

CONSTRUCTION

Carver Branch Parking Lot Expansion

Description: Parking lot expansion

Funds: \$155,692 reprogrammed HUD 108; \$425,000 reprogrammed HUD 108

Location/District: 3350 E. Commerce St. / District 2

City Architect: Stacy Gonzales

Project Architect: Beaty Palmer Architects

Design Enhancement: None

Construction Contract: PSE Contracting

Estimated Completion Date: February 2013

Project Scope: Demolition of existing building, Master Plan for redevelopment of property, parking lot expansion, and addition of a playground.

Current Status: An ordinance transferring the property to the Library Dept. passed the City Council on April 21, 2011. The existing building has been demolished, and Beaty Palmer Architects have developed a Master Plan for the site. Their recommendation was approved by the Facilities Committee on August 17th and the Board of Trustees on August 24th. Beaty/Palmer has completed construction documents for parking lot expansion as approved by the Library Board.

Additional funding in the amount of \$425,000 has been provided towards the parking lot expansion.

The playground portion of the project is being pursued through "KABOOM!" grant program.

Project bid opening was May 29. Low bid was submitted by PSE Contracting for \$333,000.

Construction contract was approved by City Council on June 21st. Pre-construction meeting was held at the branch on July 10. Contractor was given Notice to Proceed on July 30, and construction began August 1st. Weekly progress meetings are being held. Phase 1 of project was completed in November, and traffic has been diverted to Honey Blvd. entrance. Original parking lot has been removed, and contractor is currently installing new curbs, sidewalks and irrigation system. Phase 2 of project, which includes a new driveway on E. Commerce St., will be completed in February 2013. Project will also include re-routing the overhead power supply to underground. Final design is underway for a new monument sign that was approved by Library Board of Trustees in Dec. 2012.

The Mission Marquee Plaza and Loop Road Project

Description: Site improvements to 26 acre site around Mission Branch Library

Funds: \$883,000(Amphitheater); \$238,000(Marquee); \$1,070,000(Site development); \$520,000(319 Grant)

Location/District: 3100 Roosevelt Ave. / District 3

City Architect: Randy Matyear

Project Architect: Kell Muñoz Architects

Construction Contract: PSE Contracting

Estimated Completion Date: Winter 2012-13

Project Scope: Renovation of existing marquee sign and construction of Loop Road to connect to VFW Boulevard. Also includes landscape improvements to marquee plaza area.

Current Status: Marquee has been completed; Phase 1 of the Loop Road construction has been completed. Phase 2 will be incorporated with construction of the Plaza area. Marquee Plaza Area construction documents have been completed and bids have been finalized. City Council approved a contract with PSE Contracting on February 16th. A pre-construction meeting was held on Feb. 27th. Construction is in progress, with completion anticipated for winter 2013.

Office of Cultural Affairs is currently installing a mural on the front of Mission Marquee. Mural project will be completed in Jan. 2013.

2013 Facilities Assessment Study

Description: Repairs and improvements to 15 Branch Libraries

Funds: \$1,400,000 FAS Estimated Cost

District: All Districts

Project Architect: Debra J. Dockery Architect, PC.

Design Enhancement: None

Construction Contract: BES / Job Order Contractor system (CIMS) / Vendor Contracts

Original Target Completion Date: September 30, 2013

Project Scope: Make branch repairs and improvements, based in part on the April, 2009 Facilities Assessment Study conducted by Debra J. Dockery Architect, PC. Some additional repair items identified since the 2009 FAS study have also been included in this work. Primary focus will be on roof replacements (5 branches), carpet replacement (3 branches), interior and exterior painting (4 branches), rest room renovations (4 branches) and other building improvements.

Current Status:

1st quarter projects: (Cody, Forest Hills, Pan Am) have been completed. Forest Hills interior and exterior renovations were completed on time, and the branch re-opened on Dec. 17. An open house was held Jan. 4, 2013 to rave reviews from all who attended.

2nd quarter projects: (Brook Hollow, Carver, Cortez, Guerra, Maverick, and Thousand Oaks) Work is currently underway at all 6 branches. Thousand Oaks will be closed from Jan. 21 – Feb. 3 for interior and exterior work. Brook Hollow will be closed from Feb. 25 – March 15 for interior and exterior work. All 2nd quarter work to be complete by March 30, 2013.

3rd quarter projects: (Collins Garden, Johnston, San Pedro, and Tobin). All work to be complete by June 30, 2013

4th quarter projects: (McCreless and Memorial). All work to be complete by September 30, 2013

Broadband Technologies and Opportunities Program (BTOP)

Description: This program will enhance and improve broadband internet access for patron use at 13 branch libraries and Central.

Funds: \$1,486,760 (Texas State Library and Archives Commission Grant)

Districts: 1 (Central, Westfall), 2 (Carver), 3 (McCreless), 4 (Cortez, Johnston, Pan Am), 5 (Bazan, Collins Garden, Las Palmas, Memorial), 6 (Great Northwest), 7 (Forest Hills), 10, (Thousand Oaks)

Design Enhancement: None

Construction Contract: ITSD / CIMS / Vendor Services

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2013

Project Scope: There are 2 major deliverables of the TSLAC/BTOP Grant:

Enhance Broadband Connection – this includes procuring, installing and configuring updated and improved equipment at 13 branch library locations and Central Library

Facility Construction – Construction activities include consolidating public access areas and training facilities on the first floor of the Central Library and acquiring new furniture and fixtures for 13 branch library locations.

Current Status: All work associated with enhancing broadband connections have been completed at all 13 branch libraries and Central Library.

Installation and acquisition of furniture and fixtures has been completed at all 13 branch libraries. RVK Architects have completed design work for re-configuring space at Central, and a Job Order Contractor proposal will be presented to City Council in Feb. for approval. Construction will begin within 30 days of council approval. Completion for work at Central is scheduled for June 2013.