

To: Darrel Pyle, City Manager
From: Scott Sturtz, Interim Director of Public Works
Subject: Weekly Report
Date: September 4, 2024

Major Transportation Projects:

Gray Street Two-Way Conversion – University Boulevard to Porter Avenue:

On April 2, 2019, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a Bond Issue to finance the local share of nineteen transportation improvement projects. The Gray Street Two-Way 2019 Bond Project consists of the conversion of Gray Street from a one-way street to a two-way street between University Avenue and Porter Avenue, and the installation of streetscape elements along Gray Street. The intersection with James Garner Avenue will be entirely reconstructed to accommodate the future James Garner Phase 3 2019 Bond Project. In addition to the roadway and streetscape work, improvements are required to the railroad crossing just east of James Garner Avenue.

The total construction cost for the project is approximately \$7.5 million. Of that, approximately \$4.9 million will be paid by federal grants. The remaining \$2.6 million will be paid for through the City of Norman 2019 Bond Program.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation conducted a bid opening on March 21, 2024, for the Gray Street Two-Way 2019 Bond Project. The low bidder was Ellsworth Construction, LLC of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. ODOT awarded the project on April 1, 2024. Construction started on Monday, August 5, 2024, and there are 360 calendar days in the project. This timeframe will likely require just over a year to complete. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is administering the construction of this project, with the assistance of WSB.

Proposed improvements include:

- New sidewalks
- Conversion to reverse angle parking for on-street spaces
- New decorative roadway lighting
- Landscaping
- Decorative paving elements
- New curb and gutter
- New decorative traffic signals
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- Revised signing and striping for two-way operation
- Reconstruction of the James Garner Avenue intersection
- New gates and controls for two-way operation of the railroad crossing

The contractor is working on the following construction items this week and next week:

- North lane closed between Peters Avenue and Porter Avenue
- *Continue subgrade preparation for pavement reconstruction from Porter Avenue to Crawford Avenue*
- Drilling of light pole bases and installation of electrical conduit
- Begin pavement reconstruction between Peters Avenue and Porter Avenue



Grading and subgrade preparation continues from Peters Avenue to Porter Avenue

Development:

The Villages, a Planned Unit Development (PUD)

The Villages, is generally located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Imhoff Road and Oakhurst Avenue. This final plat consists of 16.32 acres, 109 single family dwellings, and 5 common acres. The street layout consists of interior streets ending in a cul-de-sac. An emergency access is being provided as a secondary point of access during emergencies.

Public improvements consist of sanitary sewer, water line, storm sewer, curb and gutter, paving, and sidewalks. Stormwater runoff will be conveyed to 2 detention facilities that will be maintained by the property owners association. All public improvements have been installed and accepted by the City. The builders are currently constructing homes throughout the development.



The Villages – New Home Construction

Varenda Landing Addition Section 2, a Planned Unit Development

Varenda Landing Addition Section 2, a PUD is generally located on the north side of East Lindsey Street approximately ¼ mile east of 24th Ave SE. This final plat consists of 5.9 acres and 37 single family residential lots. There are no lots left to be final platted in this development.

Public improvements consist of sanitary sewer, water line, curb and gutter, paving, and sidewalks. An existing privately maintained detention facility will be utilized for the conveyance of storm water. The paving contractor has completed the subdivision paving; all public improvements have been installed. The developer is currently constructing homes throughout the development.



Varenda Landing Addition Section 2 – Homes Under Construction

Sidewalks:

FYE 2025 Sidewalk Concrete Projects

This project was awarded to Arroyo's Concrete LLC on 7/23/2024 and construction recently started. This contract includes city-wide sidewalk reconstruction projects, sidewalk accessibility projects, sidewalk program for schools and arterials projects, downtown area sidewalks and curbs, and sidewalks and trails. This contract will be on-going through June of 2025.



Flood Multimodal Path

This project was awarded to Parathon Construction and started construction on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. This contract includes a 10' wide multi-use path along the west side of Flood Avenue from Robinson Street to Tecumseh Road. Construction is expected to be completed in December 2024.



Street Maintenance Bond:

FYE 2025 Urban Concrete Bid 1

On Tuesday, April 6, 2021, Norman residents voted to approve the issuance of \$27 million in bonds to fund the resurfacing, rehabilitation and reconstruction of neighborhood streets as part of a 5-year, 5-category program. The five categories include (1) Asphalt Pavement Street Rehabilitation, (2) Urban Concrete Street Rehabilitation, (3) Urban Road Reconstruction, (4) Rural Road Rehabilitation, and (5) Preventive Maintenance. The FYE 2025 urban concrete street rehabilitation locations were bid out in two separate bid packages.

The project includes select panel replacement in existing concrete streets. Curb replacement and ADA curb ramp improvements will be completed as necessary. The project covers approximately 2.3 miles of city streets.

This work is scheduled to begin the week of September 2, 2024.

FYE 2025 Urban Concrete Bid 2

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The project includes select panel replacement in existing concrete streets. Curb replacement and ADA curb ramp improvements will be completed as necessary. The project covers approximately 2.8 miles of city streets.

This work began on August 26, 2024.

This week and next week the contractor will be working on Mobile Circle.



Stormwater:

Drainage Rehabilitation Project

The City of Norman's Stormwater Division is responsible for the maintenance of a vast network of stormwater inlets, flumes, vegetated channels, and storm sewer lines. Many of the City's inlets are decades old and built of brick and mortar. Over time, the brick and mortar inlets have demanded an outsized maintenance effort.

Intent on reducing the maintenance burden and building off of the success of FYE 2023 Inlet Rehabilitation Project, staff has continued to add locations to the list of inlets and other drainage infrastructure in most need of replacement. This is a city-wide project. This project will also construct a concrete flume in the vicinity of Rowena Lane where homeowners have experienced excessive standing water due to the poor drainage conditions that are present currently.

The Drainage Rehabilitation Project will affect all wards in the City. Construction activities include removal of old brick and mortar inlet structures and construction of new concrete inlet structures, removal and replacement of sidewalk, and construction of a new flexamat-lined channel and flume. Such construction activities are necessary to improve the condition of the city's stormwater infrastructure and decrease the required maintenance intervals.

This week and next week the contractor will be replacing the inlets located at Broce Drive.



Bridge Maintenance Bond: **60th Ave NE Bridge Replacement Project**

On June 27, 2024, City Council awarded the construction contract K-2324-77 to K & R Builders, Inc. for the construction of the 60th Avenue NE bridge (NBI No. 09189) over Rock Creek. Construction started on August 20, 2024. Work is scheduled to last 165 days.



The 60th Ave NE Bridge is scheduled to be the first project completed for the Bridge Maintenance Bond Program which was approved by Norman voters on October 10, 2023.

The contractor is currently working on the following construction items this week and next week:

- Additional clearing
- Installation of low-water crossing
- Benching for pile placement



Traffic:

For the week beginning Monday, September 9, 2024, the radar speed-feedback trailers will be deployed to the following locations:

- Augusta Drive between Cobblestone Creek Drive and Sawgrass Drive [Ward 7]
- Crail Drive between 36th Avenue NW and Astor Drive [Ward 8]
- Grill Avenue between Beaumont Drive and Memphis Drive [Ward 1]

There were no traffic calming inquiries during the past week.