

Cape Fear Blvd Project Update

August 28, 2015

Several weeks ago Town Manager Michael Cramer and Operations Director Gil Dubois met with several citizens on Cape Fear Blvd to discuss the progress of the Project. We had about 10 people at the meeting and we talked about the project and the timeline. The Citizens were naturally frustrated with the length of the project, the progress of the project and they had three issues that would make the completion of the project more tolerable.

Issues

- 1.) Stop the Non-Owner Traffic in the area,
- 2.) Stop the Dust,
- 3.) Store the Equipment somewhere else.

Town Actions

1. Stop the Non-Owner Traffic in the area
 - Signs went up the next day on Cape Fear to detour motorist that did not live in the immediate area around to Harper or other street connected to Lake Park. This has reduced some of the pass through traffic in the area.
2. Stop the Dust
 - The contractor has been required to increase watering of street. The contractor has hired a full time person to water the roads and reduce dust from the construction. Depending on rainfall, and weather conditions the driver varies his route times and duration of watering and waters the area approximately 6 times per day.
 - The contractor has placed two flaggers at the intersections under construction and they are stopping people that are not residents in the immediate area and asking them to drive around the construction area. The flaggers have also helped to move the US Mail Carrier, UPS, Fed Ex and Waste Industries through the construction area in order to continue the continuity of services.
 - Big trucks were asked to limit their access and number of trips up and down the road. This was fairly controllable until they started removing the soil under the old asphalt street. At this time the streets are being undercut and stripped so stone can be installed and final grading can be accomplished.
3. Store the Equipment somewhere else
 - The contractor has removed much of the parked equipment in the area to other portions of the project and side properties.

Project Update

- Trees and obstructions in the Right of Way have been removed. Storm water infrastructure was re-routed to limit tree removal.
- Storm water infrastructure work has been completed between 3rd St and 6th St.
- Water and Sewer connections have been made for services along Cape Fear from 3rd to 6th Street

- Survey grades have been shot and grading of the road has begun.
- Asphalt installation is scheduled to start on Monday September 1, 2015 at the intersection of 3rd and Cape Fear moving west toward 4th St.
- Grading has begun for the Multi-Use Path from 3rd to 6th St and paving will start soon.
- The project is on schedule to be complete by October 1, 2015