

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE  
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE  
PROGRESS REPORT- January 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). 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.

**1) Wilson Park/Washington Willow Area Transportation Improvements**

**a. Project Summary/Status**

- Includes traffic calming, intersection improvements at Gregg Ave. and North Street, bridge rehabilitation of Maple and Lafayette railroad bridges, and street enhancements along Gregg and West Avenues and Maple and Lafayette Streets.
- Total project budget is \$4.277 million
- Traffic Calming Construction in Wilson Park and Washington Willow Neighborhoods is complete. Original budget: \$384,000. Final: \$205,000
- Improvements to Gregg Avenue are complete. Original budget: \$1,082,000; Final: \$690,000.
- A study of the The Maple and Lafayette Street bridges has been completed to determine rehabilitation requirements and costs.

**b. Recent Actions:**

- Final reports for both bridges were received, along with cost estimates for rehabilitation.
- The application for a grant through the Transportation Enhancement Program administered by AHTD has been submitted.
- A request for an eligibility review through the federal aid Bridge Program has been made to AHTD.

**c. Upcoming Activities:**

- Review of funding eligibility by AHTD through the Enhancement Program as well as the Bridge Rehabilitation Program.

**2) 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 authorization to advertise for construction bids has been made. AHTD reviewed the request, and has provide a list of items to be completed before the project is advertised.
- Completion of condemnation actions by the City Attorney on 5 properties.

**c. Upcoming Activities:**

- Completion of all items required for authorization to advertise.
- 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.

### 3) 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

#### b. Recent Actions:

#### c. Upcoming Activities:

### 4) & 5) Mount Comfort Road (I540 to Ruppel Road) (2 Projects)

#### a. Project Summary/Status

- Project includes:
  - 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
- Contract 1: Construction is complete by Decco Contractors.
- Contract 2: Construction is in progress by Sweetser Construction

#### b. Recent Actions:

- Completion of initial asphalt layer on the entire project.
- Sidewalk installation, topsoil and seeding.

#### c. Upcoming Activities:

- Completion of remaining sidewalk segments, and final topsoil, seeding, and cleanup.
- Final paving of the surface layer.
- Pavement striping.
- Final completion of contract 2 is dependent on the weather. Air and surface temperatures of 45 degrees are needed for a period of approximately 10 working days to complete the project.

### 6) 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 plan preparation is ongoing. Submittal of preliminary plans is expected in January.
- **Van Asche Drive**
  - Garver Engineers has been selected as the environmental consultant, and a proposed contract has been prepared for review by the City Council.
- 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**
    - Preliminary plan submittal by Jacobs Engineering.
  - **Van Asche Drive**
    - Development of the environmental study contract and presentation to the City Council
- 7) **Rubble Road (6<sup>th</sup> St. to Persimmon)**
  - a. **Project Summary**
    - Extension of Rubble Road as a 4-lane boulevard from south of Owl Creek School to 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - Total project budget: \$8.155 million
- 8) **Zion Road (N. College to Vantage)**
  - a. **Project Summary/Status**
    - Project is complete
    - Original Estimated Project Cost: \$2,540,000
    - Final Project Cost: \$2,272,000
- 9) **College Avenue (Rock to Maple)**
  - a. **Project Summary/Status**
    - Work includes sidewalk replacement, tree and landscaping installation, decorative lighting, and removal/reconfiguration of existing driveways to provide better access management and increase safety. Much of the work was performed by in-house crews of the Trans. Division
    - Project is complete-Original Estimated Project Cost: \$1,740,000
    - Final Project Cost: \$1,841,000

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.

#### 10) & 11) Hwy 16-Hwy 71B 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 only Huntsville Road 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 by March 2011, 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.

#### **12) Crossover Road-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 will be advertised for bids after the condemnations 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 will be 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.