

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE
PROGRESS REPORT - July 2011**

The Transportation Bond Issue consists of projects that will be designed, contracted, and administered by City Staff or consultants/contractors working for the City, along with 3 projects that will be designed and administered by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD). Six (6) projects have been completed; most of the other projects are underway and are in various stages of design or construction. A summary of the status of these projects follows.

1) Wilson Park/Washington Willow Area Traffic Calming

a. Project Summary/Status

- Complete. Original Budget: \$384,000 Final Cost: \$205,000

2) Intersection improvements at Gregg Ave. and North Street

a. Project Summary/Status

- Complete. Original Budget: \$1,082,000; Final Cost: \$690,000

3) Zion Road (N. College to Vantage)

a. Project Summary/Status

- Complete. Original Budget: \$2,540,000; Final Cost: \$2,272,000

4) College Avenue (Rock to Maple)

a. Project Summary/Status

- Complete. Original Budget: \$1,740,000; Final Cost: \$1,841,000

5) Mount Comfort Road (I540 to Ruppel Road)

a. Project Summary/Status

- Project includes 2 construction contracts:
 - Contract 1: Intersection improvements at Mount Comfort/I540/ Shiloh/Deane Solomon Rd.
 - Contract 2: Widening of Mount Comfort Road, from Ruppel Rd. to Alpine Ave.
- Total Estimated Cost: \$10.5 million
- Construction is complete on both projects with the exception of minor cleanup and repair items.

b. Recent Actions:

- Final topsoil, seeding, and cleanup, and “punch list” items on both projects.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Contract closeout tasks, and final payments.

6) Cato Springs Road (U of A Technology Corridor)

a. Project Summary/Status

- Project consists of reconstruction and widening to 2 and 3 lanes, with curb and gutter and sidewalks, from Hwy 71B to Razorback Road.
- Total Project budget: \$5.07 million
- Federal funding expected: \$2.72 million
- Construction Contract: \$3,815,172 with Dean Crowder Construction

b. Recent Actions:

- Utility relocation by AT&T is ongoing
- A Preconstruction meeting has been held with the street contractor, and commencement of construction is expected within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Continued coordination with local utilities for relocation of their facilities
- Coordination with Arkansas and Missouri Railroad for upgrades to the railroad crossing.
- Commencement of construction, beginning with water and sewer relocations.

7) Fayetteville Expressway Economic Development Corridor**a. Project Summary/Status**

- Federally funded project that is intended to provide better access to the retail centers and restaurants in the Northwest Arkansas Mall area and to Washington Regional Hospital and adjacent medical park.
- Federal Funds expected: \$7.66 million
- Total Project Budget: \$9.57 million
- 3 projects have been selected for funding in the project area by the Street Committee and City Council: Extension of Van Asche Drive from Gregg Avenue to Hwy 112, westbound “flyover” from Hwy 71B to Fulbright Expressway, and intersection improvements at Fulbright Expressway/Shiloh/North Hills Blvd. Design on the flyover and roundabout projects is ongoing by Jacobs Engineering. Design of Van Asche Drive is underway by City Staff.

b. Recent Actions:

- **Roundabout Project**
 - Work continues on the steps required in acquisition of the right of way from Washington Regional Medical Center.
 - Acquisition of right of way from the North Hills Medical Park is complete.
- **Flyover Project**
 - Preliminary bridge plans have been submitted to AHTD for review
- **Van Asche Drive**
 - Preliminary environmental report has been completed by Garver Engineers.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- **Roundabout Project**
 - Completion of Construction Plans and Contract Documents.
 - Continued work on details of the WRMC right of way acquisition.
 - Request to AHTD for authorization to advertise for bids after plans are complete and right of way is acquired.
- **Flyover Project**
 - AHTD review of preliminary plans
- **Van Asche Drive**
 - Completion of preliminary environmental documentation for review by AHTD

8) Ruppel Road (6th St. to Persimmon)**a. Project Summary**

- Extension of Ruppel Road as a 4-lane boulevard from south of Owl Creek School to 6th Street.
- Total project budget: \$8.155 million

9) Garland Avenue (I540 to Howard Nickell Road)**a. Project Summary/Status**

- Project includes widening to 5 lanes, with curb and gutter and sidewalks. Design firm: Jacobs Engineering
- Estimated Project Cost: \$3.66 million.
- This project is on hold at this time

10) Maple and Lafayette Street Historic Bridges**a. Project Summary/Status**

- Study complete. Funding through the Federal-aid bridge program administered by AHTD is being pursued

b. Recent Actions:

- An agreement with AHTD for federal aid funding for the two bridges has been prepared and submitted to the City Council for review

c. Upcoming Activities:

- City Council action is needed to approve the agreement with AHTD to utilize federal funds.
- Selection of a design consultant for rehabilitation design.

The following projects in the Bond Program will be designed, contracted, and administered by AHTD or its consultants/contractors. The schedules for these projects are established by AHTD based on their workloads and available funding. Any information regarding schedules and current progress has been provided by AHTD.

11) Crossover Road (Hwy 265)-Mission to Joyce

- Total project cost is \$15.4 million
- AHTD scheduled letting date: **September 2011**
- City share is \$7.7 million; payment made to date of \$5 million
- Right of way acquisition by AHTD is complete.
- Water and sewer relocations, along with other utility relocations, are ongoing.

12) Hwy 16 Improvements-Armstrong to Stonebridge Rd.

- AHTD scheduled letting date: September 2011
- Current agreement with AHTD for 50% of project costs to be paid by the City, up to \$5 million.
- Revisions to the project reducing the scope to the current limits (eliminating 15th Street) to fit within the budget were approved by the City Council on June 15, 2010.
- AHTD right of way acquisition is in progress.
- Acquisition of the utility easements by the City will begin after the AHTD utility relocation agreement is finalized.

13) Garland Avenue (North to Melmar)

- Total project cost originally estimated at \$6.7 million

- City Share originally estimated at \$5.2 million
- A revised agreement with AHTD for this project has been developed whereby AHTD will pick up the cost of the project now, with the City paying their agreed upon share of the project cost towards another project in 2013.
- Engineering staff is currently preparing water and sewer relocation designs. Staff is working with AHTD to determine an alignment of proposed water and sewer lines that minimizes the impacts to property owners. Placing lines under the sidewalks is being considered, but will require special approval by AHTD.
- AHTD appraisals have begun on this project.