





MEMO TO: Council Community Planning and Transportation Committee
FROM: Scott Sturtz, P.E., CFM, City Engineer 
THROUGH: Shawn O'Leary, P.E., CFM, Director of Public Works 
DATE: October 26, 2023
SUBJECT: Project Update James Garner Avenue Phase 2- Acres Street to Flood Avenue

Background

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, which is a private construction management firm.

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 multi-lane 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.

Updates

As of the last pay application on 9/30/2023, 33% of the total contract amount has been expended. Through 8/31/23, 34% of the contract time had expired.


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


- Continue construction of Legacy Trail south of Robinson Street
- Drill and pour bridge pier shafts

The primary focus of work over the next few months will be the bridge construction over Robinson Street, by sub-contractor, Treas Construction. During this time frame, Redlands Contracting will be working on paving James Garner north of Robinson Street, continued Legacy Trail construction, final grading and sodding of completed areas. One of the very last items of work will be to construct the new roundabout that connects the new James Garner segment of roadway to Flood Avenue.



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SUBJECT: Project Update Porter Avenue Streetscape- Alameda Street to Robinson Street

Background

On April 2, 2019, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a Bond Issue to finance the local share of nineteen (19) transportation improvement projects. One of the nineteen bond projects is the Porter Avenue Streetscape Project. The Porter Avenue Streetscape Project consists of design and construction of streetscape elements along the Porter Avenue corridor between Robinson Avenue on the north and Alameda Street on the south. The total construction cost for the project is approximately \$5.1 million. Of that, approximately \$2.8 million will be paid by federal grant. The remaining \$2.3 million will be paid for through the City of Norman 2019 Bond Program.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation conducted a bid opening on October 20, 2022, for the Porter Avenue Streetscape Bond Project. The low bidder was SAC Services, Inc. of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. ODOT awarded the project on November 7, 2022. This project is expected to be complete in Spring of 2024. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is administering the construction of this project, with the assistance of Atkins North America, Inc., which is a private construction management firm.

Proposed improvements include:

- New sidewalks
- Driveway consolidation or elimination (access management)
- Decorative roadway and pedestrian lighting
- Landscaping
- New curb and gutter
- New Decorative Traffic Signals
- Pedestrian safety improvements

Updates

As of the last pay application on 8/31/2023, 28% of the total contract amount has been expended. Through 8/31/23, 59% of the contract time has been expended. City staff anticipate that all of the hard scape components of the project will be completed in early 2024 and the plant installations will occur in early spring 2024 to complete the project.

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

- Complete sidewalk paving at various locations left open for electrical and irrigation installation
- Remove and reconstruct Rich Street east side intersection paving
- Storm Sewer Construction Between Frank Street and Johnson Street east side
- Reconstruct curbs, sidewalk and decorative paving between Hughbert St. and Johnson St. east side

As the above-mentioned east side work is completed, the contractor will continue working on the east side moving northward, block by block to the end of the project at Robinson Street. When the east side is complete, the contractor will move to the west side of the project doing the same sidewalk, curb, street light poles bases, etc. between Robinson Street to Hughbert Street. Once all of the sidewalk and curb work is completed, the roadway surface will receive a mill and overly with new pavement marking installations. Street lighting and traffic signal installations will occur as soon as items are available. Planter and tree installations will likely both occur toward the end of the project.