



## GULF BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Gulf Boulevard Construction Project, contrary to some perceptions, is designed solely to upgrade potable, reclaimed and sewer lines, add an innovative stormwater management system, perform maintenance on the seawall and enhance the roadway between Park Boulevard and Walsingham Road. Pinellas County Utilities, the FDOT, the City of Indian Rocks Beach and PBS&J would like to clarify that this project is distinct and separate from the previous project led by Progress Energy with Bright House Networks and Verizon with the goal to underground the power, cable and phone lines that had previously been strung by pole. The undergrounding project took 2.5 years and was completed last fall.

The original goal was for all projects to be completed simultaneously, but due to timing and budgeting concerns, this could not be accomplished. The Gulf Boulevard Construction Project itself is a combination of three projects; Pinellas County Utilities' reclaimed water project, the City of Indian Rocks Beach's sewer line project and the FDOT roadway improvement project. This project began in October of 2007 and the undergrounding project was completed at about the same time. However, they are unrelated and not one continuous project.

We thank the businesses and residents of the Town of Indian Shores and the City of Indian Rocks Beach for their understanding and patience. The narrowness of the work area and the limited width of the right-of-way make this project more challenging than most. We understand the residents and local business' desire for a speedy and successful construction project and appreciate your concerns. The project remains ahead of, or on schedule with a target completion date of August 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the Pinellas County Hotline at (727) 464-4273, Pinellas County Green Vest Representative, Darlene Brown at (727) 422-8123, or any Green Vest representative on site. **After-hours emergencies should be reported to (727) 464-4000.**