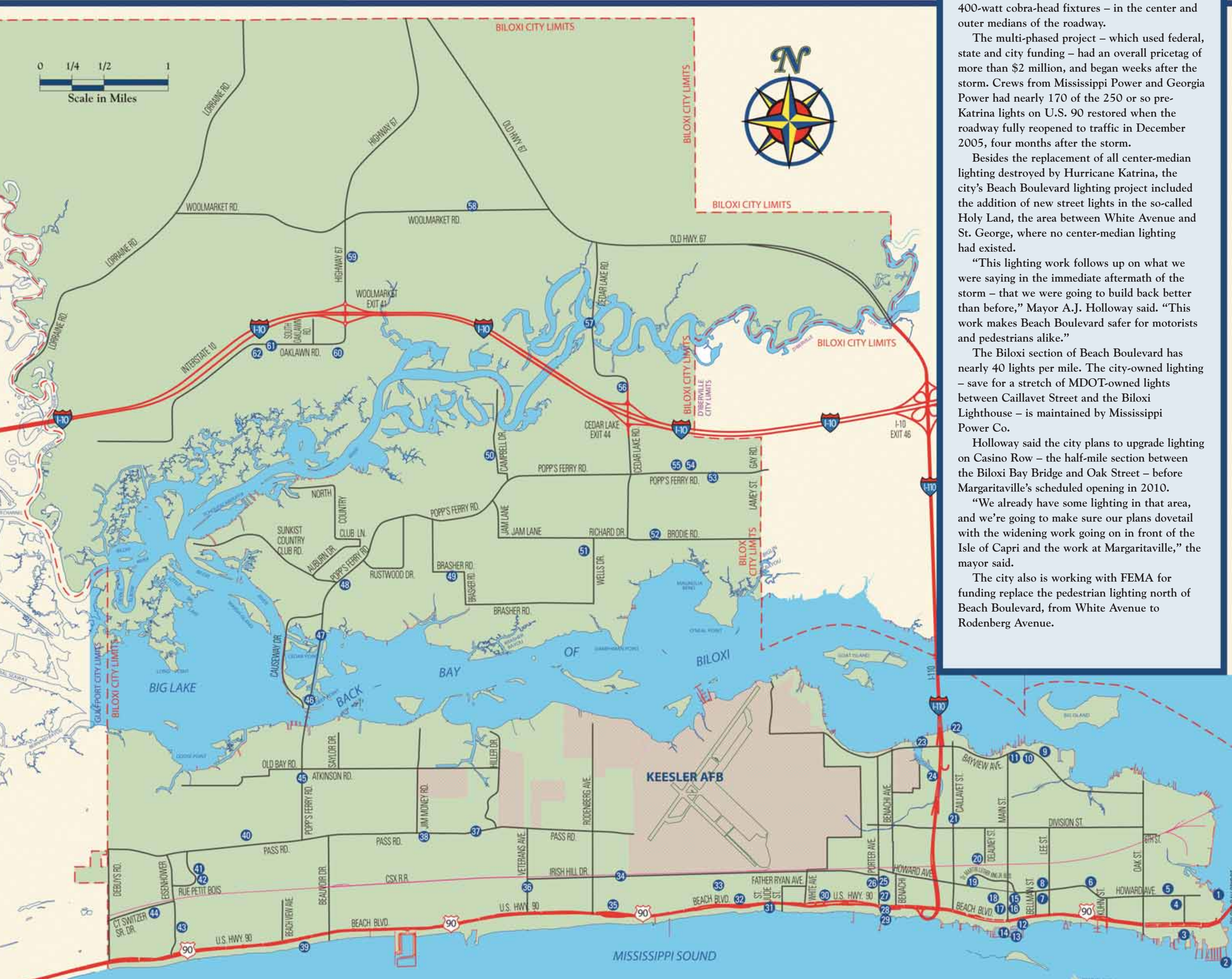




A massive program of improvement projects

Pre- and post-Katrina work in the pipeline



The lights of Beach Boulevard: Better than ever

The city reached a huge milestone in improving its major traffic corridor in 2007, when virtually all center-median street lights were restored along U.S. 90.

In fact, today, the 8.2-mile stretch of Beach Boulevard is illuminated better than it has ever been, with industry-standard lighting now installed from DeBuys Road in west Biloxi to Casino Row in east Biloxi.

In all, the city has installed more than 300 break-away light poles – most topped with twin 400-watt cobra-head fixtures – in the center and outer medians of the roadway.

The multi-phased project – which used federal, state and city funding – had an overall pricetag of more than \$2 million, and began weeks after the storm. Crews from Mississippi Power and Georgia Power had nearly 170 of the 250 or so pre-Katrina lights on U.S. 90 restored when the roadway fully reopened to traffic in December 2005, four months after the storm.

Besides the replacement of all center-median lighting destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, the city's Beach Boulevard lighting project included the addition of new street lights in the so-called Holy Land, the area between White Avenue and St. George, where no center-median lighting had existed.

"This lighting work follows up on what we were saying in the immediate aftermath of the storm – that we were going to build back better than before," Mayor A.J. Holloway said. "This work makes Beach Boulevard safer for motorists and pedestrians alike."

The Biloxi section of Beach Boulevard has nearly 40 lights per mile. The city-owned lighting – save for a stretch of MDOT-owned lights between Caillavet Street and the Biloxi Lighthouse – is maintained by Mississippi Power Co.

Holloway said the city plans to upgrade lighting on Casino Row – the half-mile section between the Biloxi Bay Bridge and Oak Street – before Margaritaville's scheduled opening in 2010.

