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SUBJECT:	Monthly Progress Report –July, 2019			

1. Railroad Quiet Zone

The City entered into a contract with the BNSF in February for all eleven crossings in Edmond. Once the Quiet Zone is fully implemented the trains will not be required to sound their horns in the city limits. The total estimated cost of \$3.5M is entirely the City’s responsibility, with funding coming from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

There are two components to the project:

--the infrastructure work to be done by the BNSF on their tracks. On March 11 a “Notice to Proceed” letter was mailed to the railroad. Concrete crossing work has been installed at both 1st Street and 5th Street., and they expect more concrete work to be accomplished in August. BNSF is also designing the railroad signals. They expect the signal materials for all the crossings to arrive in late November.

--the design and construction work to be accomplished by the City on the eleven streets that cross the tracks. Our design engineer (CTC/Freese Nichols) submitted 30% plans on July 10th, which our people are reviewing. 60% plans are due by August 8th, and 90% plans by October 11th. We will also send these plans to the BNSF for their review and comments.

2. 15th & Santa Fe Intersection Improvements

Work continues on this joint project with Oklahoma City. In May you formally approved an Inter-local agreement with OKC for the reconstruction of this intersection, with the Edmond’s share to be about \$500,000 from the 2000 sales tax for Street Reconstruction and Rehabilitation from the additional \$1M funding that was allocated for concrete replacement. The southern portion of the project is in OKC and they agreed to fund that portion. The improvements will be ADA-compliant, and this intersection is within Phase 3 of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) that is currently under design.

The goal was to get this project completed before the start of the new school year on August 16th. A-Tech Paving is the contractor. Additional switches in traffic lanes will

be needed in order to remove and replace all the paving. The intersection is scheduled to reopen by August 29th, and we are working with the contractor to determine if there is a way to accelerate the time frame.

3. City/Edmond Public Schools Tennis Center

The groundbreaking for this partnership project was held on February 6th, and construction progress continues at the 23-acre site near the northeast corner of 15th & Kelly. The significant wet weather has put the project significantly behind by an estimated five and a half months. Major grading work is occurring, along with under slab work for mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure.

Key Construction is the general contractor. The total construction contract is \$16M, with the City's share of \$6.75M coming from the 2017 repurposed sales tax. The City also purchased the additional park land needed for the development for \$2.5M.

The state-of-the-art complex will feature 6 indoor courts and 24 outdoor courts, including two center championship courts. A comprehensive clubhouse includes areas for public use, high school use, a pro shop and a refreshment lounge.

4. Sales/Use Taxes

Our first check of the 19-20 fiscal year reflects a good start and also a continuation of the positive trends for both revenue sources. Sales tax collections were 4% above July a year ago, and use tax revenue was 40% above for the same period. Since fiscal year 17-18 we have only had one month over the previous year month that did not identify positive growth.

Combined sales and use tax revenue was 9.66% in the General Fund above last July, which is comparable to the 10.38% total for the last fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

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