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SUBJECT:	Monthly Progress Report –March, 2018			

1. One-Way Frontage Roads along I-35

We have been talking with ODOT for the past several years concerning our mutual interest in getting this critical project accomplished. After a recent meeting with ODOT Secretary Mike Patterson and Chief Engineer Brian Taylor we have some good news, as this project is now included in the 8-year ODOT formal work plan.

This project continues to become a more important priority for both safety and congestion concerns as we experience more traffic volume along the segment of I-35 in Edmond. ODOT has told us that there were over 800 accidents along this corridor in a 5-year period, including 10 fatalities. Exit and entrance ramps continue to become more clogged and more dangerous.

The plan is to convert the current two-way access roads to one-way roads, and construct what are commonly known as “Texas Turnarounds”, which would be additional single-lane structures added to existing bridges across the interstate. These turnarounds would be signal-free and would actually result in *reduced* access times for traffic moving from one direction on the interstate to a location on the opposite side.

No existing right-of-way will be needed, and the construction of the turnarounds can be accomplished without closing existing bridge lanes. ODOT will provide the largest part of the funding for this project. Over the past couple of years we have met with both Integris and Mercy Hospitals, EMSA, and businesses along the corridor as well as the general public. The Chamber also made this their #1 State Legislative Priority for the year. Our goal now is to determine what options we have to accelerate this project in the 8-yr. queue.

2. Demolition of old PD Facility

Earlier this month the old Police Department facility was advertised for demolition, and we anticipate a contractor recommendation coming to you at one of your April meetings. The long-term plan for this site will include a relocation of the City offices in currently leased space near Main and Broadway. City staff is also looking at potential short-term

uses, including an option to convert the space into a food truck park which include horseshoes, bean bag toss, and other lawn games.

3. Thomas Drive Realignment and Water Tower Construction

The realignment of Thomas Drive involves moving the road to the east side of student parking lot at Edmond North HS to enhance pedestrian and vehicle safety. The current work includes the curb and gutter, and then asphalt paving from John Ross Elementary south to the HS parking lot. Access to the elementary school will be reopened this week. The remaining road section north to Covell (without the surface course) will be reopened to traffic either later this month or in early April.

Significant progress continues on the new water tower also being constructed at the NE corner, and this project remains on target for completion around the end of this year.

4. AC Caplinger Baseball Fields at Hafer Park

The design work is now completed on this project (concept sketch), and staff recently met with the architect and the EASI to discuss the phasing details and develop costs for the entire project. The estimated time frame and areas to be improved are as follows:

- Advertise for construction bids: September of this year
- Phase 1 (east side of complex): November 2019 to June 2020
- Phase 2 (west side of complex): July 2020 to September 2020
- Phase 3 (remaining items): October 2020 to March 2021

The 2000 capital improvements sales tax is the funding for this project, with an initial budget estimate of \$3M.

5. Sales/Use Tax

Sales tax collections continue to trend upward over the previous year even though the 1.8% increase continues a general two-month decline. For the year however, we still have a very respectable 4.2% increase over last year.

Use tax collections had to go down from last month's record 79% and they did, but we were still up almost 30% from last March. The year-to-date increase is 36.9%.

Our combined YTD increase in sales/use tax revenue for the first nine months of the fiscal year is 9.6%, only a slight decline from the 9.9% at the end of last month.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Stevens