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The City of Biloxi currently has over 50 projects in various stages of conception, design and construction. We currently have four projects that are out to bid: Concrete & Sidewalk Annual Bid, Fishing Bridge Lights, Tanglewood Infrastructure and repairs to the Donal Snyder Center pool.

We have four project that we have received bids on but are still in the process of getting contracts in place. Those are paving in Ward 4, East Woolmarket Road Drainage, and the replacement of the Donal Snyder chiller.

Under construction we currently have 14 projects: Asphalt Annual Contract, Belle La Vie Parkway, Division St. demolition phases 2 & 3, Eagle Point Park, East Biloxi Connector Road, Ellzey Place Phase III, John Henry Beck Park, Keesler Gate Inside, Port Commission Roof, Saenger Theater Repairs, Concrete & Sidewalk Annual Bid, West Biloxi Boardwalk Phase 2, and Woolmarket City Center Addition.

As you can see the City of Biloxi has a lot projects that moving toward construction, but we also have quite a few that we're still working on securing funding, or are still in the design phase. I'll quickly go through all of our most visible projects and give you an update on each one.

Atkinson Road traffic study, which is being done in support of the proposed Bertucci Subdivision, will study how the new subdivision will impact traffic on Atkinson Rd. and at the intersection of Atkinson Road and Popp's Ferry. This project is being funded by MDOT through GRPC, and we currently have a draft MOU from MDOT, once the MOU is approved by council the funding will be in place and we can start the traffic study.

The same thing goes for the Point Cadet Area traffic study, we've got a draft MOU from MDOT and once approved by council we can begin that traffic study as well. That project will study the need for an offramp on the Biloxi-OS Bridge to Howard Ave. and traffic impacts around the Point Cadet Area.

Bayview Avenue Boardwalk project currently has 90 percent plans for review in our office. Once those have been reviewed that project will be ready to bid.

Belle La Vie Parkway project is under construction and currently is proceeding without issues. It is expected to be completed by early fall 2020.

We have two projects for the Canaan Fishing Dock. The first is just repairs to the dock due to damages, that project is expected to go out to bid by the end of May. The second project is to reconstruction the entire dock so that the large shrimping boats will just back up to a new bulkhead along the waters edge which will allow for easier loading/offloading of their catches. We are still working for funding on this much larger project.

We have some paving coming up in the Ward 4 paving project and our citywide street paving project. We will be paving some streets in the Sunkist area such as Rustwood, Baywood,

Darwood, Camp Wilkes, the parking lot at the Small Craft Harbor/McElroys Restaurant, along with Hattie K Road and Webb Lane in Woolmarket.

The City recently awarded a project to construct a park in the Eagle Point area. This project should be starting early summer and will include a soccer field, walking track and basketball court.

The East Biloxi Connector road, which will connect Crawford Street to Dorries Street north of the Railroad track will start construction in May. This roadway is being constructed to provide these East Biloxi subdivision with connectivity when some of the railroad crossing are closed in this area.

Also in East Biloxi, we are finishing up the John Henry Beck Park Restroom project. The building is complete and once we close out the construction contract, it will be available for public use.

For those of you who like to fish off the Old Hwy 90 Fishing Bridge, you've noticed that there are a lot of lights out on that bridge. We have a project that we will be opening bids on May 6th to replace all of the lighting fixtures on that bridge.

Keesler Gate Outside, which is also known as the Division Street project. We have already moved two of the four historic homes, and we will begin demolition of the remaining structures in May. We anticipate this project going out to bid end of May, beginning of June time frame.

Keesler Gate Inside is almost complete. The roundabout at Forrest Avenue is essentially complete except for the asphalt, which the city is doing outside of the current construction contract. The intersection of C Street and Larcher inside the base is still under construction as well. Once that project is complete and Keesler constructs the visitors center building that will be open for base traffic.

Kuhn St. Boat Launch Expansion will soon start the design phase. We don't have funding yet for construction but we're moving forward with design and permitting so in the event funding becomes available we'll have this project shovel ready.

The same goes for Keegan Bayou Restoration, this is a project that the City has worked for years to obtain funding but just never seems to make the cut. But we are now going to move this project into design and permitting so that if there is funding that comes up, we'll also be ready to move this project forward quickly.

We have just recently completed the East Biloxi Boardwalk, that wraps the Point Cadet Area from south of U.S. 90 at the Point Cadet Marina to the parking lot north of the Pavilion on the north side of U.S. 90. Since that project is now complete, the Mayor has asked us to move forward with a shoreline restoration project. Design work has just kicked off on that project.

One of the oldest projects we have is the Popp's Ferry Extension project. This project was conceived prior to Hurricane Katrina and is finally about to reach the construction stage. We are

finishing up acquiring the property for this project and are applying for a federal BUILD grant to help fund the construction but the design is essentially complete. WE are hopeful that we will be awarded this grant so that we may start construction within the next year.

One of our most visible projects right now is the Saenger Theater, we are currently replacing the fly tower and steel roofing structure over the fly tower in order to seal that portion of the building up. And for those of you who don't know, the fly tower is the portion of the building above the roof, over the stage and contains all of the steel structure, the rigging, for the curtain system. This project will also see the replacement of the roof and the exterior HVAC system. It is expected to be complete by the end of 2020 or early 2021.

Another highly visible project is the next phase of the West Biloxi Boardwalk that starts at Veterans and goes to Camellia Street. Once this project is complete in early fall, there will be a new beach boardwalk from Rodenburg to Camellia.

The Donal Snyder Center is also seeing some upgrades, we recently opened bids to replace the chiller system and will soon open bids to make repairs to the lap pool. We hope to get these repairs done with the center is closed due to the COVID.

And speaking of needed upgrades, we are also bidding out a waterline replacement for the Tanglewood subdivision. This is a much needed upgrade to their water system which been a maintenance problem for us and the residents for years. This project is opening bids on May 20 and will begin work sometime this summer.

And even though we have lots of other projects going on, I'll finish up with the Woolmarket Road East Drainage Project. This is a much needed drainage project that will help to alleviate flooding on Woolmarket Road near Old Hwy 67. This area has seen extensive flooding in the past and this project will help to restore the proper drainage along the roadside ditches on Woolmarket Road and Old Hwy 67 toward Howard Creek. Also included in this project is the additional of two culverts on Shriners Blvd. just north of Woolmarket Road. That natural drainage way has also seen severe flooding in the last few years so we're added the culvers under the roadway to help move that water away from those businesses faster and alleviate their potential to flood.

As you can see we have a lot of work going on in the City of Biloxi. This is only a portion of projects that the Mayor has undertaken since he took office. He continues to assess what the real needs are for the citizens whether it be water, sewer & drainage upgrades, addressing environmental concerns like Keegan Bayou or simply trying to ensure our way of life here is maintained and that we all continue to have access to our beautiful waterfront like the boardwalk projects.

If you have any questions about any of these projects you are welcome to contact me at 435-6269.

Now I'll now turn it back over to Cecilia.

