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Wildwood Begins Additional Stabilization Work of Scardino Street

City of Wildwood officials are implementing engineering recommendations to further stabilize the public right-of-way on Scardino Street, following supplementary geotechnical investigation.

An estimated 400 to 500 cubic yards of concrete will be injected at 21 additional sites, adding to the 351.3 cubic yards injected at 21 initial sites last month.

After reports in August of a surface depression on a city-maintained road in The Villages® section of Wildwood and an area of a driveway on private property, the city issued an emergency authorization to begin geotechnical testing to determine the exact location and extent of the collapse.

The test report recommended a series of subsurface grout injections in the right-of-way. A total of 351.3 cubic yards of concrete was injected at 21 sites to depths ranging from 25 to 55 feet.

Following completion of those injections, another depression was identified north of the grouted area, adjacent to a stormwater structure in the road. City officials immediately authorized a secondary geophysical investigation of the entire public right-of-way.

The city's consulting geotechnical engineers analyzed the secondary test results and recommended the 21 additional grouting locations. Tests indicated the depressions resulted from one or more uncontrollable natural events. Neither the stormwater structure nor any other public utility infrastructure was determined to have caused the anomalies.

"We were disheartened to learn of additional areas of concern, but remain aggressively focused on protecting public safety and correcting the problem, whatever it takes," said Public Works Director Jeremy Hockenbury. "We have been and remain in close contact with Scardino Street residents and The Villages® Community Development District each step of the way to ensure everyone involved has updated information."

The additional grouting injections began today and are expected to take two weeks to complete and cure. Inspection of utility infrastructure will follow to determine any necessary repairs.

Access to the affected area of roadway remains restricted to residents and authorized personnel.

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