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## **Wildwood Crest to make ADA compliant upgrades and improvements to Rambler Road near beach entrance**

The Borough of Wildwood Crest is set to make Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements and other upgrades on the 500 East block of Rambler Road (Ocean Avenue to the beach entrance).

The work is scheduled to commence in early March, weather permitting, and is set to be completed by late April.

Improvements include a traffic circle median at the eastern end of Rambler Road to promote a safer drop-off area for vehicles, better traffic flow and pedestrian and bicycle safety; more visible bicycle lanes; a concrete island at the entrance to the beachfront bike path; and additional bicycle racks. In addition, improvements at the beach entrance include a wider sidewalk, cable railings with wood posts, an ADA-compliant detectable warning surface at drop-off points and a replica lifeguard boat for photo opportunities.

Total cost of the project is \$220,431. More than half of the cost is covered by nearly \$125,000 from a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) Small Cities ADA grant. Charles Marandino LLC, a South Jersey concrete contractor, has been contracted by the borough to perform the work. Notice to proceed with the work on the project was given to the contractor by the borough on Feb. 15. The contractor has 70 days to complete the work, making the contractual completion date on or before April 26.

Residents and businesses located within 200 feet of the 500 East block of Rambler Road have been notified of the pending work. All concrete work is expected to be completed within two weeks of the start date. The street is expected to be closed for approximately two days due to paving.

The borough has authorized for work to be done from 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any potential work on Saturdays must be approved in advance by the borough.

Landscaping designs for the new traffic median are being coordinated between the Wildwood Crest Department of Public Works and DeBlasio & Associates, the borough's engineering company.

Full plans of the project can be found on the Special Projects page of the borough website at [wildwoodcrest.org](http://wildwoodcrest.org).

For more information about this project, contact the borough engineer at 609-854-3311 or the borough administrator at 609-729-8041.

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