

# M E M O



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## 1. Sales/Use Tax

These figures represent the first 10 months of our current fiscal year. *The collection period includes the last two weeks of February and estimations for the first two weeks in March, resulting in very limited information concerning the impact of the current COVID-19 situation.*

For the year sales tax collections are up a little more than 6%, compared to 6.6% a month ago. Use tax collections actually increased slightly for the year, to 11.4% from 10.5%, reflecting an increase in online sales. Combined sales and use tax for the first ten months is 7.1%, down slightly from the 7.4% total at the end of last month. All of these numbers compare very favorably with our 2% annual growth projection for sales tax and the 5% projection for use tax.

## 2. Railroad Quiet Zone

The contractor (Rudy Construction) will be installing conduit under and around the BNSF tracks at Danforth before the end of April to meet a deadline for the BNSF to install the communication cable. The contractor will then begin the median improvements portion of the project at Sorghum Mill during the week of May 4th.

The current schedule identifies the end of October for completion of construction. Our people will be working with the railroad during the entire process so that the BNSF and the Federal Railroad Administration can officially certify the Quiet Zone as quickly as possible after construction is finished.

The total estimated cost of around \$4M is entirely the City's responsibility and will come from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

### ***3. City/Edmond Public Schools Tennis Center***

Progress continues toward final completion of this joint project as the contractor (Key Construction) recently enclosed the indoor courts and installed all the indoor and outdoor court lights. All interior doors, other interior lights, cabinet hardware, lockers and bathrooms will soon be completed as well. Some of the outdoor courts are starting to be surfaced, but recent rains have slowed this work. The project is targeted for completion in June.

The \$16.5M complex includes six indoor courts, 24 outdoor courts and a clubhouse/locker room facility. The City and Edmond Public Schools are equally sharing expenses, with the bulk of the City's funding coming from the 2017 repurposed capital improvements sales tax.

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

*Definition: ITS includes the use of field devices, communications infrastructure and computer systems to improve traffic safety and mobility during congested periods, construction activities, maintenance activities and traffic collisions and other emergencies.*

Phase II is nearing completion. This phase includes 22 signalized intersections and 3 school zone locations along Broadway, Danforth and Covell, with all of these locations being connected to our new downtown Traffic Management Center. When the current testing of the fiber cable is completed the ethernet switches will be installed and tested to ensure communication between the intersections and the TMC. The project is tentatively scheduled for completion around the end of May.

ODOT is administering the project and providing 80% of the funding. The City's 20% share is coming from the 2000 sales tax.

The Phase III project has been approved for 80% ODOT funding (\$9.2M), and will include 22 intersections on 15th Street from I-35 to Santa Fe, and Kelly from Danforth to 33rd.

Respectfully submitted

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