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SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report –August, 2013

1. Covell Widening: Fairfax Office Park to I-35

The Covell and I-35 development group has delivered the plans to the City’s consultant for the project (Triad Design Group). Our engineering staff is now working to complete the roadway design in determining what right-of-way is required and which utilities will need to be relocated. Our staff will also submit an application in the December funding cycle to include this project for ACOG (ODOT) funding.

An estimated \$11.75M is allocated for this project, which includes \$9.8M from ODOT and \$1.95 in matching City funds from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

2. Sales Tax

We have had two very good months to start the new fiscal year. Our second check is 21.4% above the actual collections from our 11-12 fiscal year, and cumulatively through two months we are now 19.3% above our 6% budget projection. (You will recall we did not use last year’s collections as a benchmark because we believe last year was an anomaly—for the first two months we are 1% below last year’s collections.)

3. Willowood Drainage Improvements

Bids were opened this week, and the apparent low bidder is Crossland Heavy Contractors at approximately \$3.1M. The low bid is within the engineer’s estimate. Staff is currently reviewing the bids and we hope to have a formal recommendation at your August 26th meeting.

The City’s estimated 25% share of around \$800,000 is included in this year’s budget, with the remaining 75% provided by a FEMA grant received through the engineering department last year. The project will increase the limits and capacity of the drainage channel and also allow more water to flow to and from the area.

4. Communication and Information Technology (IT) Improvements

The recent trenching and boring that has been occurring along Boulevard and Danforth is associated with several communications projects that are either underway or planned for the immediate future. Conduit is being installed to house fiber optic cable that will provide voice/data access from our downtown campus to the new data center. Conduit is also being run north of Danforth along Boulevard to Covell where it will connect to conduit that was previously run as part of the Covell widening street project. This will allow the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) and the new Edmond Recreation Aquatic Center (ERAC) to be connected to the new data center as well. (The MAC is currently connected via a leased line.) The extension of fiber optic cable in this area of the city will also provide data communications for the expansion of the Intelligent Traffic System (ITS).

Right now our data center is still located in our downtown campus. To complete our plans to move the data center to the new IT building we need to have this fiber optic cabling complete and install standby power to the building (you approved the purchase of a natural gas standby generator in June, and it should be delivered in the next couple of months). During this interim period an enclosure wall will be built on the northwest side of the new building, and natural gas will also be extended.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Stevens
City Manager