

Tulsa County

2007 Projects Report

By Randi Miller, Chairman, Tulsa County Commission

Progress As Promised

Never before in the history of Tulsa County have we seen so many exciting and important community projects occurring in every city in Tulsa County. Thanks to the support of Tulsa County citizens for Vision 2025, 4-to-Fix, and 4-to-Fix II, we are on the path to a future that will provide all of us with an improved quality of life, a new environment for the attraction and expansion of business development, better education and health care opportunities, and a destination county for visitors and guests.

With this year's annual project report to the citizens of Tulsa County, we have combined all three current programs so that you can see how much is happening in each individual district and throughout the region. On each district you will find a map of the location of the project, the amount allocated for the project and its current status. As you will see many are complete or well underway.

The projects that have had a regional impact are particularly important, as their benefits reach to every city and town in Tulsa County. The American Airlines project, our biggest county employer with employees living in every city in Tulsa County, is 95% completed. The OU-Tulsa Medical Clinic is complete, as are the buildings on the NSU-Broken Arrow campus and the Tulsa Community College campus. And Expo Square, one of the best multi-purpose facilities in America, continues to draw nationally recognized events such as the National Arabian Horse Show, and features new buildings and grounds improvements for the thousands who attend the Tulsa State Fair.

This is indeed an exciting time throughout Tulsa County. It is particularly important to me and my fellow Commissioners that we deliver to you the projects that were promised. To keep our word and your trust is our highest priority.

Thank you for your review of this report. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at the Board of County Commissioners.

Regional Impact Projects

American Airlines: Vision 2025 allowed American to purchase tooling, inventory, and test equipment associated with both new and existing work at the Tulsa Maintenance and Engineering Base. Included in this plan are 737 Avionics test equipment, aircraft work platforms and new engine handling facilities. These and many other improvements expanded the capacity of the base, opened two new maintenance lines, and replaced short-term with long-term work. The Tulsa M & E Base employs nearly 8,000 people, which directly impacts another 14,000 jobs in the community.

Allocation: \$22,300,000; 95% Complete

Expo Square: Some of the completed projects include the Livestock Show Barn Complex, parking lots 5 & 7, the RV Park, Central Park, the water booster pump stations, significant stormwater detention improvements, and the Pavilion VIP boxes and suites. Work continues on the demolition and renovation of the remaining concession stands and restrooms in the QuikTrip Center (formerly the Expo Building). Structural steel erection for the Central Park Exhibit Hall is now underway. Bids have been opened for replacement of the Trade Center building (Flea Market location) with work set to begin immediately after the 2007 Tulsa State Fair.

Reconstruction of lots 12 and 14 is nearly complete, and work will begin after the fair on the complete

renovation of the Midway and main show parking areas. The new Catering Center/Kitchen will be ready for use by the 2008 Tulsa State Fair. This is now the most intense construction season yet for Expo Square's transformation. **Allocation: \$77.8 million; 70% Complete**

OU-Tulsa: The Parking Garage and Clinic are complete and classes underway. A University-funded expansion to be located on the north end of the Clinic building is in development. **Allocation: \$30 million;**

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"Regional Impact Projects" continued

OSU-Tulsa: Construction continues on the Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center. This project is on schedule for a grand opening this fall. **Allocation: \$30 million; 95% Complete**

NSU-Broken Arrow: All buildings (Classroom, Science, Library and Administrative Expansion) are now complete with classes underway. A formal Grand Opening was held on May 18, 2007. **Allocation: \$26 million; Complete**

Tulsa Community College – Southeast Campus: The East Addition (Student Support Services) and the South Addition are furnished and in use. **Allocation: \$8 million; Complete**

Langston-Tulsa: Langston University held a ground breaking on May 10, 2007. Construction commencement is pending an issuance of the building permit by the City of Tulsa. **Allocation: \$8 million; 5% Complete**

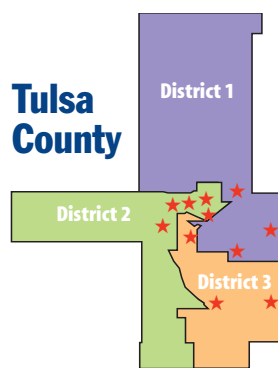
BOK Center and Convention Center: Total Allocation: \$228.5 million

BOK Center: Steel installation is in progress on the long-span roof system and the west and east sides of the seating bowl. Installation of the iconic glass wall is underway. Other construction activity is ongoing in the electrical, mechanical and plumbing components of the arena.

