The River Just Keeps On Rolling

he Arkansas River in Tulsa County never stops just as citizen and official interest in river development never ends. Progress continues regardless of the ebb and flow of public debate on development packages. From the delineation of Tulsa County's borders it is clear that capturing the big bend of the Arkansas River and its 42 miles in length was important to metropolitan Tulsa.

During the planning process for Vision 2025, citizens spoke strongly in support of river development. However, development involving water features is highly regulated and requires

exhaustive planning. In advance of a specific plan, officials included \$10 million within the 4-to-Fix The County and Vision 2025 public infrastructure packages

to address needs known at the time. Concurrently, citizens,

With that plan, Federal funding was made

River within Tulsa County.

Tulsa County

possible and the U.S. Water Resources Development Act of 2007 included \$50

million to help. This money is authorized but not yet appropriated, so when it will be available for the Master Plan remains a question only action within the U.S. Congress will determine. In 2008 the Oklahoma Legislature included \$25 million within a bond package to fund the Master Plan, and other public and

private grants are being solicited. The design firm CH2M Hill was engaged and engineering details and costs are being determined, but earlier projections expected the fundamentals of three low water dams and pedestrian crossings (Sand Springs, Jenks and the Zink Dam reconstruction), white water recreation development, and environmental recovery to range

around \$100 million, Not all of that

necessary money has been identified, but \$85 million has and that is a good start as the planning and permitting process continues.

The Master Plan has received strong support, cooperation and additional

leadership from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Implementation of the Master Plan is incremental and long-term, but ongoing. Arkansas River development in Tulsa County is underway.

The Arkansas River is the most significant

geological feature of Tulsa County. River development, moving forward, provides an

> opportunity to show the world how well a metropolitan area can develop a magnificent natural water feature. Each municipality may develop plans for their respective portions of the riverbank, but the Master Plan and effort of Tulsa County is focused on building low water dams and other in-river features that better manage

the existing water flow to maintain consistent visible water levels, while also stabilizing the banks and improving the river's wildlife habitat.

It is no longer a wild prairie river, but a hydroriver altered by a Federal project - the Keystone Dam - which also altered, if not damaged, the natural life of the river. Within the near future, another series of public meetings will be held throughout Tulsa County to explain river development to date, to gain further public comment and to present information about

> future activities and schedules. This effort has been one of the most open and frequently discussed public building projects in Tulsa County's history. We hope you will take time to attend.

Tulsa County, with public input and

the active cooperation of area municipalities, continues detailed work required to build, over time, an environmentally sound, recreationally attractive and commercially viable "best case" example of how man and nature may flourish together. ??

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government leaders and experts in the fields of engineering, water management, environment and natural resources conservation began to develop the Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan. Nearly three years later and after more than 60 public meetings, that Master Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners, city councils and planning agencies throughout Tulsa County. For the first time in history, we have a comprehensive restoration, beautification and economic development plan for the 42 miles of Arkansas

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LaFortune Park Multiplies Benefits of Vision 2025

 he originating philosophy of Vision 2025 was "seed projects" or, said another way, public projects that provide a springboard for additional projects to advance community goals from north to south, east to west throughout Tulsa County. The Tulsa County Park Department results at LaFortune Park are a dramatic example of this multiplying

Now open at 5202 South Hudson Avenue, the Buddy LaFortune Community Center, named for the long-time Tulsa County Park Board Chairman, replaces a tiny building on the Yale Avenue side of the park. The entire space of the old community center would fit within just one of the new rooms. The new community center connects to remnants of a historic brick structure that was once a portion of the longgone Tulsa County Poor Farm, and the historic portion now houses art and pottery classes and

activities. The new half-court basketball gym can also host adult volleyball games and dance classes, and the new reception room can be rented for family reunions, weddings or other events. All of these new spaces allow the activities to be taking place at the same time.

Tulsa County Parks Director Richard Bales said, "The Community Center is the completion of a 25-year dream to bring recreational programs to the park to complement the other activities the park has offered the citizens of Tulsa County for years. Tulsa County parks serve both citizens and visitors and, as budgets allow, will grow based on public response to our programs. Public comment to date on LaFortune's new facilities and services has been tremendously enthusiastic."

Making the center unique in Tulsa County is its status as the only major facility in the area to join with a library in sharing space. The community center has 13,000 square feet, the Herman and Kate Kaiser Library has 10,000

square feet, and the two facilities are connected by a shared entry rotunda. The Community Center was funded

25-year dream..." by Vision 2025 and the library and sculpture garden were funded entirely by private donors,

"The Community Center is

the completion of a

The Buddy LaFortune Community Center

Hills Mall was moved near 93rd and Memorial. Kilmer said, "The people in this area were no longer easily served by the Tulsa City-County Library system. The intent was to find land

the lead donation coming from the Herman

says the collaboration began about six years

ago when the library located by Woodland

Glenda Kilmer, Branch Manager of the library,

Kaiser Foundation.

somewhere between Memorial and Harvard along 51st Street to locate a new branch to serve this midtown area. In discussion, County officials and Library officials decided that with Vision 2025 there was an opportunity to multiply efforts. Tulsa County owns the land, but it is leased to the library system for \$1 for 99 years," Kilmer added.

"This location is wonderful because we have so many windows that look out on the park. The architect sited the building not due east

> and west, but so we would have that beautiful view of the pond and the Gardens of LaFortune," Kilmer said.

"We opened June 23 and already our traffic at this location is up 57 percent from the previous site. Of those who visited in the first

few months, over 600 did not even have a library card," Kilmer added.

The library is not the only multiplier of Vision 2025 in this location as Melissa McCorkle, Director of Tennis Operations for Tulsa County Parks is proud to note. Immediately adjacent to the Community Center and Kaiser Branch Library is the LaFortune Tennis Center.

"We have 12 existing courts that have been very popular, but were built in the 1970s and have earned a complete renovation. We are busting at the seams with our Tulsa tennis people," said McCorkle.

The plan for the Tennis Center is to have 24 new or reconstructed tennis courts, a new two-story clubhouse, tournament pavilion and plaza. Vision 2025 is adding nine new courts, which at press time were nearly complete. The remaining improvements will have to be completed with donor funds.

