

Riverwalk Status Update – July 27, 2006

❖ Funding

- Government Funding Requests
 - ◆ Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Request for \$3 million
- Private resources
 - ◆ The Friends of the Riverwalk continues their Capital Campaign raise \$20 million in private funding
 - ◆ Tax deductible donations can be made to Friends of the Riverwalk:
 - Friends of the Riverwalk
P.O. Box 173312
Tampa, FL 33672-1312
- Grant Writers
 - ◆ City Council approved an agreement with two grant writing companies on July 27, 2006
 - ◆ Grant writers will search for grants to fund projects for entire downtown area, with a focus on the Riverwalk, Curtis Hixon Park development and Ashley Street redesign
- Upcoming fundraiser: First Annual Duck Derby on Nov. 4, 2006 at Curtis Hixon Park

❖ Segment Update

- Segment 4 (Tampa History Center with sidewalk to Channelside Drive)
 - ◆ The new Tampa Bay History Center building has been designed and the architects are making final modifications
 - ◆ The Riverwalk will be built at the same time as the Center and will be elevated along Beneficial Drive next to a mural on the Center's east wall
 - ◆ Construction is expected to begin this summer or early fall
- Segment 8 (Platt Street Bridge)
 - ◆ FDOT LAP (Local Agency Program) Agreement package – Awaiting approval by FDOT; the City is prepared to solicit construction bids immediately following the agreement approval
 - FDOT review includes signoff from Tallahassee and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Atlanta
 - Estimate construction in early Fall
 - A LAP agreement's purpose is to ensure that federal funds are spent in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. It also allows the City to complete the segment with additional funding sources even though the Federal money is not available for several more years
 - Platt Street LAP provides for \$860,000 reimbursement in 2009-2010

- Segment 11 (Trump Tower)
 - ◆ Foundation work is underway
 - ◆ Late-2008 estimated building completion
 - ◆ Includes Riverwalk segment as part of construction project

- Segment 10 (Brorein Street Bridge)
 - ◆ Working out details for work to prepare developmental design and construction drawings
 - ◆ Plan to sync construction with that of Trump Tower segment

- Segment 16 (Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park)
 - ◆ Thomas Balsley (architect redesigning park) held a public input meeting in June 2006
 - Comments from meeting will be used in making final design decisions
 - ◆ Park design concepts presented at the input meeting are available online
 - http://www.tampagov.net/documents/Downtown_Waterfront_Park_Improvements.asp
 - ◆ Architect's park design will also include design for Riverwalk in this segment

- Segments 19-24 (Heights)
 - ◆ City Council approved development agreement for The Heights on July 13, 2006
 - ◆ The Heights Developer will build the Riverwalk from North Boulevard to Cass Street which constitutes 4,320 feet or 35% of the entire project

- Progress Summary
 - Tampa Riverwalk 2010 Plan includes 12,300 feet of waterfront
 - ◆ Complete: 2,480 feet (20%); Marriott, Cotanchobee Park, MacDill Park, USF Park and the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center
 - ◆ In Progress: 450 feet (4%); Trump Tower
 - ◆ Committed by Developers: 4,320 feet (35%); The Heights
 - ◆ Remaining: 5,050 feet (39%); History Center, Convention Center and Pier, Platt Street Bridge, Brorein Bridge, Kennedy Plaza, Curtis Hixon Park, Cass/CSX Bridges

❖ Other Items of Interest

- Developing Citizen's Riverwalk Communication Committee to ensure the citizens and businesses of Tampa are connected with the Riverwalk project
 - ◆ Will consist of neighborhood associations and area chambers of commerce

- Website Enhancements
 - ◆ Numerous additions to the website have occurred recently including the posting of the Master Plan graphics, things to do around the Riverwalk and listings of donors all now available