

**FEBRUARY 4, 2025
WEST MONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ENGINEERING UPDATE
L&A, INC. PROJECT NO. 25E038.00**

Kiroli Walk Trail Improvements

- Benchmark Construction Group is under construction

Sunshine Heights Drainage Improvements

- Plans, specifications & cost estimate submitted to the State in January for review & approval

North 3rd Street Improvements

- Bentz Construction Group is under construction

City Street Evaluation & Report

- Continuing traffic counts & recounts (counter errors & checks only)

West Monroe Sports Complex Additional Parking

- Preliminary plans are complete

Downtown Utility Survey & Preliminary Engineering

- Processing survey data to draft field rolls for coordination with utility survey company
- Title research for parcel information
- Electrical designer has prepared initial drawings for existing electrical, communications, cameras, signals, and street lighting utilities

Constitution Drive Improvements

- Commercial Parkway to Short Constitution Drive
- DRA funded Project (CIF) LA-7332
- Topographic Survey complete, drafting survey info & plan preparation
- Geotechnical report is complete & submitted
- Public works has recorded TV camera footage of underground drainage facilities and reporting no issues with existing facilities that would need repair during the project construction.

Cotton Street Water & Sewer Utility Improvements

- Pine Street to Wood Street
- DRA Funded Project (SEDAP) LA-7333
- Topographic survey in progress

LGAP/CWEF Funding Applications

- Prepare funding applications for utility improvements
- Met with public works to determine the scope of work & limits of work to apply for funding
- Preparing application forms, support letters, scope descriptions, and cost estimates

Downing Pines Road: Roundabout at Mane Street

- State Project Number H.016019
- Entity/State Agreement in Process
- Original funding request submitted in March 2023
 - Total Project Cost = \$4,500,000 (2023 Estimate)
 - Federal Share (80%) = \$3,600,000
 - Local Share (20%) = \$900,000
- Attached original submittal for recap of project information

**Community Project Funding Request Guidance/Questionnaire
DOT Highway**

Organization Information

Organization: City of West Monroe

Organization Phone: 318-396-2600

Street Address: 2305 North 7th Street

City: West Monroe

State: Louisiana

Zip Code: 71291

Point of Contact Information

Louisiana Point of Contact Name: Staci Albritton Mitchell

Louisiana Point of Contact Title: Mayor

Street Address: 2305 North 7th Street

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D.C. Point of Contact Name:

D.C. Point of Contact Title:

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Email Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Community Project Funding Request Information

Title of Request: West Monroe Commercial Park Roundabout Project

Subcommittee: Transportation

Department/Agency/Account: Department of Transportation

Physical Location of Project:

Intersection of Downing Pines Road, Mane Street, and Short Constitution Drive located in West Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

General description of the project and why it is needed:

The City of West Monroe proposes a roundabout project to increase vehicular traffic flow, improve safety, and increase job growth. The Roundabout project will be built at the intersection of Downing Pines Road, Mane Street and Short Constitution Drive. The proposed project will service the Ike Hamilton Expo, Sports Complex, Hotels, Businesses and Restaurant Row. The project benefits include safety benefits & economic benefits. Roundabouts provide a safer method for vehicles to maneuver through an intersection & greatly reduce right angle crashes, and the traveling public will be able to access the commercial park in a safer and more efficient manner. A roundabout at this key intersection will increase public safety and assist with economic development in an area which is a key component of the City's smart growth policy.

Amount requested for the community project:

The total project investment is estimated at \$4.5 Million and the City of West Monroe is committed to matching 20% in local funds (\$900,000).

Total project cost:

The total project investment is \$4.5 Million Dollars. 80% Federal/20% Local Match.

Construction=\$3,329,000
Contingencies=\$455,000
Engineering=\$334,000
CE&I=\$182,000
Right-of-Way=\$200,000
Total=\$4,500,000

Estimated Start and Completion Dates:

Notice of Project Funding Award: June 2024.

Surveying/Engineering: June 2024 – September 2024

Public Bid: September 2024 – October 2024

Construction Contracts & Bonds: October 2024 – November 2024

Construction: November 2024 – May 2025

Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months of enactment?

Yes

If applicable, is this project authorized by Congress or Department Secretary?

N/A

Amount requested for the community project:

\$3,600,000 Federal funding

Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds? Yes, \$900,000 in local funds.

Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?

No.

Where is the project in the construction process? (Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, Right of Way, Capital purchase or lease, Construction) Early stages of planning in project development. No construction at this time.

Was the project on a State, Tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2021? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.

Yes.

<https://northdelta.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Monroe-2045-MTP-Tech-Report-5-Plan-Development.pdf>

Plan Sheet 109, Table 10.3

Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan (ex. North Carolina STIP, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council TIP) the ID Number comes from.

Project ID LI-1

From the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Monroe Metropolitan Planning Organization, TECHNICAL REPORT #5 (<https://northdelta.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Monroe-2045-MTP-Tech-Report-5-Plan-Development.pdf>)

Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants. No federal funds directly toward this project at this time.

If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.

N/A. \$3,600,000 in Federal funding & \$900,000 in local funding is expected to fully fund the project.

Does this project have broad community support?

Yes, a list of local community officials & industry partners supporting the project are listed below.

Who will be signing a letter of support for this request?

Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell

State Representative Foy Gadberry

State Senator Jay Morris

Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau

Various Hotels along Mane Street located near the project

KTVE Television Station

Retail Strategies

Interstate Dodge

Financial Institution Services Corporation

Voith US, Inc.
