

MEMORANDUM
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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Gayle Cook, City Manager
Date: August 18, 2020
Subject: City Council Update Report

SH 146 Expansion



Alternating lane closures between Capri Lane and NASA Road 1 in Seabrook 9:00am to 3:00pm from 8/17/20 to 8/22/20. This closure is to complete the re-stripping of SH146 in this area and set concrete barriers in place. The re-stripping will not reduce the number of lanes. 2 off duty police officers are anticipated to be used in this closure.

Planned Channel Closures - When one channel is closed, the other channel will have two-way vessel traffic.

Channel Blocked	Start Date	End Date
**South (Outbound)	Current	8/23/20
North (Inbound)	8/24/20	8/25/20
*South (Outbound)	8/26/20	9/19/20

Coast Guard Restrictions: Per the U.S. Coast Guard, both channels will be fully open on the following dates:

8 a.m. September 4 - midnight September 7, 2020 for Memorial Day

weekend

****DIVERS ANTICIPATED:**

Divers are scheduled during the day shifts of 8/19/20 and 8/20/20 in the south channel, which will be fully closed at that time. The divers will have a flag in the water and will only be working within the limits of the construction closure area which is marked by orange buoys. The divers will be used to remove remaining timber fender piles.

Utility Relocations and Northbound Frontage Road in Seabrook

- AT&T has completed their relocation.
- An additional telecommunications line remains and is in permitting process with TXDOT for final line relocation.
- Centerpoint Gas began is in progress with relocations of their line and have two (2) remaining bores before completing to connect new service line.



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- Webber will have remaining storm sewer installations begin immediately after gas is complete.
- Webber subcontractor for water and wastewater has no confirmed start date, but consideration is being made for frontage road construction to begin after storm sewer installation where feasible.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

City staff is currently managing over \$49.4 million in active CIP projects.

Pine Gully Wastewater Treatment Plan Retrofit \$35,946,438 (C.O.s/HMGP)

Staff met on August 4, 2020, to go 60% drawings. Comments are in review for final design of force main and lift station locations along with the plant site structures.

SH 146 City Utility Relocates (CIP W7 and WW8) \$3,694,358 (SIB)

Water and Wastewater relocations are pending upon remobilization of sub-contractor.

Friendship Elevated Water Tower Project (W11) \$350,000 (Impact Fees)

Bid Opening was conducted today on August 18, 2020. Work to begin late summer or early Fall, 2020.

Chloramine Conversion (CIP W13) \$272,875 (Enterprise Fund)

In progress. Material will be delivered in August 2020

Red Bluff and Shady Lake Waterline Project (W9) \$40,200

Complete

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Red Bluff Road Expansion TxDOT and Harris County Project (City - AFA Agreement \$39,477-Utility Conflict)*

Lane shift on Red Bluff bridge across Taylor Lake remains in place. City staff addressed ongoing safety concerns with construction contractor and TxDOT and additional electronic signage was stationed on both sides of the bridge to slow down.



SMART Meter (CIP FAC6) \$3,000,000 (C.O.s 2020)

August 27, 2020, the bids will be opened.

Seascape and Baybrook Subdivision HCFCD Bond E-07 (D11 and D12) \$2,238,000 (Total Project Cost)

As part of the Certificates of Obligation recently issued for 2020, Seascape and Baybrook Subdivision drainage improvement projects have started. City staff have been notified that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is in progress.

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HCFCD BOND E-07

El Mar Ditch HCFCD Bond E-07 (D2)
\$3,905,527 (Total Project Cost)

Currently, this project is an environmental phase and public comment is under review.

Rail Spur Project (Port of Houston and FUSED Industries)

Phase III for Track installation and removal of temporary materials with final striping is pending further update on timeline.

Grants Update

Port of Houston Community Grant \$50,000 – August 14, 2020

Application for Wildlife Refuge Park Entrance and Signage has been submitted.

FEMA – Public Assistance – COVID-19 Disaster

City of Seabrook has expended approximately \$53k in costs directly related to COVID-19 and is accounted separately by Finance for federal and CRF reimbursement.

CARES Act – Small City Assistance Program \$786,005

Staff is in discussions with Harris County on first submittal for economic expenses

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Harris County will be administering the Small City Assistance Program as part of the CARES Act.



The week of August 3, 2020, Director of Emergency Services, Brad Goudie, submitted the first reimbursement request in the amount of \$244,600 for the Seabrook Economic Incentive Program for business during COVID under the category of Economic Expenses.

FEMA Public Assistance Projects – COVID-19
Expense and project date in progress for submittals.

		to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions	
	Distance learning	Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions	No
	Telework capability improvement	Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions	No
	Providing paid sick and medical leave	Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions	No
	Care of homeless populations	Expenses for care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions	No
Economic Expenses	Provision of grants to small businesses	Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures	No
	Government payroll support program	Expenditures related to a State, territorial, local, or Tribal government payroll support program	No
	Unemployment insurance costs	Unemployment insurance costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise	No
Other COVID-19 Related Expenses	Other COVID-19 Related Expenses		No

Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant (TPWG)

In Progress. Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to begin environmental and archeological resource reviews.

Livable Centers Program (HGAC) – Old Seabrook District \$194,000

Economic Development Corporation was awarded a Livable Center Program grant for consultant services. The kickoff meeting for the project was conducted last week. The goal of the study will be to create a livable center plan for the area that will define new access and connectivity with the mix of land uses and housing options in the area. The plan is to recommend projects that would encourage walkability, connection within and between nodes of community activity and build on environment strategies that support local economic development and employment. The RFP was released by H-GAC on July 7, 2020.