

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE
PROGRESS REPORT - September 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 with the exception of minor cleanup and repair items.
 - 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 has begun near the west end of the project.
- Arkansas Western Gas and SWEPCO agreements for relocation reimbursements have been approved by the City Council.

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.

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**
 - Work continues on the steps required in acquisition of the right of way from Washington Regional Medical Center.
 - Acquisition of right of way from the North Hills Medical Park is complete.
 - Revised plans have been submitted to AHTD for the construction permit review.
- **Flyover Project**
 - Preliminary bridge plans have been submitted to AHTD for review
- **Van Asche Drive**
 - Preliminary environmental report has been completed by Garver Engineers.
 - An archeological review has been requested by review agencies; this work has been authorized to begin.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- **Roundabout Project**
 - Finalization of the WRMC right of way acquisition.
 - Final completion of plans and specifications
 - Request to AHTD for authorization to advertise for bids after plans and specifications are complete and right of way is acquired.
- **Flyover Project**
 - AHTD review of preliminary plans

- **Van Asche Drive**
 - Completion of archeological study

8) **Rupple Road (6th St. to Persimmon)**

a. **Project Summary**

- Extension of Rupple 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.

c. **Upcoming Activities:**

- Preparation of the design scope of work.
- 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.
- Revisions to the project reducing the scope to the current limits (eliminating 15th Street) to fit within the budget were approved by the City Council on June 15, 2010.
- AHTD right of way acquisition is in progress. AHTD is planning to complete the right of way acquisition by the end of September
- 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.

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 will begin soon; utility easements for this project are planned to be general utility easements for use by all utilities due to the limited space available.
- AHTD right of way acquisition is planned for completion by the end of September.