"We already have some lighting in that area, and we're going to make sure our plans dovetail with the widening work going on in front of the Isle of Capri and the work at Margaritaville," the mayor said.

The city also is working with FEMA for funding to replace the pedestrian lighting north of Beach Boulevard, from White Avenue to Rodenberg Avenue.

Major public improvement projects

1. Point Cadet Fishing Bridge	\$3.1 million obligated for demo, removal	
	\$5.2 million obligated for rebuilding	
2. Point Cadet marina repairs	\$4.1 million obligated	under design
3. U.S. 90 lighting repairs (Oak to Myrtle)	\$187,000	under design
4. Pine Street boulevard design	\$500,000	budgeted
5. East End Fire Station repairs	\$340,000	under construction
6. Howard Avenue rebuilding (Dukate to Holley)	\$3 million	under design
7. Biloxi Community Center refurbishment	\$2.5 million	complete
8. Cultural center/library		under design
9. Old Brick House repairs	\$214,000 obligated	under design
10. Bayview Avenue Lighting (Caillavet to Main)	\$90,000	under design
11. Back Bay Fire Station	\$160,000 estimate	under design
12. Port Division admin. building repairs	\$693,000	under design
13. Small Craft Harbor repairs	\$7 million	under construction
14. Commercial Harbor repairs	\$1.36 million obligated	under design
15. City Hall repairs	\$112,800 estimate	under design
16. City Hall annex repairs	\$422,900 projected	under design
17. Rue Magnolia street lighting	\$165,000	under construction
18. Magnolia Hotel repairs	\$294,000 projected	under design
19. Saenger Theater repairs	\$182,600 projected	under design
20. Public Works building		
21. Caillavet Street reconstruction	\$9 million	complete
22. Back Bay Fishing Bridge	\$1.1 million obligated for demo, removal	
	\$2.39 million obligated for rebuilding	
23. Keegan Bayou restoration	\$160,000	complete
24. Lighting repairs under I-110	\$289,000	under design
25. Lopez Park fencing repairs	\$10,100	under construction
26. Public Safety improvements	\$55,000	under construction
27. Nativity BVM School	\$110,000	under construction
28. Lighthouse Park and Visitors Center		under design
29. Lighthouse repairs	\$71,600 obligated	under design
30. City Cemetery repairs	\$250,000	complete
31. U.S. 90 street lighting (Holy Land)	\$500,000	completed
32. U.S. 90 sidewalk lighting (Porter to Rodenburg)	\$229,000	under design
33. Natatorium repairs	\$1.2 million	under construction
34. Irish Hill Drive repaving	\$800,000	under design
35. Miramar Park fencing repairs	\$29,000	under construction
36. Veterans Avenue boulevard design	\$1 million budgeted	under design
37. Pass Road resurfacing	\$2.6 million	under design
38. Pass Road intersection improvements	\$565,000 for fed match	under design
39. Coliseum pier repairs	\$732,500 obligated	under design
40. Donal Snyder Community Center repairs	\$40,000	under design
41. Rue Petit Bois Drainage Phase I	\$800,000	completed
42. Rue Petit Bois Drainage Phase II	\$1.7 million	under design
43. Edgewater drainage (Balmoral)	\$230,000	complete
44. C.T. Switzer Drainage Phase II	\$850,000	complete
45. Popp's Ferry Road resurfacing (From Pass Road to Popp's Ferry bridge)	\$400,000	under design
46. Popp's Ferry Bridge submerged power cable	\$600,000 budgeted	under design
47. Popp's Ferry bridge and approaches	\$6 million budgeted	under design
48. Sunkist Drainage Phase III	\$1.9 million	under construction
49. Brasher Road improvements	\$1.25 million budgeted	under design
50. Campbell Drive sewer	\$270,000	under construction
51. Biloxi Sports Complex Storm repairs	\$170,000	under construction
	Tennis courts and clubhouse	\$1.7 million completed
	Parking lot, entrance improvements	\$855,000 pending
52. Brodie Road improvements	\$1.25 million budgeted	under design
53. Popp's Ferry Road, Phase IV (widening from Cedar Lake to Lamey)	\$7.4 million budgeted	under design
54. New fire station	\$1.5 million	under design
55. Police Department Quonset Hut	\$72,000	under construction
56. Improvements to East Street, Summer Lane Spring Lane, Holly Bluff Water	not budgeted	under design
57. Tchoutacabouffa River Bridge repairs	\$1.1 million	completed
58. Install water service along Woolmarket Road	not budgeted	under design
59. Woolmarket water and sewer, Phase I	\$1.3 million budgeted for federal match	
60. Woolmarket sewer Phase II, design	\$140,000	under design
61. Oaklawn Drive paving	\$360,000	complete
62. Installation of water line	\$300,000	complete

Citywide streets and drainage projects

• Infrastructure improvements in Storm surge area	\$450,000 million requested	pending
• Sanitary Sewer Pump station repairs	\$2.9 million	under FEMA review
• Repair and/or replace traffic signals	\$500,000	near completion
• Cured in-place piping, Phase III	\$1.4 million	on-going
• Debris removal	\$80 million	complete
• Standing dead tree removal	\$1.45 million	complete
• Submerged debris removal	\$164,300	complete
• Temporary repairs to water wells (Bradford, Porter, St. Michael, Kuhn, Tullis)	\$170,000	complete
• Permanent repairs to water wells (Bradford, Porter, St. Michael, Kuhn, Tullis)	\$1.87 million	under FEMA review