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Subject: Cape Henry Beach Replenishment-Project Update #1

Dear Citizen:

We are pleased to announce that beach replenishment for Cape Henry Beach will commence in May 2019 in conjunction with Army Corps of Engineers' Lynnhaven Inlet Maintenance Dredging project. This letter is to provide a brief overview of the project details for your information.

The contractor (Cottrell Contracting Corporation) should begin mobilization of the dredge and associated equipment for the remaining days of May 2019. Sand placement will start on the western end of the beach, closest to Lesner Bridge, on or about mid-June 2019. As the contractor clears the channel, the sand placement on Cape Henry Beach will move eastward, towards First Landing State Park and is anticipated to be completed within sixty days.

Work on the beach will include a pipeline that follows from the west, several bulldozers to spread and shape deposited sand, and the necessary equipment to operate the pipe system. Please be aware that the work will be performed on a 24 hour, seven day a week basis. This schedule is essential for a navigation dredging project, and is the standard for all beach replenishment projects accomplished by hydraulic dredging.

Once the project is underway, limited sections of the beach will be temporarily closed. First, as the contractor mobilizes, the beach access at Jade Street will be closed to allow the contractor to offload their land based equipment for the project. Once the work begins, a 'moving' work area approximately 500 feet long will be established around the sand placement area to ensure public safety while the bulldozers operate. The beach west and east of the work area will be open for your enjoyment, but we ask that you please heed the project signage and fencing and stay clear of the operation. Areas that have been replenished will be reopened. The pipeline will remain on the beach throughout the entire operation and sand walkways over the pipe will be installed at intervals for access to the shore.

We will be requesting that citizen's personal property (volleyball courts, catamarans, beach furniture, etc.) be removed from the beach or safely secured and stored in its entirety on top of the dunes (where practical) before the project reaches your area. This will ensure that the contractor can place sand along the entire beach berm, otherwise they may need to work around these areas. We realize that the work on the beach will involve temporarily inconveniences, so please bear with us and we'll do all we can to make this as smooth an operation as possible.

If I can provide any further information or assistance, please contact me at 757-385-4511 or e-mail me at rtamayo@vbgov.com.

Sincerely,

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