

City of Fayetteville ~ Transportation Improvement Bond Program ~ *Progress as of April 2009*

The Transportation Bond Issue includes 12 projects that will be designed, contracted, and administered by City Staff or consultants/contractors working for the City. All of these projects are underway and are in various stages of design or construction.

1 Wilson Park/Washington Willow Area Improvements

a. **Project Summary/Status**

- Includes traffic calming, intersection improvements at Gregg Avenue and North Street, bridge rehabilitation of Maple and Lafayette railroad bridges, and street enhancements along Gregg and West Avenues and Maple and Lafayette Streets.
- Total project budget is \$4.277 million.
- Traffic Calming Construction in Wilson Park and Washington Willow Neighborhoods is complete. Original budget: \$384,000. Final: \$205,000.
- Construction of improvements to Gregg Avenue is complete. Original budget: \$1,082,000; Final: \$690,000.

2 Cato Springs Rd. (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 Estimated Project Cost: \$5.07 million.
- Federal funding expected: \$2.72 million.

b. **Recent Actions:**

- The draft RFP for appraisal services has been prepared.

c. **Upcoming Activities:**

- AHTD was originally set to prepare property appraisals on the project; however, their workload will not allow appraisal preparation to begin until August. Therefore, staff has begun the process of procuring a contract appraiser for this work.
 - The RFP will be advertised this month. After the proposals are received, a contract with an appraiser will be negotiated, and appraisals can begin.
- ### d. **Schedule:**
- Under the original schedule, construction was to begin in 3rd quarter 2008.
 - The project is approx. 1 year behind schedule due to right of way delays.

3 Garland Avenue (Interstate 540 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 has been on hold until a decision was made regarding the alternate proposal for relocation of Hwy 112 to the northwest.

b. **Recent Actions:**

- Jacobs Engineer submitted preliminary plans to City.

c. **Upcoming Activities:**

- Review of preliminary plans.

4 & 5 (2 Projects Combined)

Mount Comfort Road (Interstate 540 to Ruppel Road)

a. **Project Summary/Status**

- Project includes intersection improvements at Mount Comfort/I540/Shiloh/Deane Solomon (Contract 1-\$5.428 million) and widening of Mount Comfort, from Ruppel to Alpine (Contract 2-\$6.235 million).
- Total Estimated Cost: \$11.663 million.
- Contract 1: Construction bids received and approved; approved bid amount: \$2,467,237.77. Construction Notice to Proceed: March 30, 2009.
- Contract 2: Right of way acquisition nearing completion; bids for construction due April 28, 2009.

b. **Recent Actions:**

- The construction permit from AHTD for Contract 1 is almost complete. The airspace agreement required as part of the permit has been signed, along with the traffic control device (signal) permit. The special permit for construction should be completed within a few weeks.
- Right of way acquisition on Contract 2 is nearing completion. 59 of 60 tracts have been secured by negotiation; the final tract is on the City Council agenda for condemnation.

c. **Upcoming Activities:**

- Acquisition of the AHTD permit for construction on Contract 1.
- Earthwork to continue for the new Shiloh Drive location north of Mount Comfort Road.
- Bids for construction for contract 2 to be received on April 28, 2009.
- Completion of condemnation for remaining property needed for contract 2.

6 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, to Washington Regional Hospital and 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 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/Northhills Blvd. The flyover and roundabout projects are approved for federal funding, and design on these projects is ongoing.

b. **Recent Actions:**

- Roundabout Project
 - o Environmental Documentation approved by AHTD.
 - o Preliminary plan preparation underway.
- Flyover Project
 - o The Break in Access Report (Step 1) has been approved by FHWA and AHTD.

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- o Revised Break In Access Step 2 Report has been submitted by the City for review by AHTD.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Roundabout Project
 - o Continued preparation of preliminary plans by Jacobs Engineering.
 - o Scheduling of utility coordination meeting to review utility relocation requirements.
 - o Preliminary meetings with affected property owners to discuss right of way acquisition.
- Flyover Project
 - o Completion of Break In Access approval.
 - o Preparation of preliminary plans to begin after BIA approval.

7 Ruppel Road (6th Street 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.
- Construction to begin 2013.

8 Zion Road (North College Avenue to Vantage Drive)

a. Project Summary/Status

- Widening to 3 lanes from College Avenue to Vantage Drive.
- Project is complete.
- Original Estimated Project Cost: \$2,540,000.
- Final Estimated Project Cost: \$2,310,000.

9 College Avenue (Rock to Maple)

a. Project Summary/Status

- Work includes sidewalk replacement, tree and landscaping installation, decorative lighting, and removal/reconfiguration of existing driveways to provide better access management and increase safety.
- Estimated project cost: \$1.8 million.
- Design Firm: McClelland Consulting Engineers (MCE).

b. Recent Actions:

- Completion of curb between Center and Spring Sts. (east side).
- Work began on the sidewalk between Center and Spring on the east side.
- Completed easement acquisition on the west side between Lafayette and Maple.
- Hill electric was directed to correct any poles that are not plumb.

c. Upcoming Activities:

- Continued work on sidewalks between Center and Meadow on east side.
- Installation of curb and gutter between Center and Meadow on west side.
- Installation/correction of trees and grates to proceed throughout project.
- Acquisition of right of way and easements on the east side between Maple and Lafayette.

The following four projects in the Bond Program will be designed, contracted, and administered by the AHTD or its consultants/contractors. The information listed has been provided by AHTD. Schedule information is based on AHTD workloads and on available funding.

10 & 11 Highway 16-Highway 71B to Stonebridge Road

- Includes 2 Bond Program Projects: 15th Street and Huntsville Road.
- Total project cost \$8.3 million.
- City Share is \$3.3 million.
- Construction is scheduled for 2010.
- Public Involvement Meeting was held by AHTD on March 31, 2009.
- AHTD is awaiting official comments from the City before proceeding with the design.

12 Crossover Road

- Total project cost is \$15.4 million.
- City share is \$7.7 million.
- Design by AHTD is complete
- Right of way acquisition (appraisals) by AHTD is in progress.

13 Garland Avenue (North Street to Melmar)

- Total project cost \$6.7 million.
- City Share is \$5.2 million.
- Construction is scheduled for 2010.
- Conceptual/schematic plans have been prepared by AHTD.
- A letter has been send regarding the Street Committee action on the cross section. AHTD is reviewing the cross section to determine how the cross section can be applied.

- Design Procurement Phase
- Study / Conceptual Design Phase
- Design Phase
- AHTD Projects
- Trail Improvements - Phase I
- Construction Phase
- Completed

