

# M E M O



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### 1. *33rd & Broadway Intersection Improvements*

The contractor (Allen Contracting) has completed most of the work on the southbound thru lanes and is currently working on the southbound to eastbound left turn lanes. The northbound traffic has been realigned to allow room for the installation of the storm sewer. The traffic lanes have been reduced on 33rd to avoid driver confusion, and the existing signals are being modified to coincide with the traffic switches.

This ODOT project began in July, and the estimated time frame for completion remains about a year. The contract amount is \$5.44M, and the City's 20% share is about \$1.1M, coming from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

### 2. *Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)*

We are working with ODOT to get the contractor (Mid-State Traffic Control) to complete the remaining pieces of Phase I, including installation of the remaining conduit in front of UCO, the remaining mechanical cabinet at Bauman, and replacing left turn signal heads. The contractor has asked ODOT for additional work days, and some will probably be granted. The cost of Phase I is about \$3M, with the City's 20% share allocated from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

The design of Phase II improvements is close to completion and will include 26 intersections along Broadway, and funding options are being reviewed. At this time, the estimated price tag for Phase II is also \$3M.

### 3. *Water Storage and Maintenance Facility Upgrades at Golf Course*

Staff has been reviewing different options for long-term sustainable water supply for the golf course. As you know, the current water storage tank developed problems last spring and temporary repairs were needed to allow the tank to be used for the rest of the current season and for a few years into the future, but our people are trying to identify the most viable long-term option. Through an RFP process Poe and Associates was selected to review the situation for both permanent water storage and supply. One option to be

considered is the harvesting of rainwater from the course, diverting this water to storage tanks that can be pumped to a central storage facility on the course. This option would also have a positive impact on concerns expressed by some adjacent property owners in light of unusually large rains received earlier this year. Staff is excited about this possibility as a viable alternative, depending on the costs involved.

The study will also review the efficiency of the irrigation system, where improvements might help reduce overall water needs at the course. Funding for water storage issues has not yet been determined due to unknown costs at this time.

Because the water storage concerns have been the top priority since the problems developed, the time frame for a new maintenance facility has been delayed as the location needs to be further reviewed in light of the storage option that is ultimately selected. Our people are considering a pre-fabricated chemical storage building as well as a separate storage area for bulk materials. These buildings will be funded through the Park Tax Fund.

#### **4. *Groundbreaking for Spring Creek Trail***

This long-awaited project will be formally initiated at 9 a.m. on the morning on Saturday, Oct. 24th, at the site of proposed Wellness Park at the intersection of Fox Lake Lane along the I-35 frontage road. The 3.2 mile trail will run from this park under the interstate to Spring Creek Park at Arcadia Lake. This trail is completely City-funded, with the entire \$2.9M coming from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

The groundbreaking will also kick off the private fundraising effort by the Arcadia Lake Coalition to raise funds to help with the construction of the remaining planned trail around the entire lake.

#### **5. *Sales Tax***

Through the first four months of the fiscal year sales tax collections remain healthy, although still slightly below our budget projection. September collections were only nominally above last year (.78%), and we are now cumulatively 1.9% ahead of last year as compared to our 2.5% budget estimate.

Respectfully submitted,

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