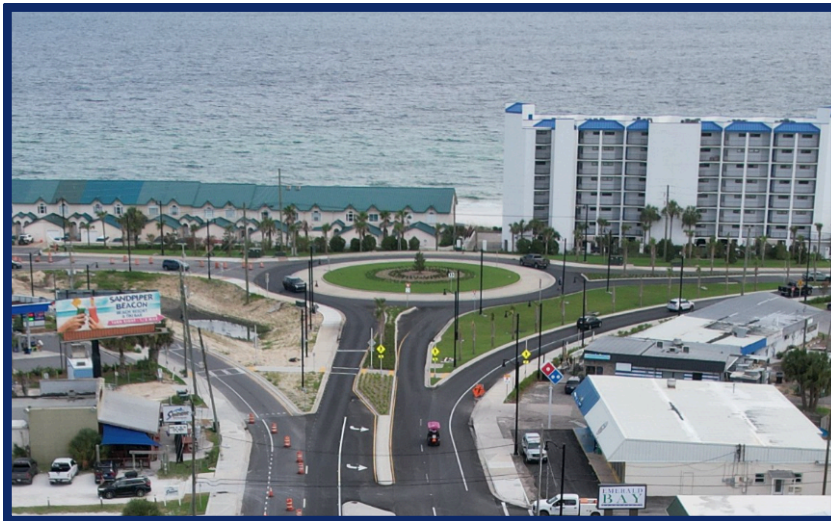




## Segment 3 Progress

- Segment 3 includes U.S. 98 (Panama City Beach Parkway) and State Road (S.R.) 79 (Arnold Road) south to Front Beach Road. It also includes Front Beach Road from Cabana Cay Circle east to Lullwater Drive.
- In July, the contractor placed the final layer of asphalt on South Arnold Road, within the roundabout, and on Front Beach Road between Cabana Cay Circle east to the roundabout.
- Median construction on the east side of the roundabout is underway and landscaping throughout this area continues.
- CRA engineers, contractors, and City staff walked South Arnold Road and Front Beach Road west of the roundabout in mid-July to document ongoing improvements for this segment.
- Utility coordination continues and is a significant component of all CRA segments. See page 2 to *dig deeper* into the undergrounding of utilities.
- Substantial completion of Segment 3 is anticipated this fall.



Looking south on South Arnold Road toward the gulf.

Looking north on Front Beach Road at the roundabout.



Members of the CRA Team reviewing plans during the walk-through.

Active irrigation on South Arnold Road.



## Segments 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3

- Segment 4.1 includes Front Beach Road, from Lullwater Drive to east of Hills Road and Powell Adams Road.
- Segment 4.2 includes Front Beach Road from east of Hills Road to west of Lantana Street.
  - Utility coordination is underway along with the pursuit of permits needed to put the work out for bid.
- Segment 4.3 includes Front Beach Road, from Hutchison Boulevard (S.R. 392A) to west of Richard Jackson Boulevard. The CRA team is acquiring the adjacent property (referred to as “right-of-way”) that will be needed to construct the project.

## Let's Dig Deeper into Utility Coordination

Utility relocation is common during road construction projects and is a critical component of the CRA Redevelopment Plan. In CRA Segment 3, utilities being relocated from overhead to underground include cable television and internet (WOW, COMCAST), telephone (AT&T), fiberoptics (UNITI), and electricity (Florida Power & Light (FPL)).

Utility lines in Panama City Beach have traditionally been placed overhead on utility poles, which was standard practice at the time of original installation. However, over time and with advances in technology, utility lines are now able to be placed underground. Not only is this more aesthetically pleasing, it also allows the utilities to withstand heavy winds and other inclement weather. Checkout the January 2025 CRA Newsletter at <https://www.pcbfl.gov/departments/community-redevelopment-agency-cra/cra-monthly-newsletter> for more information about conduit.

The CRA Plan requires most aerial utility lines to be moved underground during the road construction process, usually in conjunction with installing new water and sewer lines. Relocating utilities can often lead to encounters with known, unknown, unmarked or abandoned utilities. This makes for a delicate and challenging operation, as crews must first coordinate with utility companies to ensure there is no disruption to public services such as electricity, cable television and internet.



Utility conduits being installed along Front Beach Road in July 2022.



FPL with contractor MasTec preparing conduit on Front Beach Road this past January.



Unmarked propane tanks found within the right-of-way near beach access 64 in July 2023.

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