM

- 1) Currently working with MEMA on Flood Plain Ordinance Revisions to include:
 - a. Increased enclosure SF for AE zones – reviewing impacts to CRS rating.
 - b. Revised substantial damage cost comparison language
- 2) City website and call system has information relative to flood hazards, flood notifications and corrective actions taken to reduce the risk of localized flooding.
- 3) Working on notification letters based on MEMA potential violation list. FEMA has cleared many of the violations.
- 4) Coordinating MEMA CAV visit for onsite inspections of properties in the SFHA.
- 5) Coordinating Flood Ordinance Text Amendments with City personnel.

B. CRS

- 1) Requested all SOS properties for drainage and open space preservation.
- 2) CAV has been closed and the City maintained a 7 Rating.
- 3) Coordinating CRS annual recertification with City Personnel.

3. Public Works

A. Coordinating updated standard details.

B. Reviewing proposed developments for compliance with drainage ordinance.

4. Beyer Drive Sidewalk Improvements – Under construction.
5. Washington St. Pathway Improvements – Construction is almost complete.
6. Coordinating MDOT activation procedures for the Old Spanish Trail Lighting Project, and Ranch/Pine St. Sidewalk Projects. Seube St. and Felicity St. sidewalks are slated to be funded in FY 26. GRPC has merged all sidewalk projects into 1 City Wide project.



7. HWY 603 Turning Lane Extension Project – ENV 160 has been approved, and office review is being scheduled.
8. ADA Transition Study – Final draft report is being completed to submit to MDOT for review.
9. MEMA Hazard Mitigation Ward 6 road elevation – MEMA has asked for additional information regarding the existing utilities. We have responded and are awaiting further correspondence.
10. Hurricane Zeta Damage
 - A. Harbor
 - 1) Phase 2 Repairs – authorization to award the contract has been requested.
 - 2) Phase 3 Dredging – Advertisement for bidding, bid date is April 15th.
11. Hurricane Ida Damage Repairs – The City submitted a request for a FEMA Improved Project to MEMA on March 7, 2025.
12. Sunset Sewer Improvements – Notice to Proceed was February 24, 2025, and construction has commenced.
13. Ramoneda St. Sewer Improvements – Project advertised and bids are due March 26 at 2:00 PM.
14. Proposed Water Well Project – Contracts have been executed and pre-construction meeting was held on Wednesday, March 12.
15. Canal Dredging and Sampling – 2 of the 5 samples passed the required tests. We are coordinating grant applications for funding to dredge the approved areas.
16. ARPA City Wide Sewer Rehabilitation
 - A. Phase 2 – Gravity Sewer Main Repairs and Lining – Notice to Proceed was February 24, 2025, and construction has commenced.
 - B. Coordinating with City on lift station evaluation and lateral lining project.
17. Downtown Striping Plan – latest plan is under review.
18. Downtown Board Walk – DMR has approved Tideland's amendment for tideland's funds to be used as a match for Phase 2. Plans are being finalized, and we anticipate to request authorization to advertise for construction bids in April.



19. Julia St. Park Improvements – cost estimate and site plan have been submitted for review.
20. Bayou Lacroix Boat Launch Improvements Phase 2 –Waiting on contracts to be executed. Pre-construction meeting has been scheduled Thursday, March 20th.
21. Old Town Depot Revitalization Parking Improvements (GCRF grant) – Waiting on contracts to be executed. Pre-Construction meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th.