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## Panama City Beaches Updates

- ♥ **Airport Relocation Project:** The initial Airport development will include the construction of a primary 8,400 feet runway, 5,000 feet crosswind runway, commercial passenger terminal, general aviation terminal, air traffic control tower and Airport support and service facilities. Projected completion date spring 2009.
- ♥ **Beach Renourishment Project** completed April 2006.
- ♥ **City Pier:** Old buildings replaced with new tackle shop, daiquiri bar and public restrooms. A large boardwalk will be built to host Live Bands with volleyball on the beach both locals and visitors will have a week end to remember. No time line as to start or completion of this project.
- ♥ **Greenway and Trails System:** Panama City Beach is working with other panhandle coastal counties to establish a Northwest Florida Coastal Trail System that will extend through Gulf, Bay, Walton, Okaloosa, and Escambia counties. The first phases of the project will be financed with State grant funds.
- ♥ **Hwy 98/Thomas Drive Intersection Corridor:** At over \$30 million, the roadway improvements will include an elevated roadway for east bound traffic from both major arteries of Hwy 98 Panama City Beach Parkway (Back Beach Road) and alternate Hwy 98 (Front Beach Road). Pouring of the driving surface for the bridgework and the elevated portion of the flyover has been completed. Project completion estimated for late summer 2006. (Source: State of Florida Department of Transportation May 2006 issue)
- ♥ **Pier Park:** A 900,000 square-foot retail and entertainment complex located on 93 acres from Front Beach Road (at the City Pier) to Hwy 98 Panama City Beach Parkway. Target and a 16-theater Motion Picture Theater will be completed by December 2006. First Phase scheduled to open spring of 2007.
- ♥ **Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum:** Designed to look like a 1950's vintage luxury cruise liner. The three-story structure promises to be one of the beaches coolest, weirdest and most unusual attractions opening in the spring 2006.
- ♥ **Swim Facility-Aquatic Center:** Frank Brown's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony opening the facility to the general public was held on April 1, 2006.

## In the Know

The April issue of *The Slatin Report* states "The new airport is going to be an enormous spur to growth of this area" and if all goes according to schedule completion date will be late 2008. By the end of this decade, Bay County (and its main city, Panama City), promises to be among the fastest growing areas in the state, if not the nation. With the influx of home-buying retirees from the Midwest and Northwest, time-sharing vacationers, beachfront aficionados, spring-break revelers, real estate investors, developers, speculators and flippers the rush is just beginning.