

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE  
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE  
PROGRESS REPORT- March 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). Four 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:**
    - Completion of final paving and final pavement striping
  - c. **Upcoming Activities:**
    - Final topsoil, seeding, and cleanup, and “punch list” items on both projects.
  
- 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

**b. Recent Actions:**

- Request for AHTD authorization to advertise for construction bids.

**c. Upcoming Activities:**

- Advertisement for construction bids after authorization is received from AHTD
- Coordination with local utilities for relocation of their facilities
- Coordination with Arkansas and Missouri Railroad for upgrades to the railroad crossing.

**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/Northhills 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**

- Compensation offers for right of way acquisition have been made to the two affected property owners.
- The contract amendment for additional design services on the Roundabout and Flyover, and for construction phase services on the Roundabout were approved by the City Council on January 18, 2010.

• **Flyover Project**

- Preliminary plans have been received, and have been submitted to AHTD for review
- Staff review of aesthetic considerations

• **Van Asche Drive**

- Environmental field work is underway by Garver Engineers.

**c. Upcoming Activities:**

• **Roundabout Project**

- Completion of Construction Plans and Contract Documents.
- Right of way acquisition by City staff.
- Request to AHTD for authorization to advertise for bids after plans are complete and right of way is acquired.

• **Flyover Project**

- Review of preliminary plans
- Street Committee review of aesthetic considerations for incorporation into the design

• **Van Asche Drive**

- Environmental field review and drafting of environmental documentation

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Further action pending 3<sup>rd</sup> Bond Issue or other funding sources

**b. Recent Actions:**

- A request for an eligibility review through the federal aid Bridge Program was made to AHTD, and AHTD has confirmed that the bridges are eligible for federal funding.
- A grant request through the National Endowment for the Arts has been made to assist with design costs on the project

**c. Upcoming Activities:**

- City Council action is needed to authorize development of an agreement with AHTD to utilize federal funds.

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: June 2011
- City share is \$7.7 million; payment made to date of \$5 million
- Right of way acquisition by AHTD is complete.
- Easement acquisition by the City for relocation of water and sewer facilities is complete except for the properties requiring condemnation.
- Water and sewer relocation contract bids will be opened on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> Street) to fit within the budget were approved by the City Council on June 15, 2010.
- AHTD plans to begin appraisals to determine values of property to be acquired soon. Appraisals are scheduled to be completed this month, with acquisition of right of way by AHTD to begin after

appraisals.

- Acquisition of the utility easements by the City will begin after the AHTD appraisals are completed.

**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.