

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE
PROGRESS REPORT – March 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). 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**
 - **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:**
 - Installation of the 12' x 95' pedestrian bridge is complete.
 - The railroad crossing upgrade including new signal is complete.
 - Storm drain piping and roadway earthwork operations has been completed on the west end of the project and some of the asphalt binder course has been installed.

- Contractor has begun installing storm drainage piping including box culvert drain crossings on the eastern side of the project.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Installation of a double 6' x 3' box culvert crossing Cato Springs Road on the eastern side of the project.
- Beginning the installation of concrete curb & gutter on the eastern side of the project.

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:

- The roundabout project is under construction by Sweetser Construction of Fayetteville. The Notice to Proceed was issued effective May 29th. The contract length is 8.5 months for final completion. Current and upcoming activities include:
 - The contractor is currently working on the Fulbright Expressway off-ramp, on-ramp and on the "slip ramp" onto Futrall to Gregg Avenue. When completed, the slip ramp will provide access to Gregg Avenue via Futrall, bypassing the roundabout altogether.
 - Landscaping of roundabout is scheduled for mid-March.
 - Change Order #2 has been executed to install street lighting.
 - Asphalt binder course has been installed on the "slip ramp" and it is open to traffic.
 - Futrall Drive has been widened to three lanes and the asphalt binder course has been installed.
 - Completion of the roundabout is expected in mid to late March, contingent on suitable weather conditions to allow asphalt paving and striping.

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:
 - Construction signage has been installed in the project area, as well as some of the concrete barricades and other devices to protect workers.
 - SourceGas is relocating a gas line that is in conflict with one of the bridge piers.
 - The contractor has completed approximately 50% of the excavation for Bent #2.
 - Drilling footings for the bridge piers will begin for Bent #2 on Tuesday, February 26th, weather permitting.
 - Work on College Avenue, that will affect traffic on College, is scheduled to begin in March.

d. Van Asche Drive:

- Van Asche Drive is under design by City staff. Current and upcoming activities include:
 - Completion of engineering plans.
 - Acquisition of property and State Highway permits.

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

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.

c. Upcoming Activities

- Review of preliminary plans and typical sections with the Street Committee.

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**

- 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:

- Selection of McClelland Consulting Engineers of Fayetteville as the design consultant
- A proposed scope and fee has been developed by the consultant and approved by AHTD staff.
- The City Council tabled the contract up for approval at the February 19 Council meeting, pending changes to the contract requested by a member of the public.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Approval of the proposed contract by the City Council

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 will resume in March, 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.
- Relocation of water and sewer lines and other utilities will be substantially complete by mid-April.
- 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.