



THE WORD ON THE STREETS

NOW OPEN

Downtown Square Enhancement - Phase II

Project included water, sewer, street and sidewalk improvements around the exterior of the square and on Central Ave. from Main St. to SW A St. and from SE A

St. to Dave Peel Park. Intersection improvements at Central Ave. and SW A St. included upgraded traffic signals and left turn lanes on Central Ave. Main St. was converted to two-way traffic between Central Ave. and NE 2nd St. *Status: Dedicated by Mayor Bob McCaslin on Fri., Nov. 7, 2008.*



Hwy 72 - J St. to Hwy 71 (I-540)

A major arterial road widening to five lanes with curb and gutter, storm drains, and a trail.

Hwy 102 - Walton Blvd. to Greenhouse Rd.

A major arterial road widening to five lanes with curb and gutter and storm drains.

IN THE WORKS

W 8th St.- I St. to SW Arrowhead

Construction of a new three-lane street section with sidewalks and street lights has been revised to include a five-lane street section and adding storm drains and bus turnouts. *Status: Design complete. Construction to begin in early March.*

SE 28th St. / Olive St. Overpass Improvements

Partnership with the City of Rogers to widen the existing two lane overpass to five lanes, including improvements to the west side approach and the intersection of 28th St. and Moberly. *Status: Design complete. Construction to begin in early Spring.*

NE J St. with Interchange

A four lane boulevard from Tiger to Price Coffee Rd. with a new interchange at Hwy 71. *Status: Conceptual design and study phase currently underway for determining access onto Hwy. 71.*

SW I St. - Hwy 102 to Hwy 12

Widening SW I St from Hwy 102 to Hwy 12 including a realignment of Hwy 112 with SW I St. *Status: Design complete. Currently negotiating right-of-way. Construction to begin by mid-2009.*

E Central Ave.- "J" St. to the Square

Improving existing two-lane facility with curb and gutter, storm drain and sidewalks with a left turn lane added at "F" Street. *Status: Design contract awarded in February..*

8TH STREET PROJECT

Hwy 71 to NW I St.

Widening to five lanes with curb and gutter, including an interchange with Hwy 71.

The consultant contract for conceptual design and studies was approved by the AHTD and FHWA in October 2007. The consultant has started the traffic study, environmental study, break in access study and conceptual design.

Scheduled to have that phase of the consulting done and approval of conceptual in 18 to 20 months, will then begin preliminary design on interchange and improvements to 8th Street followed by final design of the project.

Along with a new interchange, 8th St. is planned to be five lanes from the interstate to SE "J" St. and a four lane boulevard from SE "J" St. to Walton Blvd. with potential for on-street parking and wide sidewalks. It will be approximately 24 months before the final alignment and intersection improvements along the corridor are determined. At that time, right-of-way and easement documents will be prepared and ready for acquisition, followed by utility relocation. This schedule could change significantly as the project moves forward.

Status: Currently determining which concept is the preferred alternative and conducting the operational analysis and environmental assessment.

AHTD: AR Highway and Transportation Dept.

FHWA: Federal Highway Administration