

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE  
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE  
PROGRESS REPORT – December 2012**

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:**
    - The pedestrian bridge installation is complete.
    - The railroad crossing upgrade including new signal is complete as well.
  - c. **Upcoming Activities:**
    - Installation of storm drainage piping, including installation of the box culvert drain crossings.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. The contract length is 8.5 months for final completion. Current and upcoming activities include:
  - Construction of the inner circle of the roundabout is complete. Traffic is currently using one lane of the roundabout, as construction continues.
  - The contractor is currently working on the Fulbright Expressway off-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.
  - Completion of the roundabout is expected in January, contingent on suitable weather conditions to allow asphalt paving and striping.

**c. Flyover Project:**

- The Highway 71B Flyover Project is under design by Jacobs Engineering of Fayetteville. Design is complete, and on October 8<sup>th</sup>, the City received Authorization To Advertise the project for bids. Current and upcoming activities include:
  - The construction contract with Emery Sapp and Sons has been approved, and work on the project is set to begin in January 2013. This will be an 18 month construction contract.

**d. Van Asche Drive:**

- Van Asche Drive is under design by City staff. Current and upcoming activities include:
  - Development of preliminary plans is nearing completion.
  - Property owners along the project have been contacted in preparation for beginning of easement and right of way acquisition.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Total project budget: \$8.155 million
- Review of the conceptual alignment and cross sections is underway.
- Property research is underway as well.

**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. Preliminary discussions have been held with the AHTD on this project regarding partnering opportunities to reduce the City's cost and possibly extend the project. Federal funding is also being pursued for the project.

#### 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 is being reviewed by City and AHTD staff.

##### c. Upcoming Activities:

- Review of the proposed contract with the City Council and AHTD.

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:.

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

- AHTD letting date: **September 2012**
- 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.
- Installation of water lines is underway on the project.
- Sweetser Construction is the roadway construction contractor for the AHTD, and has begun working in the Armstrong to Happy Hollow area.

#### 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
- Water and sewer relocations is complete, with the exception of final cleanup, topsoil, and seeding.
- Relocation and adjustments of other utilities by the various utility companies is continuing.
- Sweetser Construction will be the contractor on the roadway; work is set to begin in early 2013.