

Tampa Riverwalk Update
July 2010

Segment Construction

- The Brorein Street Underpass (175 feet) is funded and ready for construction.
- The City and BB&T have finalized an agreement regarding the former Trump Tower land. Provisions include:
 - The City is granted a 23-foot easement to build 360 feet of Riverwalk across land from the Brorein Street Bridge to the south side of the CapTrust Building.
 - The construction cost is expected to be about \$700,000 and will be split between the city and the Friends of the Riverwalk.
 - The city will maintain this section of Riverwalk until a developer buys the land. At that point the developer will maintain the Riverwalk.
 - The developer will also reimburse the city \$150,000 toward the cost of the Riverwalk construction, due at closing.
 - Contingent upon funding, this on-grade section will go out for bid with the Brorein Street Underpass under a single contract in late 2010. We anticipate that building the segment over land instead of over water and combining the construction contracts will save close to \$1,000,000 in construction costs.
- The Kennedy Boulevard Plaza is 90% designed and permitting is complete.
- 400 feet of Riverwalk has been constructed in Water Works Park as a part of the Heights Project. We hope to connect it to existing walkway by the end of the year to make it accessible.

Riverwalk Enhancements

- Lighting and drainage improvements at the Tampa Convention Center are complete.
- A beautiful granite “Wall of Honor” is now in place at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park recognizing all donations over \$5000. Individual and organizational names are engraved in the stone wall.
- Five interpretive displays are nearing completion. The displays will be placed along the Riverwalk and cover the subjects of CREW Art (MacDill Park), Gasparilla (west side of the Tampa Convention Center), H.B. Plant Hotel (Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park), the Hillsborough River and Estuary (Platt Street Underpass and Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park), and the TECO Line Streetcar (just south of South Plaza). 10 more displays are proposed.
- Wayfinding signage is being added to MacDill Park, the Cass Street crosswalk and the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts.

- The design contract for the Riverwalk Portal has been let to RBK; the first installation is slated for Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park in February 2011.
- A stairway is being added to the northwest side of Harbour Island Bridge down to the Convention Center Riverwalk. The stairway provides easier Riverwalk access to and from Harbour Island.
- An enhanced walkway from Cass Street to the Straz Center Riverwalk is also in design.
- The History Center Boat Docks are at 60% design and permit applications have been submitted.

The Friends of the Riverwalk have initiated the Paving the Way Program that allows people and corporations to leave a legacy by purchasing an engraved granite paver on the Riverwalk. Go to the Friends website at www.TheTampaRiverwalk.com for an on-line application.