

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE
PROGRESS REPORT – January 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**
 - 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.
- 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 complete
- Water and sewer relocation work has been suspended pending relocation of SWEPCO poles and Arkansas Western Gas lines.
- SWEPCO relocations are continuing.
- Staff attended mediation with the property owner on the last remaining unsettled condemnation lawsuit. This mediation was unsuccessful.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Continued coordination with local utilities for relocation of their facilities. SWEPCO is making progress. AWG has yet to begin, despite the contract signed with them in May 2011.
- Coordination with Arkansas and Missouri Railroad for upgrades to the railroad crossing.
- Resumption of water and sewer relocations after other utilities are clear.

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**
 - Final revised plans have been submitted to AHTD for permitting review.
- **Flyover Project**
 - AHTD approval of preliminary plans was received. Work on the next stage of plan development is underway.
- **Van Asche Drive**
 - The environmental report is complete. Requests for reviews by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have been made.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- **Roundabout Project**
 - Advertisement for bids after the construction permit has been received, 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 after responses from the USACOE and SHPO.

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:

- Scope of work for design has been drafted, for use with the request for letters of interest from consultants.
- The scope of work has been reviewed and approved by AHTD.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Advertisement for letters of interest from consultants.
- 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.

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 of contract is \$6.3 million
- Water and sewer relocations, along with other utility relocations, are ongoing.
- Work on the roadway has begun by the contractor for AHTD.

12) Hwy 16 Improvements-Armstrong to Stonebridge Rd.

- AHTD scheduled letting date: **Fall 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 70% complete as of January 27, 2012.
- City Council approval for condemnation of the remaining easements will be requested in February.

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: **Fall 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 January 27, 2012 acquisition is approximately 80% complete.
- City Council approval for condemnation of the remaining easements will be requested in February