

# M E M O



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SUBJECT:	Monthly Progress Report – November, 2016			

### ***1. Covell Widening: Fairfax Lane to I-35***

The contractor (Allen Contracting) remains on schedule to complete this project within the identified time frame established by ODOT, which includes 310 calendar days that began accruing in June.

The traffic flow has been moved back to the eastbound lanes of Covell so that the westbound lanes can be cut to grade. The grading work on Sooner has been completed, and also the new concrete pavement for the northbound section of Sooner north of Covell. The retaining wall east of Sooner will soon be completed as well, and the asphalt base will be installed on Sooner south of Covell in the next two weeks.

This project involves a \$12.5M contract, with the City contributing \$6.6M from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax and ODOT contributing \$5.9M.

### ***2. Hotel/Conference Center at I-35 & Covell***

This major companion project also remains on target for the identified completion date, which is before the end of calendar year 2017. The framing of the conference center portion of the building is progressing as is the block work of the hotel portion as it starts building on the second of what will be 6 floors. Based on pay estimates through October the project is 23% completed.

### ***3. Spring Creek Trail Construction***

This project includes a 3.2 mile trail that is 18' wide that will run from the west side of I-35 to Spring Creek Park. It will accommodate, pedestrian, jogging and bicycle use. An approximate 300 foot section of bad soils has been identified in the middle of the trail. As a result a stronger base is needed in this section and final pricing should be received soon.

The contractor (Rudy Construction) has nearly completed the final subgrade work from the east end of the trail to this problem section. This soil problem, in addition to the earlier gas line issue and the wet spring, will mean the trail will not be completed this fall. However, the hope is still to get some asphalt installed before winter and a spring opening is now the target date.

The plan is still to add an additional trail section to the gate entrance at Spring Creek Park, with funding provided by a grant and matching funds from the Parks Tax. The existing contract without this additional section is \$3M, all coming from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

#### ***4. Sales Tax***

Our fifth monthly check of the fiscal year reflects sales tax collections from the second half of September and the first half of October. We remain below our zero-growth budget projection, but there was a slight improvement in the cumulative number from a month ago. We are now about 2.7% below the annual projection, a little better than the 3% total after four months.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager