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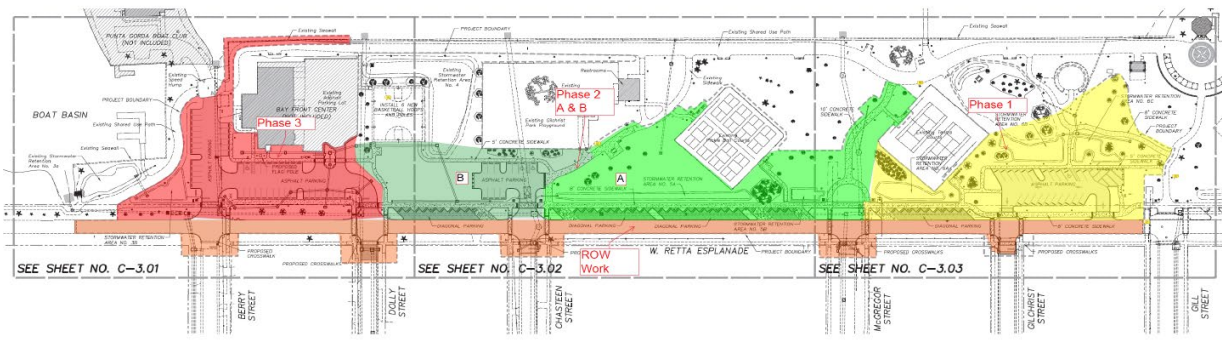
## MEDIA ADVISORY

Gilchrist Park Playground Parking lot closure – Beginning Wednesday, August 17, 2022, through Friday, September 16, 2022 (weather depending) the parking lot is scheduled to close to construct the new lot. Playground pedestrian access will be provided along the Harborwalk sidewalk connections during the above time frame with exception of one week (dates to be determined based on concrete availability).

The north end of McGregor St. near Retta Esplanade is also scheduled for closure for one week to prepare and construct sidewalk and ramp connections. The dates are based on the availability of concrete. Maintenance of Traffic devices will be placed to direct pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Harborwalk phase II parking lot and uplands improvement project construction continues with project completion tentatively scheduled to be complete by the end of this year, weather and materials delay depending. Irrigation and landscaping activities are occurring. The final lift of asphalt in the parking lot between Gill St. and Gilchrist St. will be placed after irrigation and landscaping are complete in this section. Sidewalk connections continue to be graded and prepped for concrete placement. Pedestrian detours are in place as work progresses.

PHASING PLAN



The project scope includes: demolishing existing parking lots, constructing new parking lots, sidewalks with decorative lights and bollards, landscaping, and street tree installation. The new configuration also includes new on-street diagonal parking, crosswalks, sidewalk connections, ADA sidewalk ramps, patterned textured pavement, and pavement markings.

Travelers are requested to use extreme caution while workers are present in the right of way and allow additional time for travel as temporary delays are anticipated.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Sposito, Sr. Project Manager, Public Works Department, at (941) 575-5060 between the business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.