

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE  
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE  
PROGRESS REPORT – April 2013**

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). Five 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.

Funding for the Bond Program includes \$65.9 million in bonds, issued in three separate bond issues, along with federal aid funding and additional sales tax funding from the City's Capital Improvements fund. The third phase of bonds, which will yield approximately \$31 million in funds available for projects, is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014.

- 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**
    - **Complete.** Original Budget: \$10,413,000; Final Cost: \$10,220,000
- 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: \$6.02 million
    - Federal funding expected: \$2.88 million
    - Construction Contract: \$3,815,172 with Dean Crowder Construction

**b. Recent Actions:**

- Final paving and striping on the west end of the project, between the bridge and Razorback Road has been completed.
- Earthwork and curb and gutter installation is continuing on the east end of the project.

**c. Upcoming Activities:**

- Earthwork and curb and gutter installation, will occur over the next month, in advance of the paving on the east end.
- Sidewalk and final cleanup on the west end.
- Final paving on the east end of the project is planned to be completed by the end of June, and the completion of all work will be by the end of July.

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

- 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: \$8 million
- Total Project Budget: \$10 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.

**b. Roundabout Project:**

- Construction on the roundabout is complete. Operation of the roundabout is being evaluated, to determine the need for additional striping, markings, and signage.

**c. Flyover Project:**

- The Highway 71B Flyover Project is under construction by Emery Sapp and Sons of Springfield, Mo. The contract time began running on January 28, 2013, with 18 months allotted for construction. Current and upcoming activities include:
  - Work is in progress on several of the concrete pier foundations and walls.
  - Work on College Avenue, that will affect traffic on College, has been delayed by weather. This work is expected to begin in May.

**8) Van Asche Drive:****a. Project Summary:**

- Widening and alignment of Van Asche Drive, from Gregg Avenue to Garland Ave. (Hwy 112)
- Project Budget: \$4.56 million
- Construction scheduled to begin in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014 upon issuance of third phase of bonds.

**b. Recent/upcoming actions**

- Acquisition of right of way and easements is underway. Offers of compensation have been mailed to all property owners.
- Submittal to plans to AHTD for permitting will be made soon.

**9) 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: \$10 million

**b. Recent Actions:**

- A meeting to review the conceptual alignment with affected property owners was held. There were no significant issues raised at the meeting.
- Property research and field surveys are underway.
- An agreement was executed with GTS for geotechnical services for soil borings and pavement design.
- Internal review of the typical sections has been completed; initial review by the Street Committee will be at the April 30<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting.

**c. Upcoming Activities**

- Approval of preliminary plans and typical sections by the Street Committee.

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

- Funding in the amount of \$1 million through the Federal-aid bridge program administered by AHTD has been secured. The project is in the design consultant procurement phase.

**b. Recent Actions:**

- The contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers has been approved by all entities.
- Kickoff meetings with the AHTD and with McClelland are being scheduled.

**c. Upcoming Activities:**

- Beginning of design work by McClelland after kickoff meetings.

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.

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

- Estimated construction cost was \$15.4 million, City's share is 50% of cost, up to \$7.7 million
- AHTD letting date: **September 2011**; low bid received was \$12,612,320.32. Change Orders to date reduce the contract amount by \$257,000.
- Work on the roadway is continuing by the contractor for AHTD. They are completing various tasks on the west side of the road, including storm drainage, roadway base, and retaining walls. Installation of curb and gutter is continuing, along with placement of additional asphalt on the new southbound lanes. Final completion of the project is expected in August or September.

**12) Hwy 16 Improvements-Armstrong to Stonebridge Rd.**

- Construction Start: November 2012. Completion: Fall 2014.
- Current agreement with AHTD for 50% of project costs to be paid by the City, up to \$5 million.
- Edwards Design and Construction is the contractor on the Water and Sewer Relocation Project.
- Water and sewer installation is complete except for 1 segment of sewer line and a few service connections.
- Sweetser Construction is the roadway construction contractor for the AHTD and began work in the Armstrong to Happy Hollow area as of December 2012 with an estimated completion date of mid-2014.

**13) Garland Avenue (North to Melmar)**

- Total project cost originally estimated at \$6.7 million

- City Share originally estimated at \$5.2 million, current estimate is \$ 4.04 million
- Utility relocations are complete on the project.
- Sweetser Construction is the roadway construction contractor for the AHTD and began work as of February 2013 with an estimated completion date of Spring 2014.
- Installation of fill material is continuing on the west side of the road near the south end of the project.