

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE
PROGRESS REPORT – May 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 4 projects that will be designed and administered by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD). Five projects have been completed; all projects in the original program are underway and are in various stages of design or construction. In April 2013, several additional projects were approved by the City Council. A summary of the status of all projects in the program follows below.

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 3rd 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 contractor has scheduled completion of all work 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.

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.
 - Temporary paving on College Avenue has been placed. Traffic will be shifted in the near future onto the temporary paving to allow work on the flyover ramp along College Avenue.
 - Work on the entrance ramp to the Fulbright Expressway is in progress.

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 3rd 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, and 4 of the 15 tracts have been acquired.

9) Ruppel Road (MLK Blvd to Mt. Comfort)

a. Project Summary

- Includes Extension of Ruppel Road as a 4-lane boulevard from south of Owl Creek School to Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, widening between Persimmon Rd. and Starry Night View, and

- new location, bridge, and intersection between Starry Night View and Mount Comfort Road.
- Total project budget: \$13.5 million; includes \$2.5 million in federal-aid funding.

b. Recent Actions:

- Review of the typical sections establishing street, sidewalk, greenspace, and median widths is in progress. A public meeting is planned for May 30, 2013 from 5 to 7 pm at the Boys and Girls Club to allow property owners and other citizens to review the plans and provide comments.

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:

- Design work is underway.
- The asphalt on the bridge decks has been milled off to allow for testing and analysis of the existing concrete bridge deck.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Field work on the bridge, including soil borings, bridge coring and other field testing.

11) Old Wire Road (Mission to Crossover)

a. Project Summary/Status

- Includes signalization at Mission and Old Wire, installation of bike lanes and sidewalks, widening at intersections, and a roundabout at Old Missouri Road.
- Design work (by AHTD) for the Mission/Old Wire Intersection is nearing completion; a conceptual design of the other portions of the project has been completed.

b. Recent Actions:

- None

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Property acquisition for the signalization at Old Wire and Mission.

12) Zion Road (Vantage to Crossover)

a. Project Summary/Status

- Includes addition of curb and gutter, bike lanes, and sidewalks. Also includes widening to three lanes at major intersections.

b. Recent Actions:

- None

c. Upcoming Activities:

13) Regional Park Access Road

a. Project Summary/Status

- Access to regional park, along Judge Cummings Road from Cato Springs Road into the park.
- Design and construction will be scheduled to coincide with the park development schedule.

b. Recent Actions:

- None

c. Upcoming Activities:**14) College Avenue Enhancements (Maple St. to North St.)****a. Project Summary/Status**

- Continuation of sidewalk and landscaping enhancements along College Avenue to match recently completed improvements south of Maple St.

b. Recent Actions:

- None

c. Upcoming Activities:**15) Intersections and Pedestrian Crossing Improvements****a. Project Summary/Status**

- Projects (to be determined) to improve pedestrian service and safety at intersections.

b. Recent Actions:

- None

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Selection of projects to received safety enhancements

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.

16) 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.

17) 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.
- Water and sewer installation is complete.
- 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.

18) 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.
- Storm drain piping installation is underway as well.

19) Razorback Road (Hwy 112)-MLK Blvd. to Leroy Pond Dr.

- Project Estimate of \$2.6 million.
- Federal aid will fund \$2.08 million of this amount; the City and UA will share the remainder of the cost.
- Utility relocations are planned for this summer and fall.
- Roadway construction (By AHTD) scheduled to begin in early 2014.