

# M E M O



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## ***1. Library Parking Lot Expansion***

This project has now been completed, and these additional 29 spaces will certainly help to address long-standing parking concerns by library patrons. Seventeen spaces have been added in the lot, and twelve additional Streetscape-style spaces were also added as general public parking on 1st Street just east of the Library lot. Entrance improvements were also added at both access points for the lot.

The cost of the project is \$215,336, with the City contributing \$140,336 from the General Fund and the Metro Library System contributing \$75,000.

## ***2. Curbside Limb and Tree Collection: Ice Storm***

This project was recently completed, and judging from the feedback our residents were very pleased with the project. About **150,000 cubic yards** of debris was collected by both our City people and a private contractor (Arbor Masters).

The total City cost was over \$1.5M, and of course this entire amount was an unbudgeted expense. Because the federal government approved the disaster declaration request from Governor Fallin, we should be reimbursed at some point for between 87.5% and 95% of our total expenses.

Special thanks goes to Keith Stewart, our Field Services Superintendent who was the City's point person for the collection project, and Mike Magee, our Emergency Management Coordinator who was our point person for gathering and submitting all the internal information required for the City's reimbursement request.

**3. Turn Lanes on Covell at both Santa Fe and Bryant Intersections**

We are still in the right-of-way acquisition stage for both intersections. Three of the necessary easements have been obtained and our people think we're close on two more. The roadway plans are basically complete, so once the right-of-way is acquired the utility relocations can begin. At that point we will bid the project.

We want to move forward as quickly as possible with these turn lanes. The funding will come from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

**4. Sales Tax**

We are now three-quarters of the way through the fiscal year, and this monthly check reflects sales tax collections from the second half of January and the first half of February. The check is again below projections, 1.12% as compared to the 2.5% annual budget projection. For the year we are now a "net" .65% above last year, and the net percentage reflects the reduced amount being retained by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. This is the third consecutive month that our cumulative percentage has decreased, but we are still slightly above last year.

Respectfully submitted,

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