

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE # 14

There have been lots of questions about what is all the construction going on in the student parking lot at the high school. The answer is two-fold and the explanation is as follows. Please note that these construction phases for the projects were planned to coincide with the summer break to avoid conflicts and to address safety concerns with students and staff using this parking lot during the construction phase.

As part of the FEMA Dome project at the high school, the City of Corpus Christi required a new 8-inch fire line to tie into an existing fire line at the west side of the high school and running west parallel to the field house to connect to an existing fire line on Warrior Drive, forming a loop system. This 8-inch fire line provides a fire hydrant outside of the FEMA Dome for water usage by the fire department in the event of a fire. This required a trench from the existing fire line on the west side of the high school through a section of the student parking lot and the FEMA Dome construction site.

In taking advantage of this trench requirement for cost savings two 3-inch conduits were installed to provide fiber from the high school MDF to the FEMA Dome. This construction phase of project has been completed with the trench back filled and asphalt put back down where it was disturbed during excavation. This work was performed by BARCOM, the general contractor for the FEMA Dome



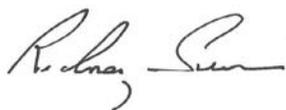
A second trench required through the student parking lot running south to north down the middle is a sanitary sewer line to service the new ag-facility across the street on Haven Drive. To address the sewage need at the new ag-facility the District explored several options. Since the nearest city sewer line is on McKinzie Road and Horseshoe Drive it was determined that it would be too expensive to run a sewer line down Haven and tie into the city line. The next option that was considered was an aerobic septic tank system that would disperse septic waste on property and

would not require connecting to an existing sewer line. This option was denied by the city. The third and most practical option was to tie into an existing District sewer line (which would be a much short distance than going to McKinzie Road). This requires boring a line under Haven Drive and down the middle of the student parking lot and ties into the main sewer line that runs near the field house. Work on this project is about 90% complete. The sewer line is in place along with a conduit for data to the ag-facility and back filling of dirt is nearly done. The contractor is planning to patch the asphalt that was disturbed during this project early next week. A small section of the parking lot next to Haven Drive will be roped off until the sewer line is bored across the street and connected to the new sewer line running from the ag-facility. It is important to understand that this new sewer line was sized to be able to service any future expansion on the ten acres of District property adjacent to the new ag-facility. Journeyman is the General Contractor on this project. The majority of the work in the student parking lot will be completed by the start of school on July 20th and there should be no changes or detours for those using this parking lot.

As you can tell, both of these projects were a vital necessity for the completion of both the FEMA Dome and new ag-facility. In addition, we were able to plan and do these projects when students were not present during the summer break to address safety concerns.

Feel free to contact my office with any questions and concerns you might have regarding any of these projects at (361) 903-6422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard S. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "S".

Assistant Superintendent for School Operation Services