Tulsa County Commissioner Fred Perry said, "The tennis players are enthusiastically anticipating playing the new courts." McCorkle says, "Commissioner Perry, an avid



The new tennis courts at The LaFortune Tennis Center

tennis player himself, has been vital in bringing about the nine new courts at LaFortune. He is also helping to raise the private funds we need to complete the project. When the center is complete we can host tennis tournaments. bringing people into town from throughout the region. We can host larger NCAA junior events and tournaments from a six state area. When completed, that will make a significantly positive economic impact on restaurants, hotels, service stations, etc. in Tulsa," McCorkle added.

Tulsa County Commissioner Fred Perry said, "LaFortune Park is the most popular public park in south Tulsa, and meeting increasing public demand for healthy activity has long been a priority of Tulsa County government. The tennis facilities for youth and adult sports have been needed for many years and tournaments draw participation throughout the region, which bolsters the Tulsa economy. With expansion, that economic benefit will continue to grow substantially."

In many ways, seed money planted by Vision 2025 and watered with private and other institutional monies is working as planned to grow a vibrant, fun community by the year 2025. 🛟



The main fover inside The Buddy LaFortune Community Center

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

By Fred Perry, Chairman, Tulsa County Commission

ive years after passage of Vision 2025, some people still mistakenly believe that, because of the name, some projects will take until the year 2025 to build. Not true. In fact, 90% of Vision 2025 projects are complete, 98% of 4-to-Fix projects are finished, and 44% of 4-to-Fix 2 projects (passed in 2005) are complete. Now that's progress!

Expo Square's new barns, exhibit halls and the Central Park Hall are in use, and the new Midway and new Exchange Center were completed in time for the Tulsa State Fair and the U.S. National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show. Both events have had a significant positive impact on the Tulsa area economics.



Central Park Hall at Expo Square

In fact, the new facilities at Expo Square will continue to attract new events and make it one of the very best livestock exhibition and fairground venues in the nation.

Vision 2025 will also fund the design, engineering and permitting process for the two low water dams at Jenks and Sand Springs, the improvement of Zink Dam and bank stabilization along the river. (See The River Just Keeps On Rolling in this issue for more details.) Most recently, your County Commissioners selected a team of experts who recommended the engineering team led by CH2M Hill to begin that work. We and others have been working successfully with the state and federal delegations to line up funding for construction after the engineering work is completed in about 24 months.

By the year 2025, what was approved by voters in 2003 will long have been in use by Tulsa County residents. Success will continue to grow as the private sector and non-profit organizations multiply each effort. In 2008, the Tulsa economy is continuing an upward trend, thanks in large part to Vision 2025 made possible by Tulsa County residents. We are proud to promote the obvious fact - Tulsa County is growing and will continue to grow through 2025 and beyond.

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Route 66 Revival Underway

What was born here and largely forgotten has been reborn here thanks to citizen Route 66 Memorial Bridge have been support of Vision 2025. Cyrus Avery, a former Tulsa County Commissioner, had a vision and lobbied Congress in 1926 to make Route 66 a national highway. In his success, this highway with its quirky homespun individualistic slices of true Americana became a worldwide attraction even former Beatle Paul McCartney was seen touring in 2008.

Route 66 has been featured on television and in film, numerous books, magazines and newspaper stories, but was ignored in Tulsa for decades. That didn't stop those who love the road, but public attention and public funding were missing until Vision 2025 included \$15 million to complete various Route 66 projects proposed by local fans and experts in Route 66 history.

The first major project to be completed within the Route 66 effort is the Cyrus Avery Route 66 Centennial Plaza located on Southwest Boulevard at Riverside Drive in Tulsa. This project was funded in part by a grant from the Oklahoma Centennial

Commission. Adjacent is the Cyrus Avery Route 66 Memorial Bridge, which most historical authorities see as the center of Route 66 and the place where east meets west in America - what Tulsans have simply called the "Old 11th Street Bridge.



The "East Meets West" **Bronze Statue**

completed, thus restoring its once grand appearance to near-original condition.

The Centennial Plaza, with the flags of the eight states of Route 66, and Route 66 Skywalk, with its Zig Zag Art Deco style and familiar logo, were dedicated August 7. Work on the landmark bronze statue "East Meets West" is

progressing and the statue will be installed on the Plaza next year.

Other projects now underway in Tulsa County include the refurbishing and installation of the iconic Meadow Gold sign at the southwest corner of 11th and Quaker Avenue, and work at the site of the Frisco 4500 Engine near the 3700 block of Southwest Boulevard. Additional projects include two gateways to identify the locations where Route 66 connects with the later-built and more heavily traveled Interstate Highway System within the City of Tulsa. Public events are capitalizing on

the international draw of Route 66. This year's Route 66 Marathon (a Boston Marathon qualifying race, USATF sanctioned and certified) attracted nearly 5000 runners on November 16th. One section of the route ran under the Route 66 Skywalk, and Olympic style medals presented were fashioned from the Route 66

Skywalk and the bronze "East Meets West" statue.

Still to come at the Centennial Plaza area is a visitors' center, the Route 66 Experience to be located on the hill beside the Skywalk, which will feature Route 66 memorabilia and historical perspectives. The design process for the Experience begins in 2009 and the center is expected to be open to the public within three years. 🛟

Route 66 Skywalk Located at Southwest Blvd. and Riverside Dr.

Interest Growing In Downtown Tulsa Because of Vision 2025

ulsa's downtown is important to all residents of Tulsa County as the heart and Walk which connects major venues with a

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soul of the metropolitan area. Vision 2025, to benefit the area, connected City and County officials with projects both supported, including the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame at the historic Union Depot



(acquired by Tulsa County for this new

development funding, the Centennial

pedestrian walkway, \$30 million for OSU-Tulsa's downtown campus expansion, the new Centennial Green between Main Street and Boston Avenue on 6th Street, and the iconic BOK Center.

