

City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

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Subject: Grosse Avenue Area Project - Construction Status

Dear Neighbors,

This letter is to inform you of pending action against the contractor, American Pipeline, LLC for the subject project. This contractor has failed to maintain their contractual agreement with the City to complete the stormwater drainage and construction project in accordance with their contract for work on or near Grosse Avenue, Pent Street, Cypress Street, Spruce Street, and associated stormwater storage ponds. As you may be aware, the contractor has not performed work for some time in the project area. Recently, under the terms of the contract, the City gave the contractor a mutually agreed opportunity to remedy the delays and complete the project within a reasonable time. After approval, the contractor ignored the agreement.

As a result, the City exercised its rights and will be taking legal action and filing a claim against their surety (insurance) in order to get a new contractor on the job to finish the work. The duration of this process is unknown at this time.

In the meantime, City Public Works crews will be temporarily maintaining the project area in an effort to secure the construction zone and improve access through the area. The following immediate action items are planned:

- Leveling and grading the dirt roadway surfaces as needed, possibly applying gravel or asphalt millings as applicable
- Improving pedestrian accessibility
- Re-opening Grosse Avenue
- Preparing a temporary roadway surface on Pent Street and re-opening the intersection of Pent and Grosse
- Monitoring existing infrastructure and drainage systems to prevent flooding and responding as needed while also maintaining the system to prevent excessive sediment runoff
- Watering the unfinished roadway sections as much as practical to keep dust under control

We appreciate your continued patience. City staff and the City Attorney are working hard to resolve this unfortunate situation as quickly and safely as we can. If you have any questions, please call the Project Administration Department at **727-942-5638** and leave a message with your name, address, and phone number.

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