

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE
TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE
PROGRESS REPORT – June 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.
- 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:

- Arkansas Western Gas and SWEPCO utility relocations are complete.
- Cox Communications relocations are underway and are expected to be completed in early July.
- Final settlement and closeout of the last remaining condemnation case on the project has been completed.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Completion of franchise utility and UofA communications line relocations.
- Coordination with Arkansas and Missouri Railroad for upgrades to the railroad crossing.
- Resumption of work by Crowder Construction, scheduled for June 25th. The contractor will be remobilizing during the weeks of June 25th and July 2nd, with large scale construction beginning on July 9th.

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 29th. The contract length is 7 months for final completion. Current and upcoming activities include:
 - The jobsite traffic control has been put in place. The southbound lanes of North Hills Boulevard are closed. The east side of North Hills has been converted to two-way traffic, and south bound traffic on North Hills from Futrall has been diverted to this temporary two-lane road. This is to allow the west half of the roundabout to be constructed.
 - Clearing and excavation of the roadway connection on the west side of the roundabout is underway.
 - Installation of water and storm drainage lines will begin soon along the new roadway connection.

c. Flyover Project:

- The Highway 71B Flyover Project is under design by Jacobs Engineering of Fayetteville. They have completed the 90% level plans, and have received AHTD approval for these plans. Upcoming activities include:
 - Completion of final plans by Jacobs. Plan completion is expected by July 15th.
 - Submittal of final plans to AHTD, with a request for authorization to advertise for bids on the project. The project will be ready to advertise for bids upon receipt of authorization by AHTD.

d. Van Asche Drive:

- Van Asche Drive is under design by City staff. Documentation of environmental impacts is being completed by Garver Engineers. The Street Committee recently approved the street cross sections to be used on the project, and preliminary design is proceeding forward using the approved sections. Garver has completed the environmental document, and has been working with the US Army Corps of Engineers to get their comments before submitting to AHTD for final review. This coordination has been going on for over a year, and may soon impact the schedule of this project.

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
- Design work is scheduled to begin in late 2012, with construction planned for 2014.

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:

- Letters of interest were received from consultants interested in the project. Two consultants have been selected for further consideration.
- The proposed scope for design has been submitted to AHTD for review.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- A proposal from each of the selected consultants will be requested after the scope of work is approved by 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. A \$300k change order has been issued as well.
- City share of contract is \$6.45 million, including the change order.
- Work on the roadway is continuing by the contractor for AHTD:
 - Storm drain and drop inlets from Township to Old Wire being installed. Earthwork is also being installed in this area. Work on the subgrade and base course in this area will begin after storm drain and pipe work is complete.
 - Fill is being placed in the area just south of Joyce. The contractor plans to finish the grading

- and place base course in the near future, and is also placing curb in areas north of Old Wire where base course had previously been placed.
- Closure of Old Wire Rd east of Highway 265 to replace the bridge will happen this summer sometime before school is back in session. The closure will be for up to 9 days.

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
- All utility easements have been acquired; 37 of 38 were settled prior to condemnation. The remaining condemnation is the only outstanding case that has not been settled.
- Bids were received for construction of water and sewer improvements. Edwards Design and Construction will be the contractor on the project. Work is scheduled to begin within the next few weeks as soon as contract documents are prepared and signed.

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
- 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.
- Utility easement acquisition is complete. 52 easements were acquired by negotiation; the remaining 6 by condemnation. Three of the six condemnation cases have been settled to date.
- Construction is underway. The contractor has three crews on site, and is removing trees, installing water line near the south end of the project, and sewer line near the north end.