All of this public funding is inspiring private investment large and small in downtown Tulsa. One

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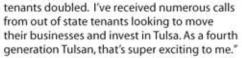
of the largest was the \$100 million spent purpose), \$10 million in downtown residential by Kanbar Properties in acquiring prime

"Interest Growing" continued...

downtown office buildings. Clint Baranowski, Kanbar Properties Vice President said, "Many factors were taken into consideration with the initial investment. The completion of the BOK Center and other new additions like the open green space of Centennial Park at 6th and Main Street are two factors that have now come to fruition. Downtown has never looked better, and office and retail interest in the portfolio has never been stronger."

Kanbar Properties Director of Leasing, Victor Wandres said, "Kanbar Properties has recently signed a number of new tenants never before interested in downtown, but have now relocated

their offices to the core of Downtown Tulsa. It's obvious that downtown is back on the corporate radar as a location on the tipping point of something very big. As the BOK Center neared completion, the number of inquiries from prospective



Another private investor in downtown is RK Development, which is rebuilding the Wright Building at 115 West 5th Street. Attorney and

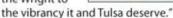
Centennial Walk

owner Ryan Keith said, "We chose the Wright Building as a project we could put our hearts into. We are saving a historic structure - the first medical high rise constructed in Tulsa and the first place Bob Wills played on KVOO radio. It is a long slow

The Iconic Glass Wall at the BOK

Center illuminates Downtown

process as the Wright Building required structural repairs, but much has been done and more will be to return the Wright to



Even smaller in scale, a new eclectic grocery store opened recently in one of Tulsa's oldest neighborhoods in the shadow of the Vision 2025 funded BOK Center. At the Blue Jackalope

Grocery and Coffee on South Phoenix Avenue, owner Scott Smith says business has tripled since his opening in May. Smith is a long-time resident in the Crosbie Heights neighborhood, where his grocery is also located, and has seen interest growing in the area as a result of Vision 2025.

Centennial Green

"There seems to be an increased interest in people looking for property in this area. People want

to know about the neighborhood - questions about its history, how long I have lived here, how safe is it, what is the demographic and what kind of real estate is available," Smith said.

Vision 2025 provided springboards for private development downtown and, while revitalization is never fast or big enough to

everyone, real people are making a real difference in downtown Tulsa, thanks in large part to the catalyst that is Vision 2025.



Opening Night at the BOK Center

The BOK Center **Makes Its Debut**

Well, it finally happened. The Eagles opened the BOK Center on September 6 with a stellar three and a half hour show. The acoustics were marvelous. Some actually said the arena would never be built, but there it proudly stands in all its shining glory, a testament to the long-time desire of Tulsa area residents for an arena that would attract big name entertainment (the Eagles, Celine Dion), sporting events (NBA exhibition games, Olympic gymnasts, Harlem Globetrotters) and "big city" style entertainment (Cirque du Soleil, Radio City Rockettes), and those are just a few

of the acts booked this fall. And it seems that the tickets sold to out-of-state patrons for events thus far are quite



just before the concert

numerous, which would validate the prediction that the arena would attract people from outside the Tulsa area. That was part of the plan.

Considering the fact that many of the shows have nearly sold out in a matter of hours, it seems we've been hungry for this type of venue and entertainment for a long time. The newness may eventually wear off, but people won't tire of great shows. The Tulsa area will grow and perhaps our kids and grand-kids will stay in the area or return. After all, that too was part of the plan. 🔧



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OU-Tulsa Makes an Impact

unding from Vision 2025 built the educational home of the OU College of Medicine in Tulsa with a direct grant of \$30 million. The OU-Tulsa Schusterman Center

Clinic is a 100,000 sq. ft. facility offering services in obstetrics. gynecology, pediatrics, internal medicine, geriatrics, surgery, radiology, psychiatry, psychiatric outreach, cancer, and diabetes.

grant of \$1 million and allocated an additional \$4 million to complete and equip the clinic. OU-Tulsa has also added a \$5 million 22,000 sq. ft. Cancer and Diabetes Center. OU-Tulsa continues to build other facilities as Tulsa becomes an increasingly important part of the than 1,100 full-time," Dr. Clancy said. "This Oklahoma University system. This is another example of the realization of the best of what Vision 2025 could accomplish - sparking others to grow facilities within Tulsa County.

The OU-Tulsa institutional mission is to build a nationally-recognized center of higher education excellence in select areas that emphasize strong campus-community partnerships and that leverage the unique opportunities and needs in the Tulsa region.

Tulsa medical students and residents provide vital health services to Tulsa residents and their interdisciplinary education in

medicine, nursing, allied health, public health and pharmacy is considered excellent in each of the respective fields.

At the opening in June 2007, Dr. Gerard Clancy, President of OU-Tulsa and Dean, OU College of Medicine, Tulsa said, "I am happy to report that - to a bullet point - everything that we hoped and advertised as part of the Vision 2025 campaign that this clinic would

eventually do - over a multi-year period after the clinic was opened has already come true.

"OU Physicians in Tulsa alone provide more than \$16 million of uncompensated care per year - up from \$10 million annually in 2003. Graduate students on this campus have increased by 63% in the past

The OU College of Medicine received a federal five years, Private donations to OU-Tulsa have totaled \$18 million and the annual operating budget for OU-Tulsa increased from \$74 million to \$101 million. Faculty physicians have grown from 100 to 150 and our total employee base at OU-Tulsa is now more buzz, this momentum, this excitement and energy around this campus from this clinic has already generated more than 1,000 new jobs in the region and a \$50 million increase in economic development - per year. Simply extraordinary," Dr. Clancy said.

"Another way to look at this is that OU Physicians in Tulsa provide \$107,000 of uncompensated care per faculty physician per year. I am so proud of our compassionate and dedicated Chairmen, Deans and faculty that year after year - pull it all off! Patient satisfaction has soared - with 92% of our

patients stating that they would refer family and friends to us because of our excellent service," Dr. Clancy added.

