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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 5.2

GOAL # 5: INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

Invest in community infrastructure and continue to enhance the transportation network and systems

INITIATIVE 5.2: SUPPORT THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF 6TH STREET

Fiscal Year 2010 Quarterly Updates:**4th Quarter Report (July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010)**

Sections 1 and 2 have been completed. Staff is working with the Porters neighborhood to determine the preference for relocation of new fencing along the trail between Depot Avenue and SW 4 Avenue.

Roundabout construction at SW 2 Avenue/6th Street has been completed.

The CIP was approved with \$1,500,000 for design/construction of SW 6 Street between SW 4 Avenue and West University Avenue.

The traffic signal at SW 4 Avenue/SW 6th Street is under design for replacement.

3rd Quarter Report (Planned for CCOM 11/4/2010 Consent Agenda)

Sections 1 and 2 are approximately at 85% construction with completion expected by mid-August 2010, which is one month ahead of contract schedule.

Section 3 land rights issues remain due to State and FDOT/FHWA requirements and procedures. Once the land rights issues are fully addressed, final construction plans and documents will be completed, immediately followed by the bidding and construction processes.

The staff recommended Capital Improvement Program includes \$1,500,000 for design and construction of SW 6 Street between SW 4 Avenue and University Avenue. If approved design phase of this project could begin in FY 12.

The roundabout construction at SW 2 Avenue/6th Street is scheduled for opening in mid August with final completion in September.

2nd Quarter Report (Received by CCOM on 6/3/2010 Consent Agenda)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) addresses the construction of Section 1 and 2 of the 6th Street Rail Trail. Section 1 starts at the northern end of the Downtown Connector Rail Trail (the old CSX right of way just east of SE 4th Street) and ends at the south side of SW 2nd Avenue. Section 2 runs between NW 10th and 16th Avenues. Construction began March 15, 2010 and is scheduled to be completed within six months.

Section 3 connects sections 1 and 2 and is primarily funded through FDOT by Surface Transportation Enhancement funds. These funds are not available until after July 1, 2010. The plans and construction documents are 60% complete. Land rights matters related to the realignment issues associated with the current and proposed GPD Campus, including the crossing of NW 8th Avenue are being addressed. Section 3 is expected to be bid in late summer to early fall of 2010 and should be constructed within nine months.

1st Quarter Report (Received by CCOM on 3/18/2010 Consent Agenda)

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) determined that construction phasing for ARRA funded projects could not be allowed as previously approved. The bid date was moved back to allow modification to the construction documents in order to meet the scope description as required by FDOT. A revised bid due date has been set for January 14, 2010. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2010.

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The design and construction schedule of the remaining section of 6th Street Rail Trail, between SW 2nd Avenue and NW 10th Avenues, remains the same. The plans, construction documents and bid package for the SW 2nd Avenue at 6th Street Roundabout were completed in December. The construction bid let is scheduled for January 2010 with construction to be completed on or before August 1, 2010.

Fiscal Year 2009 Quarterly Updates:

4th Quarter (Received by CCOM on 1/7/2010 Consent Agenda)

The construction bid for Phase One for the 6th Street Rail Trail was released on September 17, 2009 with the bids due on October 19, 2009. The schedule for the completion of the design and construction of Phase Two remains unchanged with design completed by April 1, 2010, with bidding and construction to follow after July 1, 2010.

The acquisition of the final right of way parcel for the roundabout at SW 6th Street/2nd Avenue continues. Construction bids are scheduled to be released in November/December 2009.

3rd Quarter (Received by CCOM on 5/21/2009 Consent Agenda)

The design of Phase One for the 6th Street Rail Trail was completed. With the provision of Federal ARRA funding for Phase One construction, it was necessary to separate the roundabout construction from this project. Local Agency Program Project Agreements, plans, specifications, construction documents, including bidding and contract documents were completed in compliance with the required Federal standards and submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for review and/or execution. It is anticipated that these reviews will be completed and the bid for Phase One construction will be let in August of 2009.

The schedule for the completion of the design and construction of Phase Two remains unchanged with design completed by April 1, 2010, with bidding and construction to follow after July 1, 2010. FDOT funding regulations and budget prevent any reimbursable funding from being expended or committed prior to the July 1, 2010 date.

One of two small corner right of way parcels has been acquired for the SW 2nd Avenue/6th Street Roundabout project. The other parcel is owned by Shands at AGH and a sales agreement is currently under negotiation. The bid package, plans and construction documents are scheduled to be completed in September of 2009 with the construction bid to be let in early fall 2009. Start of construction has been scheduled for the second quarter of FY 2010, after the University of Florida football season.

2nd Quarter (Received by CCOM on 5/21/2009 Consent Agenda)

The design of Phase One for the 6th Street Rail Trail and SW 2nd Avenue/6th Street Roundabout projects was carried from 30% level to 95% level of completion. During the second quarter, 90% level plans were presented to the City Commission. The 2009 Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding has been earmarked for the rail trail project. The SW 2nd Avenue Roundabout project will be constructed as a separate project, since ARRA funds cannot be used on a project in which right of way is being acquired.

The design phase of the rail trail Phase Two has been initiated.

1st Quarter Report (Received by CCOM on 2/5/2009 Consent Agenda)

The design phase for the 6th Street Rail Trail and SW 2nd Avenue/6th Street Roundabout projects are underway. A presentation was made to the City Commission on December 4th of the 30% stage of design. The presentation included details on the key issues for the project, funding mechanisms and restrictions, land rights, project team make-up, and projected timelines for the project. The next phase will be presented to the Commission in early 2009.