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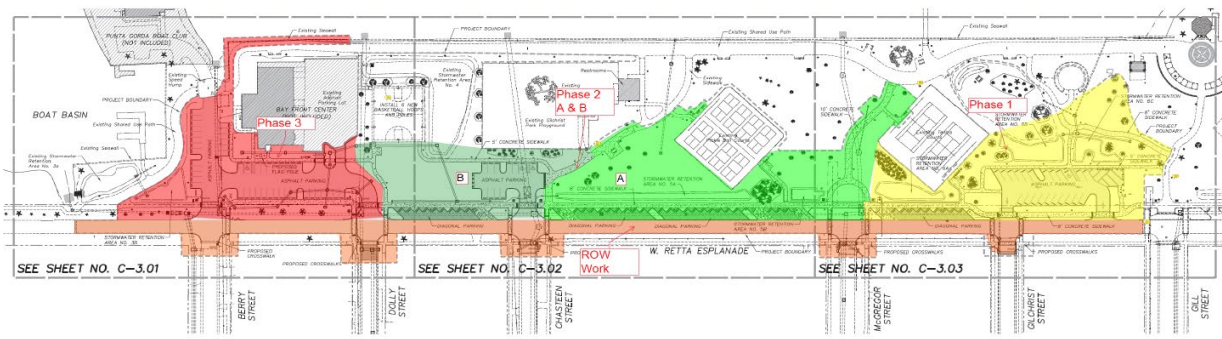
MEDIA ADVISORY

Gilchrist Park Playground Closure – , from Monday, September 19, 2022, through Friday, September 23, 2022 (weather depending). The existing sidewalk connections will be demolished and replaced with a new Harborwalk sidewalk between the Pickle Ball courts and playground.

Berry St. parking construction - Grade and parking lot improvements have commenced. The Punta Gorda Boat Club, Sailing Center, and Punta Gorda YMCA staff have been notified. Parking for these amenities or public use is available at the Punta Gorda YMCA, pre-existing Harvey Street lot, existing diagonal parking, or the newly opened lot between Gill and Gilchrist streets.

Harborwalk phase II parking lot and uplands improvement construction are well underway. Project completion is tentatively scheduled to be complete by the end of this year; weather and materials delay depending. Irrigation and landscaping activities continue to be scheduled accordingly. Diagonal parking construction continues between McGregor St., and Gilchrist St. Grading for new sidewalk placement continues. Maintenance of Traffic devices are in place for pedestrian and vehicular detours 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 Spósito, 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.