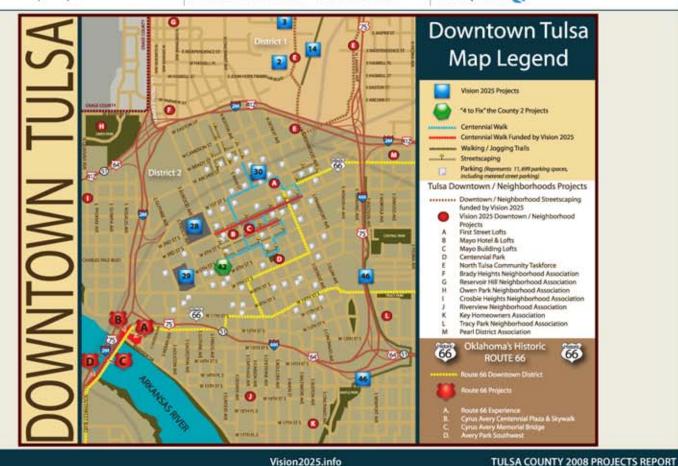
A new Department of Emergency Medicine has also been established at the OU College of Medicine -Tulsa to provide a residency training program and an Institute for Disaster and Emergency Medicine residents. The three-year residency program accepts six residents each year and began in July 2008.

"The establishment of this department will not only greatly upgrade the quality of emergency and trauma care in Tulsa and eastern Oklahoma, it will train emergency professionals who will serve the entire state," said OU President David L. Boren. An OU study



found more than 40 vacancies statewide for emergency physicians. The Oklahoma Institute for Disaster and Emergency Medicine will focus on research and education in emergency medicine, trauma care, disaster preparedness and child injury prevention.

OU-Tulsa is proving quite a variety of contributions to the region in terms of education, improved health care and economic development.





District 1 Overview

By John Smaligo, Commissioner

s the largest Tulsa County district by area, District 1 also connects the most municipalities. That makes Tulsa County road projects very important, from Collinsville to Broken Arrow and beyond.

One of the first Vision 2025 projects completed is 61st Street South from US 169 to 145th East Avenue. A joint project by both the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County, the project adds significantly to the safety and convenience of business and residential traffic in southeast Tulsa County. Tulsa County is also partnering with the City of Broken Arrow and the City of Tulsa to widen,

add left turn lanes and install signalization at the E.51st Street intersections with 161st E. Ave. (a new intersection), 177th E. Ave. and 193rd East Ave.

Working together with other jurisdictions is the daily focus in Tulsa County District 1. To the north on 86th Street North, funds from Tulsa County, the City of Owasso and ODOT are widening the road east from Memorial Rd. to Main St. in Owasso. A related project is in progress from Memorial Rd. west to Highway 75. The extension of 103rd St. North from Osage Drive east to Highway 11 will also provide better access to Skiatook's Tall Chief Cove. More detail on road construction may be found within the individual project listings.

Education is also important in District 1 and is expected to greatly advance through Vision 2025 projects at OSU-Tulsa and Langston University-Tulsa. Each of those projects will provide a springboard for the universities to focus and fund additional facilities, faculty and academic offerings. Common Education also advanced with Vision 2025 funds as the school districts of Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Union, Owasso, Collinsville, Skiatook and Sperry added capital equipment to enhance the student learning experience.

O'Brien Park has tremendous new improvements funded by every Tulsa County infrastructure package since 2001. If you have not visited O'Brien Park recently, please do. You will notice that much of the park facilities are new or

greatly improved, and there are more improvements to come. O'Brien Park now has a golf operations building, driving range, and practice golf course. The many improvements including new baseball and basketball facilities are magnificent.

Also in 2008 the Morton Comprehensive Health Center continues to please staff and clients. It is architecturally stunning, functionally well designed, and increasingly successful

in building community support and better health for residents of Tulsa County.

Finally, let us not forget one of the largest employers in northeastern Oklahoma, American Airlines. Vision 2025, in a stand-alone ballot question, won overwhelming approval to provide capital equipment and retooling at the Tulsa Maintenance Base. As a result, the Tulsa

operation has stabilized while other company maintenance facilities have not. With citizen support demonstrated by public vote, Tulsans made clear that aviation in general and American Airlines in particular are an important part of our great community.

Please review the material supplied in this report and if you have questions on this information or any District 1 opportunity or challenge, call me. I have enjoyed my tenure as your District 1. Tulsa County Commissioner and look forward to many more years of service. I believe that, together, we will continue to increase the quality of our community every day.

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District 1 **Projects**

COMPLETED PROJECTS

1. American Airlines: Funds provided for

capital improvements, equipment and tooling at the company's Tulsa Maintenance Base to keep the Tulsa facility competitive, and retain



and potentially add high quality, well paying jobs. 2008

2. OSU-Tulsa's Advanced Technology Research Center (ATRC): This new facility



provides for development of next generation composites and materials that are in demand for cutting

edge applications within the aerospace, biotechnology, telecommunications, and manufacturing industries, 2008

3. Langston University-Tulsa: New facilities for administration, academic and community outreach programs, 200





4. and 4a. Morton Comprehensive Health Center and Motor Pool Facility: Morton Health Care provides services regardless of

insurance, 2006. The new motor pool facility houses eight passenger vans used for transportation services to the Health Center, 2008



5. Tulsa County Parks - O'Brien Park: Improvements include a swimming pool



water slide, tennis court resurfacing and lighting, improvements to the Recreation Center and Gymnasium, new basketball goals and

scoreboard 2001, new ADA accessible play structures 2002, new restrooms building 2003, new concessions building, new Practice Golf Course, Driving Range, Golf Operations

Building, new park roads and resurfacing 2006, new park trails 2007, a new baseball Fourplex and trail lighting, 2008



6.Tulsa County Parks - Mack Taylor Park: New play equipment and surfacing.

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Downtowns & Neighborhoods projects:

Indicates Downtown & Neighborhood Projects on Maps

Collinsville Downtown & Neighborhoods: Th newly completed downtown project, Phase I



of the Main Street Enhancements, transformed Main Street between 10th St. and 12th St. with new sidewalks, curbs, landscaping,

irrigation and brick paving. 2008

Owasso Downtown & Neighborhoods: The downtown beautification project is located along Owasso's Main Street. Overhead utilities have been buried and streetscaping, ornamental signs and lighting have been installed. The Owasso neighborhood projects have not begun. 2008

Skiatook Downtown & Neighborhoods: Skiatook has new downtown pocket parks,

decorative benches, period street lighting, sidewalks and landscaping. 2008. The neighborhood project provided fencing along the Osage Trail. 2007

Sperry Downtown & Neighborhoods: Replacement of sidewalks along Main Street and Second Street, 2007

Tulsa Downtown & Neighborhoods: Many of the 29 neighborhood projects in District 1 are complete and the remaining neighborhood projects are underway.



