

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE
PROGRESS REPORT - November 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.
 - b. **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: \$6.02 million

- Federal funding expected: \$2.88 million
- Construction Contract: \$3,815,172 with Dean Crowder Construction

b. Recent Actions:

- Utility relocation by AT&T is ongoing
- Water and sewer relocation work is continuing.
- SWEPCO has staked the locations of their new poles.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Continued coordination with local utilities for relocation of their facilities-AT&T relocations are nearing completion; Arkansas Western Gas and SWEPCO are set to begin soon.
- Coordination with Arkansas and Missouri Railroad for upgrades to the railroad crossing.
- Continuation of water and sewer relocations. Relocation work may have to be suspended in the near future, until power poles in conflict with the new water line are moved.

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**

- Right of way from Washington Regional Medical Center was acquired.
- Certification of right of way has been submitted to AHTD
- Final plans and specifications have been submitted to AHTD for review and approval, with a request for authorization to bid the project.

• **Flyover Project**

- Design in ongoing. The City’s consultant is working with AHTD on design reviews.

• **Van Asche Drive**

- Preliminary environmental report has been completed by Garver Engineers.
- The archeological review has been completed by the consultant.

c. Upcoming Activities:

• **Roundabout Project**

- Advertisement for bids after the right of way certification is approved, and authorization to bid is received from AHTD.

• **Flyover Project**

- Consultant submittal of 60% complete roadway plans and 90% complete bridge plans.

• **Van Asche Drive**

- Submittal of environmental documents to AHTD for review.

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 in the amount of \$1 million through the Federal-aid bridge program administered by AHTD has been secured.

b. Recent Actions:

- An agreement with AHTD for federal aid funding for the two bridges has been approved.
- Scope of work for design has been drafted, for use with the request for letters of interest from consultants.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Review of the design scope of work by AHTD
- 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

- 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
- City share will be \$6.3 million; payment made to date of \$5 million
- Water and sewer relocations, along with other utility relocations, are ongoing.

12) Hwy 16 Improvements-Armstrong to Stonebridge Rd.

- AHTD scheduled letting date: **Spring 2012**
- Current agreement with AHTD for 50% of project costs to be paid by the City, up to \$5 million.
- AHTD right of way acquisition is complete
- Acquisition of the utility easements by the City is underway. City staff are also working with Arkansas Western Gas to acquire easements for use by both the City and AWG to expedite acquisition and reduce costs to both utilities. Acquisition is approximately 33% complete as of November 10, 2011.

13) Garland Avenue (North to Melmar)

- Total project cost originally estimated at \$6.7 million
- City Share originally estimated at \$5.2 million
- AHTD scheduled letting: **Spring 2012**
- 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.
- Utility easement acquisition by the City is underway. As of November 10, 2011 acquisition is approximately 25% complete.
- AHTD right of way acquisition is complete.