

Tampa Riverwalk September 2009 Update

South Plaza Segment

- Shade structures have been completed with the exception of minor trim work
- Mural frame will be completed by mid-October
- Riverwalk Plaque and St. Pete Times Forum Marker will be installed by late September
- Evaluating a mid to late October celebration for South Plaza and new Riverwalk footage
- Provides a key link to Channelside/Aquarium/Victory Ship

History Center Segment

- 10-slip dock is in design
- Bathrooms at Cotanchobee Park are now open
- Children's Splash Pool at Heroes Plaza will open upon receipt of final permit
- Very meaningful Heroes Plaza dedication occurred on September 11th
- Cenotaph celebration was held on September 22nd

Tampa Convention Center (TCC)

- Stairs have been installed at the turn-a-round behind TCC
- Exploring funding opportunities for water and electrical upgrades at public docks
- Sail Pavilion – opens at 4 PM daily – area provides a great meeting place even when the Sail is not opened
- Drainage in low places – currently working to address pooling water in the east plaza and back porch area; lower deck in back will be addressed in the next phase
- Working on enhanced lighting of bollards and all along the back side

Brorein Street Underpass

- Requested Capital Improvement Project funding in City's FY 10 budget - \$350,000 to leverage \$2,100,000 in grants and private funding for underpass construction
- Seeking American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funding for a portion of construction
- Environmental Permits- all but one have been received
- There is a potential purchaser for Trump Tower land – may have a decision by the end of September
 - Possible change from over-water approach to on-land alternative

Kennedy Boulevard Plaza

- Completing approval of 60% design milestone
- Planning for elevator access at Rivergate Tower
- Gibraltar Inc. still planning something at Venu location on the south side of Kennedy Boulevard
- Working on plaza shade structure design

Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park (CHWP)

- Donor wall, recognizing donations of \$25,000 and up, is in place
- Park is still on track to open in December, 2009
- Cass Street crossing – enhancing the path from north end of Riverwalk to Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center (TBPAC) to provide continued Riverwalk feel
- Designing Riverwalk signage directing visitors along the temporary connection through the park to TBPAC

Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center

- Beginning the design of a more direct path from the stairs at Cass Street to the Riverwalk behind the center

Heights

- Construction of the Beck Headquarters building is progressing well
- Free boat tours of the waterfront are available every Thursday at 4 PM beginning at the old Tampa Armature building – contact Darren Booth for details at 380-9494

Portal (Electronic Information Display)

- Refining structural design with Robin Nigh, Art Programs Manager
- Robin is working on content and website development
- Working to fabricate and install initial portal stations

Signage

- Riverwalk Plaque and Forum Marker at South Plaza, as well as “Future Signs” – USF Park and MacDill – are in fabrication.
- More “Future Signs” for CHWP and TBPAC in design
- Additional map and directional signs are being procured for MacDill Park, CHWP, TBPAC, and Water Works Park
- Updating maps to include temporary connections which will provide a complete pathway from South Plaza to Water Works Park

Security

- Working with Tampa Police Department to evaluate and improve security along the Riverwalk

Friends of the Riverwalk

- Preparing to launch the “Paving the Way” Program to sell engraved pavers along the Riverwalk
- A Membership Campaign will be announced in the near future – become a Friend of the Riverwalk

Riverwalk Philosophy: The Riverwalk Project is seeking to increase the prosperity of everyone on and close to the waterfront and in the downtown. As Dan Mahurin says, “The rising tide floats all the boats higher.” We are raising the tide.