7. Broken Arrow **Community Center:** New gymnasium at Nienhuis Park, 2007 7a. Nienhuis Park Aquatic Center, 2007

8. Collinsville City Hall & Fire Station / EMS Station, 2006

9 - 9c. Owasso Community Center: Vision 2025 funding involved in 4 projects:

9. Community Center Heating and

air conditioning improvements, 2005 9a. Owasso's Funtastic

Island, 200 9b. Owasso Veteran's Memorial, 20

9c. Owasso YMCA. 20

10. Skiatook Community Center remodel. 2007 10a. Skiatook Community Center Swimming Pool and Bath House, 2007

11. Sperry Community Center remodel. 2007

12. Tulsa Air and Space Museum's Sky Theater, 2006





13a. Mohawk Park: Renovation work at Oxley Nature Center, 2007

14. Osage Trail from 56th St. North to Highway 20 in Skiatook, 2007

15. Utilities for the Owasso Medical Complex.

16. Flood Prevention Project at Cherokee School and Creek, 2007

17. Common Education:

17a. Tulsa Public Schools purchased textbooks, cameras, student computers and software, maps, globes, kindergarten furnishings, student desks, computer furniture and media equipment, 2008

17b. Broken Arrow Public Schools purchased computers, computer tables, computer network

equipment, computer art centers, sports balls, student furniture for work centers, games, kindergarten sand play sets, and textbooks.



17c. Union Public Schools used the funds for new student and computer furniture, textbooks computers and software, maps, globes and media equipment, 2007

17d. Owasso Public Schools upgraded their



physical science and biology laboratories and purchased textbooks, computer equipment, software, music

multi-media equipment, 2007

17e. Collinsville Public Schools purchased new library furniture and textbooks, 2007

17f. Skiatook Public Schools used the funds for textbooks, new computers and software. 2007

17g. Sperry Public Schools purchased textbooks and computers, 2007

18. E. 76th St N. from Sheridan Ave. to the Owasso City Limit, 2005

19. N. 129th E. Ave. from E. 96th St. N. to E. 146th St. N. 2003



progress.

26. 36th St N: Widening from Cincinnati Ave. to the Osage County Line and improvements to the intersection at Cincinnati Ave. 2007

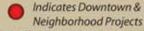
27. E. 61st Street S.: Widening to five lanes from US 169 to 5, 145th E. Ave, with full railroad signalization, 2007

Route 66 Projects: Projects are planned all (66) along the 24 miles of Tulsa County's portion of Route 66. In District 1, the installation of the brown Route 66 road signs is complete. 2007

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

5. Tulsa County Parks - O'Brien Park: Projects beginning this fall include a new building that will house baseball training facilities, restrooms and concessions, as well as additional parking and replacement of the lighting on existing ball fields.

Downtowns & Neighborhoods projects:



underway.

Neighborhood Projects on Maps Collinsville Downtown & Neighborhoods: The

neighborhood projects are in development. Owasso Downtown & Neighborhoods: The

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UPCOMING PROJECTS

5. Tulsa County Parks - O'Brien Park: Pool bathhouse remodel, improvements to the football field and Recreation Center and new park shelters.

6. Tulsa County Parks - Mack Taylor Park: New restroom facility.

Downtowns & Neighborhoods:

Indicates Downtown & Neighborhood Projects on Maps

Tulsa Downtown & Neighborhoods:

The downtown Mayo Building Lofts will have 67 loft units.

13b. Mohawk Park - North Tulsa Sports Complex: The Master Plan for the Mohawk Park Sports Complex is in final review. Construction will begin when the Master Plan is finalized and Vision 2025 funds become available.

20. E. 56th St. N.: Widening from Highway 75 to Highway 11 and intersections at N. Lewis Ave. and N. Peoria Ave.

nstruments, cameras and 21. Collinsville Curve: Extensive road work to straighten this dangerous road segment on Highway 20.

22. E. 51st St. S.: A joint project with Tulsa County and the cities of Broken Arrow and Tulsa to widen E.51st St. S. from S. 161st E. Ave. to S. 193rd E. Ave. and build or improve three intersections. Tulsa County will build a new intersection at E.51st St. S. and S. 161st E. Ave. and, with city funding, Tulsa and Broken Arrow will extend S. 161st E. Ave. to the new intersection from the north and south, respectively. Tulsa County will also improve the intersections at S. 177th E. Ave. and S. 193rd E. Ave.

23. E. 86th St. N.: Widening project from Memorial Rd. east to Main St. in Owasso. A related project, funded with other local and state funds, is in progress on the section from Memorial Rd. west to Highway 75.

Engineering and right-of-way acquisition are in

24. E. 103rd St. N.: Extension of E. 103rd St. N. from N. Osage Dr. east one mile to Highway 11 to provide better access to Skiatook's Tall Chief Cove access road.

25. Intersection at S. 193rd E. Ave. and Admiral Pl.: Partial funding to assist with the widening and improvement of this intersection.

Route 66 Projects: New Gateway at 11th Street and I-44, 11th St. sidewalks and streetscaping, planters, informational markers and a Route 66 Monument at the Admiral and Mingo Traffic Circle.

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District 2 Overview

By Randi Miller, Commissioner

he projects underway in District 2 are as diverse as the district itself. In the far west portion of the county, we have purchased computers for students in the Keystone Public Schools and textbooks and software in the Sand Springs public schools. With the leadership of Mayor Walker, Sand Springs has cleared the site for the River City Crossing to be developed, and made improvements in both the Old Towne District and Rotary Centennial Park.

Moving east to the river, we have selected the engineering firm to begin the design work on the low water dams in



the Arkansas River and the shoreline beautification project. Also near the river we have completed the Midland Valley downtown trail extension and the Katy Trail improvements. To the south,

we are pleased to have completed the Glenpool Downtown and Neighborhood improvements as well as the Jenks/ Glenpool Community Center.

To the east of the river in downtown Tulsa is the BOK Center, the largest of the Vision 2025 projects. In late August, with Mayor Taylor and several former and current County Commissioners on hand, the grand opening made the statement that the Tulsa region can now compete for some of the best entertainment and sporting events in the country.

