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## **Major Transportation Projects:**

### **James Garner Avenue Phase 2 – Acres Street to Flood Avenue:**

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation conducted a bid opening on October 20, 2022, for the James Garner Avenue Norman Forward Project. The low bidder was Redlands Contracting, LLC of Warr Acres, Oklahoma, with a construction cost of \$7,820,000. Approximately \$4.8 million of this will be paid from federal grant funds. The remainder is paid for with Norman Forward funding.

ODOT awarded the project on November 7, 2022. This project has a 460-calendar day construction schedule, which will likely result in summer 2024 completion. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is administering the construction of this project, with the assistance of Smith Roberts Baldischwiler.

The project involves the following items:

- Construction of a new roadway extension of James Garner Avenue beginning from just north of Acres Street adjacent to the Norman Municipal Library and extending north of Robinson Street to connect to Flood Avenue.
- New multilane roundabout intersection between the Flood Avenue and the new James Garner extension
- A new vehicular and pedestrian bridge over Robinson Street with aesthetics honoring James Garner as the roadway's namesake.
- Reconstruction and extension of the Legacy Trail with improved pedestrian lighting.
- Low Impact Development such as plantings and landscaping in the roadway medians and at bridge abutments to filter runoff and help prevent erosion.
- Reconfigured connections between local streets from Johnson Street to Himes Street.
- Decorative roadway lighting and landscaping.

As of the last pay application on 2/29/2024, 68% of the total contract amount has been expended. Through 2/29/24, 60% of the contract time had expired.

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

- Strip bridge forms
- Construct remainder of paving to south bridge approach
- Install decorative paving in Robinson St. median under the bridge and in truck apron for roundabout
- Reopen lanes on Robinson Avenue (intermittent temporary lane closures will still be necessary for specific bridge construction operations, but roadway will be open normally).
- *Install decorative paving on east half of roundabout*
- *Install landscaping terraces adjacent to bridge*

