Fiscal Year 2016 On-Going Projects

The Community Redevelopment Agency accomplishments in fiscal year 2016 consisted of the following:

1. Front Beach Road Segment 2 Redevelopment Project

   The Front Beach Road Segment 2 Redevelopment Project begins approximately 500 feet west of Richard Jackson Blvd and ends at the South Thomas Drive intersection, approximately 1.1 miles long. In fiscal year 2015, right-of-way acquisition was completed. Though the project design was finalized and the project publically bid in 2015, the low bid significantly exceeded the project budget and the CRA consultant was tasked to further update the plans and permits for this project to potentially find some cost savings.

   In FY 2016 value engineering was performed on this project. In addition, all permits were obtained and the project was re-bid and awarded to GAC Contractors Inc. September 22, 2016 in the amount of $14,222,000. As part of this project, the City approved the agreement with Gulf Power for the undergrounding of electrical facilities on this segment in the amount of $2,220,955. Also in FY 2016, negotiations began with FDOT for the City to take over this segment of Front Beach Road.

2. Highway 79/Front Beach Road Segment 3 Redevelopment Project

   A. SR 79 (Arnold Road) Redevelopment Project

   The Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Reevaluation of the SR 79 Redevelopment Project, SR 30A (Front Beach Road) to SR 30 (Panama City Beach Parkway), was initiated in fiscal year 2009 and completed in 2010. The final design phase of the project was initiated in fiscal year 2010 and was completed in 2014. The Project includes four travel lanes with turn lanes/landscaped medians, stormwater retention pond, sidewalks,
underground utilities, streetscape, landscape and roadway lighting;

B. The Front Beach Road Segment 3 Reconstruction Project

The final design phase of Front Beach Road Segment 3 Redevelopment Project was initiated in fiscal year 2010 and was completed in 2014. The project begins at SR 79 and ends at Lullwater Drive and includes construction of an urban roadway with dedicated transit lanes, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, underground utilities, street lights, streetscapes, landscape, and stormwater system/retention ponds. The Front Beach Road Segment 3 and SR 79 Reconstruction Projects were designed at the same time to maintain continuity of the roadway, landscaping, stormwater and utilities for these intersecting projects;
C. Other Accomplishments

Both Segment 3 and SR 79 roadways are in the same plan set and are to function and be constructed as one project. Therefore, in FY 2016 the City has done the following for both:

1. Obtained services to ensure that the City would be in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act to protect existing and future federal funding that may be pursued on CRA Segment 3/Hwy 79 (Items 1 - 4 only);

2. Obtained services to review and define additional options to address the stormwater needs within this stormwater basin. Perform additional analysis to provide recommendations of any improvements, relocations and reductions to meet the City’s needs;

3. Obtained services to provide appraisals for potential parcels to be acquired for right of way or ponds needed for construction of the CRA 79/Segment 3 project;

4. Obtained services to begin survey efforts required to acquire right of way for a portion of this project. As of 9/30/16, nine (9) parcels were identified to be required for partial takes and three (3) Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) were identified as part of those partial right of way takes;
5. Advertised RFQ and awarded the financial modeling of Front Beach Road CRA with Operations and Maintenance Costs including:
   a) Future Capital Coast
   b) Future Maintenance Costs
   c) Future Funding;

6. Coordinated approval of the CRA Work Plan through the Bay County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and integrated the Plan into the Long Range Transportation Plan, State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Bay County TPO Transportation Improvement Program as a necessary step to qualify CRA projects for the state and federal funding;

7. Continued management of the landscape maintenance contract for the improved CRA projects;

8. Continued code enforcement activities for City of Panama City Beach Ordinances within the CRA boundaries. The following activities were conducted by the Code Enforcement during fiscal year 2016:
   • Wrote violations when properties' stormwater improvements were non-compliant.
   • Ensured properties were maintained by enforcing adequate trash removal, graffiti clean-up and proper landscaping per City Ordinance;
   • Ensured proper removal of nonconforming old signs;
   • Continued to implement turtle lighting ordinance and wrote violations when required.