Moving east of downtown, Expo Square continues to be transformed into a nationally recognized facility for sports, entertainment and agricultural events, not to mention our fabulous Tulsa State Fair.

As you can see by the list of completed projects, 2008 was another year of great progress as we continue to deliver to the citizens of Tulsa County the projects we promised. Looking ahead to 2009, we can expect to see work continue on the Tulsa Regional Convention Center, construction improvements at Chandler Park, and in

developing the Arkansas River into an economic and recreational attraction.

It has become increasingly apparent to me how visionary the citizens of Tulsa County were to have approved such a variety of projects that improve the quality of life in Tulsa County in every city and town. Regardless of your age, your interests or where you live, there are more exciting things to do in Tulsa County with each passing year, thanks to you.

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District 2 **Projects**

COMPLETED PROJECTS

17. Common Education:

17a. Tulsa Public Schools purchased maps. textbooks, computers, cameras, globes, kindergarten furniture and media equipment.

17h. Sand Springs Public Schools purchased textbooks and computer software. 2006

17i. Keystone Public Schools purchased computers for their students, 200

17j. Berryhill Public Schools purchased textbooks, computers, audio/visual equipment, and computer software. 2006

17k. Jenks Public Schools purchased library bookshelves and tables, a whirlpool for the new Physical Therapy Vo-Tech Classroom, microscopes, student furniture, and multimedia packages



including electronic smart boards, projectors, and DVD/VCR equipment, 2007

171. Glenpool Public Schools purchased computers, printers, and software. 2007

17m. Liberty Public Schools purchased computers and textbooks, 2006

17n. Bixby Public Schools purchased additional textbooks, computers, student furniture, and art resources, 2007

28. BOK Center: In addition to providing state-of-the-art facilities for sports, entertainment and conventions, the newly opened arena is an essential component of Tulsa's downtown revitalization strategy. Tulsa is a more attractive entertainment venue for conventions, trade shows, concerts, religious, sports and other large events. Designed by world famous architect César Pelli, FAIA, this

18,041 seat, 565,000 square-foot multi-purpose arena is already an indelible icon. 2008

30. Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame: With an extensive renovation, the historic Union Depot was transformed into the permanent home of the "Jazz Depot," 2007

31. Expo Square: Projects at the QuikTrip Center (formerly the Expo Building) include new building entrances and a remodel of



all concessions and restrooms 2002-07, roof reconstruction 003, replacement of elevators and demolition of the old kitchen and catering

center at the east end 2007. Also complete are the Esplanade 2002, the RV Park and the new Central Park 2003, new VIP suites in the Pavilion 2005, Central Plant and many new

parking lots 2006 new Central Park Hall, new Exchange Center, extensive Midway utility relocation and repaying, National **Guard Armory**



re-roofing and the addition of the new ExpoServe Kitchen and Catering Center on the south side of the Armory 2008. The Mustang Arena has been renovated and enlarged 2005. All of the old barns have been demolished and



replaced with new livestock facilities, including the Explorer 001, Expedition and Oklahoma Ford Dealers Barns 2002, Ford Super Duty Barn and Arena,

which is the largest of the livestock facilities, and the F-150 Barn, 2005

35. Buford Park: New colorful ADA accessible play equipment has been installed, 2008

36. Chandler Park: Completed projects include a water slide at the swimming pool 2001, a new colorful play structure and new field lights for the Baseball Complex 2002, accessibility upgrades to the swimming pool bathhouse and new equipment storage facility, 2004





37. Jenks/Glenpool Community Center: The Center has a gym, weight room, meeting



and craft rooms, a swimming pool and water recreation area.

38. South Lakes Golf Pavilion: At the golf course at E. 96th St. S. and Elwood. Ave. 2003

39. Coyote Trail Overlay: Road improvements on Coyote Trail from the north end to W. 41st St. S., then east on W. 41st St. S. to S. 129th W. Ave. 2004

40.Lake Station: Drainage improvements and street resurfacing in this Sand Springs neighborhood, 2003

41. PSO/West Bank Soccer Complex: New soccer field lighting and improvements to the south entrance road and parking lots. 2003

42. Criminal Justice: Two of the projects at the Tulsa County Courthouse are complete and



include remodel of a portion of the fourth floor courtrooms and offices, and a first floor remodel at the Traffic and Protective Courts

43. Katy Trail Improvements: Seal coating on

a portion of the trail extending from near downtown Tulsa to Sand Springs has been completed. 2008.



44. Tulsa County Social Services: New colorful ADA accessible play equipment is now installed



and in use, 200 45. Triangle Park: New colorful ADA accessible play equipment has been installed and is in use.

46. Midland Valley Downtown Trail

Extension: The new trail extends from Maple Park around the east side of the Inter-Dispersal Loop to E. 3rd St. S. and connects downtown Tulsa and the East Village with Cherry St., the Arkansas River and adjacent neighborhoods, 2008

Downtowns & Neighborhoods projects:

Indicates Downtown & Neighborhood Projects on Maps

Sand Springs Downtown & Neighborhoods: Projects include improvements in the Old



Towne District and Rotary in many areas, redbud trees planted along US 412, and a picnic pavilion

at Sand Springs Lake, 200

Glenpool Downtown & Neighborhoods: Projects include paving and

sidewalk improvements, widening and resurfacing Elwood Ave. (with help from ODOT) from W. 131 St. S. to W. 151 St. S., and the Black Gold Centennial Landmark in Black Gold Park, 2008



Jenks Downtown & Neighborhoods: Projects include Main St. planters, islands, landscaping and sound system and a new Veteran's Park playground, 2007

Tulsa Downtown & Neighborhoods:

Downtown Tulsa has a new Centennial Park at W. 6th St. S. and S. Main St. Phase I of the Centennial Walk project is also complete, 2008. Many of the 35 neighborhood projects are

48.W. 21st St S.: Resurfacing from W. 23rd St. S. Bridge to S. 65th W. Ave. 2002

49. S. Peoria Ave.: Improved 2-lane from E. 116th St. S. to Hwy 67.2005

50. E. 131st St. S.: Improved 2-lane from S. Peoria Ave. to S. Yale Pl. 2007

52.W. 91st Street S.: Upgrade between Elm St. (S. Peoria Ave.) and S. Elwood Ave. to an improved 2-lane, including left turn lanes. 2005

Route 66 Projects: Projects in District 66) 2 include installation of the brown Route 66 road signs 2007, and extensive work at Southwest Boulevard and Riverside

Drive, including the new Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza and Skywalk and improvements to the Cyrus Avery Memorial Bridge, 2008



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29. Tulsa Regional Convention Center:

Ground was broken in September for the new addition with a footprint of 83,635 square feet that includes a new main entrance on the north side of the addition, seven meeting rooms totaling 8,595 square feet and a 30,000 square foot ballroom. The existing arena will remain and will continue hosting sporting and 32-34. The Arkansas River Projects: entertainment events. The addition is expected to be opened in 2010.



