

**City Manager's Report to the City Council**  
**August 10, 2021**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- Phase 1C of the Travis Fields Reconstruction at Midtown Park project is behind schedule of original completion and is now anticipated in November. Work continues on the grand stands area of the project, with concrete for that area being poured just last week.
- The first phase of the Bryan Midtown Park Gateway Entrance Sign and Landscaping project has been completed.
- The Interior Driveway concrete arch span bridge culvert has been placed across the creek to connect to the previously constructed roundabout on Midtown Blvd, with anticipated completion by November.
- The Midtown Park Pond Earthwork excavation of the lake bottom has reached substantial completion, with the final grades of the lake bottom being reached, all spoils destined for the landfill removed, and fish spawning gravel beds installed. Many items still remain before the anticipated completion in October.
- The contractor for the construction of the Midtown Park Shared Use Path has installed foundation piers for the pedestrian bridges across the creeks, and has staked out the alignment of the path. Grading and construction of the path should start this month, and is expected to be completed in January.
- The Midtown Blvd Extension construction contractor has been working on rough grading of the right of way, as well as some utility work at the Bomber at Williamson Drive intersection. Work should be complete by April 2022.
- The Coulter Drive Reconstruction Project is scheduled to complete this fall.
- The Woodville Road construction project is complete.
- Pavement on the Palasota Street Project, Phase 1, has been installed along the roadway in various sections, with pavement between Beck Street and the major creek crossing expected to be completed by the end of the month. Construction on the intersection roundabouts will likely begin in October, with overall project completion expected in April.

- The Staunton/Southside culverts are almost complete as part of the Still Creek Culvert Replacement Project. The Woodville and Wilkes Road culverts are installed but the paving has not been finished at either location. The project is expected to be complete by end of the year but it is heavily weather-dependent.
- A public meeting for the Bristol/Esther Storm Sewer was held last week to show residents the design plans. The project is expected to bid late this year, with construction commencing in early 2022 and anticipated completion by end of 2023.
- TxDOT is scheduled to bid the William Joel Bryan Parkway Project in July of 2022, and the project limits have shortened from Texas Ave to Post Office driveways. BTU has substantially completed the new underground power line conversion.
- TXDOT is scheduled to bid the Phase 1 portion of the Earl Rudder/State Highway 6 Widening Project for bids in late summer of 2022. Phase 1 includes the widening of the main lanes of Hwy 6 to 6 lanes. Phase 2 of the project is scheduled to bid in 2024 and will include all the bridge improvements through the project limits.
- The Texas Avenue Phase 1 design from Old Hearne Road to 15<sup>th</sup> Street is complete, and includes the traffic signal installation at the Waco Street & Hwy 21 intersection recently realigned next to the American Legion. Phase 1 is expected to bid in December 2021. In addition to individual property owner meetings, the design team has been working with the fire and police departments on the median design for access/break points to facilitate emergency needs. TXDOT's current plan is to construct the remainder of the project in two more phases, with Phase 2 installing raised medians and Phase 3 constructing the shared use path and sidewalks and intersection improvements.
- Construction on the first phase of the Downtown Quiet Zone improvements began last week. Future phases proceeding into construction will be dependent on Union Pacific making their improvements to their rail infrastructure, including quad gates at Groesbeck.

## **POOLS AND PARKS**

- Staff began to remove dead trees at the City Course last week, and approximately fifty trees will be removed over the next two weeks or so.
- The City Course greens sprigging project entered its 3<sup>rd</sup> week, and Phillips Event Center staff plans to transition back to the regular greens on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

- The Grandview Cemetery Association will have their historic marker dedication on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, tentatively set for 10:00 a.m. at the Grandview Cemetery.
- The First Ever Back to School Skate Jam is Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Williamson Skate Park. The event is free and includes prizes, music, and pizza. For more information, see “The Calendar” at: [bryantx.gov](http://bryantx.gov).