36. Tulsa County Parks - Chandler Park:

Construction began this summer on the new 16,000 square foot Community Center. The remainder of the old playground structures will be replaced with new colorful playground Centennial Park, sidewalks, equipment. Both projects are expected to be streetscaping and lighting completed in summer 2009. An improvement related to this project is the extension of a larger water supply main by the City of Tulsa to improve water service to the Berryhill area as well as into Chandler Park to serve the Community Center.

> 41. PSO/West Bank Soccer Complex: A new irrigation system for the soccer fields.

47. Oklahoma Aquarium: Vision 2025 provides \$12 million over approximately 13 years to retire debt incurred to create this important education and tourism facility.

51.W. 51st Street S.: Improvements from Gilcrease Rd. to Highway 97.

Route 66 Projects: The Cyrus Avery 66 bronze statue "East Meets West," to be installed at the Centennial Plaza, and the Meadow Gold sign restoration and installation.



Downtowns & Neighborhoods projects:

Indicates Downtown & Neighborhood Projects on Maps

Tulsa Downtown & Neighborhoods: Vision 2025 created a revolving loan program for

downtown housing projects in Tulsa. Two of the three projects are under construction. The First

Street Lofts will have 19 residential units. The Mayo Hotel and Lofts project will restore the grand ballroom, construct 96 hotel rooms and 70 lofts. and add a penthouse restaurant and bar. All Tulsa neighborhood projects in District 2 are underway.



58. Sand Springs Keystone Corridor Redevelopment: The site has been cleared and is being readied for the River City Crossing. The development will be anchored by a 120,000 sq. ft. Lowe's home improvement store. Lowe's announcement in September has already proven to be the catalyst that is bringing other retail and dining establishments to the center.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

32a. South Tulsa/Jenks Low Water Dam 32b. Zink Low Water Dam 32c. Sand Springs Low Water Dam 33. Zink Lake Shoreline Beautification

34. Zink Lake Upstream Catch Basin and Silt Removal All three dams are part of the Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan and will be designed and developed as an integrated system of river

projects. Phase III environmental studies and data collection activities are 99% complete, and detailed engineering design will begin before the end of 2008. CH2M Hill has been selected by Tulsa County to perform these engineering design and permitting activities.

A \$500,000 grant from the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration has been announced and will match an equal amount of Vision 2025 funds to begin the design process. Detailed project design and permitting are anticipated to take about two years.

36. Tulsa County Parks - Chandler Park: Improved roadways and parking.

42. Criminal Justice - Jury Room 42a. Juvenile Justice facility

43. Katy Trail Improvements: Phase II will be reconstruction of portions of the trail.

53.W. 41st St. 5.: Widening project from S. 41st W. Ave. to S. 57th W. Ave.

54. S. 141st St.: Widening to 3 lanes from S. Peoria Ave. to just west of S. Elwood Ave.

55. W. 96th Street S. and S. Elwood Ave.: Improvements to the intersection.

56.91st St. S. (K Place): Widening project from Elm St. east approximately 1/2 mile.

57. W. 51st St. S. from Highway 97 to S. 129th W. Ave.: Widening to 4 lanes.

Route 66 Projects: A new Gateway near 66 Crystal City, Avery Park Southwest, Redfork Centennial Derrick and Frisco

4500 Engine site, Route 66 Experience, 11th St. sidewalks and streetscaping, planters, informational markers, enhancements along Southwest Boulevard, Route 66 monuments/ artwork at the Sue Bland Oil Well and Howard Park, and Historic Pearl Preservation.

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District 3 Overview

By Fred Perry, Commissioner

he new Buddy LaFortune Community Center is a magnificent highlight of Vision 2025's recently completed projects as this newsletter covers in another article. The new Center

is named for long-time Tulsa County Park Board Chairman Buddy LaFortune and is now open to the public. LaFortune Park as a gathering, activity and recreation area is, in total, the busiest park in all of Tulsa County and one of the most beautiful - in my opinion.

Also at LaFortune Park, the recently completed Golf Maintenance Building

will be a tremendous addition to the functionality of park operations. The old building was not large enough to contain all the equipment. As a result, much of that equipment was parked outside and subject to the elements. Maintenance equipment and materials were also visible to everyone driving Hudson Ave. between 51st and 61st Streets. The neighbors are now very happy to see the new facility and not see equipment. With this new building, there is also enough space to perform routine maintenance in the shop, which saves money on equipment repair.

Demolition work began in October on the replacement of the LaFortune Park Golf Clubhouse and Cart Barn, originally built in 1958. The old facility is not fully functional, as the park has grown and needs have changed over the years. For example, few golfers utilize the circle drive in front of the Clubhouse and better use of that space will be made in the new building design. Golf cart usage has also increased over the years and demand is higher than the current Cart Barn can handle. That user demand is answered with the new facility. Personnel at all Tulsa County Parks communicate on a regular basis with their patrons and, as much as possible, address suggestions users bring to management's attention.

In Bixby, with the help of Mayor Ray Bowen and City Manager Mickey Webb, Vision 2025 and 4-to-Fix funds were

used to complete a pedestrian bridge across Haikey Creek in Haikey Park and to replace the roof and air conditioning system at the Bixby Community Center.

By partnering with Mayor Wade McCaleb and City Manager Jim Twombly, Broken Arrow's Downtown has been revitalized by two significant Vision 2025 projects within the Downtown & Neighborhoods Fund. The Farmer's Market and Pavilion project is now

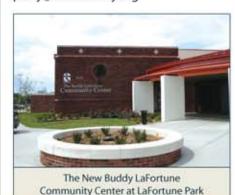
complete, as is the Historical Museum and Art Gallery project. Both are family attractions that draw more residents and visitors to the heart of Broken Arrow. Keith Sterling with the city says this has been a long established goal - to create family venues that build community pride and increase traffic into downtown Broken Arrow.

These facilities and the new Performing Arts Center under construction by the Broken Arrow Public School System will work together to serve Broken Arrow for many years.

Many road projects are complete and additional projects are planned for the coming year. County roads are the highest quality within the region, in large part because Tulsa County employs crews full-time in road construction and maintenance on multi-year programs to keep our County roads in good repair.

As you visit these new facilities in District 3 or others within Tulsa County, let me know what you think.

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District 3 **Projects**

COMPLETED PROJECTS

17. Common Education:

17a. Tulsa Public Schools purchased



textbooks, computers, cameras, maps, globes, kindergarten furniture and media equipment, 2008

17b. Broken Arrow Public Schools purchased computers, computer tables, computer network equipment, computer art centers, sports balls, student furniture for work centers, games, kindergarten sand play sets, and textbooks. 2007

17c. Union Public Schools used the Vision 2025 funds for new 7th grade library furniture, 2007

17k. Jenks Public Schools selected library bookshelves and tables, a whirlpool for the new Physical Therapy Vo-Tech Classroom, microscopes, student furniture, electronic smart boards, projectors and DVD/VCR

equipment, 2007 17m. Liberty **Public Schools** purchased computers and textbooks, 2006



17n. Bixby Public Schools now have additional textbooks, computers, student furniture, and art supplies. 2007

170. Leonard Public Schools purchased DVD's, videos, computers and software, computer games, and microscopes. 2007



27. E. 61st St. South: Widening from US 169 to 145th E. Ave. with railroad signalization. 2007

59. OU-Tulsa Research / Medical Clinic and Parking Garage, 2007





and Library Buildings and Administrative

Expansion.



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61. Tulsa Community College-Southeast Campus: Medical and Biotechnology Learning Center and Student Support



Services building, 200



62. Tulsa County Parks - Haikey Creek Park: New ADA accessible playground structures 2001,

2008; park shelters 2003, new lights for baseball complex and tennis courts 2002, overlay of the nature trail's parking lot, additional picnic area parking and new equipment storage 2004, and a new pedestrian bridge.



Golf course, new

turf and greens,

cart paths, new

63. Tulsa County Parks - LaFortune Park: New water slide at the pool 2001,

new colorful ADA accessible playground equipment and replace lighting at the baseball fields 2002, rebuilt Championship





to the Par 3 Pond, installation of Par 3 lake fountain and several parking lots overlaid 2007. Completed this year are the new Buddy LaFortune Community Center and Herman and Kate Kaiser Library building (library portion funded with other monies), replacement of three picnic structures, improvements to the

Tennis Center, new 10,800 square foot Golf Maintenance **Building with** golf course maintenance and equipment storage, equipment maintenance shop and storage, and

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64. Tulsa County Parks - Bixby Community Center: Formerly a grocery store, the Community Center went through extensive



emodeling 2003 and provides many services to the Bixby area. In a second phase of improvements,

HVAC system have updated the much-used facility. 2008

Downtowns & Neighborhoods projects: Indicates Downtown & Neighborhood Projects on Maps

Bixby Downtown & Neighborhoods: The Downtown Streetscaping Project includes curbing, pattern

brick sidewalks, light poles and fixtures for Christmas lights, planters and other street improvements to accommodate the many downtown upgrades. In neighborhood parks, digital video systems have been installed.



Broken Arrow Downtown & Neighborhoods:



The variety of projects includes the Central Park splash pad and Veteran's Park Fountain 2007, Art Gallery, Farmers

Market, public restrooms and Pavilion, Gateway at Washington St. and Main, improvements to the Rhoades detention facility and the

trail around it, new streetscaping, sidewalks and a signalized pedestrian crossing at 4th and Kenosha. 2008



Many of the 44

Tulsa Downtown & Neighborhoods:



neighborhood projects in District 3 are complete and the remaining neighborhood projects are underway.



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68. E. 121st St S .: From Sheridan Rd. to Memorial Drive this street was widened to five lanes with major drainage improvements. 2006



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63. Tulsa County Parks - LaFortune Park: The new 10,500 square foot golf clubhouse and new cart barn are beginning construction and are expected to be complete in late summer 2009. The clubhouse will contain a pro shop, restaurant and coffee shop.



67. S. 193rd E. Ave: Widening to five lanes from 101st St. to the Creek Turnpike.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

62. Tulsa County Parks - Haikey Creek Park: The existing restroom building will be replaced with a new one that is compliant with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). It will remain in the flood plain, with design and construction provisions made to flood proof the building. Design will begin this fall.

63. Tulsa County Parks - LaFortune Park: Design of the renovation work on the Par 3 Golf Historical Museum and Course is getting underway. Improvements include new greens, tees, bunkers, limited work to the cart paths and water crossings, and some overall layout improvements.

> 65. Haikey Creek Flood Control Project: Includes design and construction of two projects: a relief channel and west bank levee project and a diversion channel and floodplain relief channel. These projects, located between 131st and 141st and between Mingo and 129th East Avenue, are intended to reduce flooding and increase public safety, eliminate the need for on-site water detention storage facilities, use flood reduction measures that also improve wildlife habitat and aesthetics, and create a 100-year storm water management system along Mingo Road corridor.

> 69. E. 151st St. S.: Widening to four lanes from Memorial Drive to Riverview Ave. and Riverview south to 161st St.

> 70. S. Garnett Rd.: Widening to five lanes from E.81st St. S. to E.91st St. S. and to four lanes from E. 91st St. S. to E. 101st St. S., as well as E. 101st St. S. intersection improvements.

71. E. 101st St. S. and S. Yale Ave. Intersection: Widening and improvements to the intersection.