Allocation: \$180 million; 30% Complete

Convention Center: City of Tulsa officials have changed plans for Convention Center renovation to expand the facility without increasing the existing budget. Foregoing a planned glass frontage and keeping the current arena allows the building of a new ballroom and meeting rooms on the west side of the current structure. The change significantly increases event hosting capacity, allows greater booking opportunities and maintains ongoing commitments to current clients, including the Tulsa Talons and Tulsa Oilers. Events will be able to use the existing arena even as construction continues on the much larger BOK Center. **Allocation: \$48.5 million; 3% Complete**

Route 66: Construction is resuming on the Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza following modifications requested by the US Department of Transportation. Work on the Cyrus Avery Memorial Bridge is nearing completion. Negotiations continue with Tulsa-Sapulpa Union Railway Company to



transport a privately restored train engine to the Frisco Train site in west Tulsa, and the train site improvements will be made soon. The Route 66 improvements

are proceeding, albeit slowly.

Allocation: \$15 million; 30% Complete

Arkansas River: Projects will be coordinated with other developing and proposed projects within the Arkansas River corridor in a joint effort including the Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Valley Authority. (See the back cover for more information.)

Low Water Dams: Allocation: \$5.6 million; 5% Complete

Zink Dam Safety Modifications: Allocation: \$650,000; 5% Complete

Zink Lake Shoreline Beautification: Allocation: \$1.8 million; 0% Complete

Upstream Catch Basin and Silt Removal: Allocation: \$2.1 million; 0% Complete

Flood Mitigation: Corps Study – All study work is complete on the flood planning tools for all unincorporated areas of Tulsa County. Using this work, FEMA will finalize new Digital Flood Insurance Mapping (DFIRMs) for all of Tulsa County. When the DFIRMs are complete they will be easily viewable in detail from Tulsa County's website www.tulsacounty.org. **Allocation: \$2.29 million; 95% Complete**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Juvenile Justice: This project will create additional space to eliminate the current traffic pattern that often forces young victims to see their abuser prior to court hearings simply because of a lack of space. Additional courtroom and space for juvenile support personnel will be added to expedite juvenile adjudication.

Allocation: \$2.45 million; 0% Complete

4th Floor Courthouse Remodel: Three new courtrooms will accelerate the Criminal and Civil Justice process and better meet the needs of the community. This project is under construction for completion in late 2007. **Allocation: \$2.5 million; 70% Complete**

Traffic & Protective Courts and Jury Room: The Tulsa County District Court functions have been successfully administered in buildings that have seen only minor renovations over the years. This area of the 51-year-old courthouse will see some desperately needed attention. The design work is complete with construction set to begin in the fall of 2007. A new jury assembly room in the county courthouse will offer comfortable surroundings for those citizens who have been called to fulfill their civic duty. Confirmation of the project program as it relates to the entire courthouse is being evaluated, with work to begin following completion of other court improvements.

Allocation: \$2.83 million; 5% Complete

OU-Tulsa students at the Schusterman Center Clinic



Education Benefits Greater Tulsa

Vision 2025 has advanced education opportunities in the Tulsa County area further than any single public effort since statehood by increasing the number of degree opportunities and strengthening common education within the same program. The program is funding \$102 million in new construction and improvements to the area's public colleges and universities, and \$11.3 million has been distributed to the public school districts in Tulsa County. Area voters are serious about education and taxpayers are seeing their investments multiplying faster and greater than expected.

The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa (OU-Tulsa) received \$30 million in Vision 2025 funds that, with donations, have built the Schusterman Center Clinic—a research, teaching, and medical clinic. At the grand opening of the facility this past June, Dr. Gerard Clancy, President of OU-Tulsa and Dean of the OU College of Medicine in Tulsa, said, “I am happy to report that – to a bullet point – everything that we hoped and advertised as part of the Vision 2025 campaign that this clinic would eventually do – over a multi-year period after the clinic opened – has already come true. Graduate students on this campus have increased by 63% in the past five years. Research on this campus has grown from \$9.2 million per year to more than \$17.5 million per year.

“OU Physicians in Tulsa now provide more than \$16 million of uncompensated care per year – up from \$10 million annually in 2003. Faculty physicians have grown from 100 to 150 and our total employee base at OU-Tulsa is now more than 1,100 full-time,” Dr. Clancy said.

Oklahoma State University-Tulsa (OSU-Tulsa) has a similarly impressive story. The Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center (HATRC), a \$50 million project that received \$30 million in Vision 2025 funds, will host a formal dedication in November. OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl says it provides a “national model for economic stimulation through university/industry partnerships to advance research and technology development.

“Four strategic research and technology development thrusts will be pursued that underscore the fabric and future of the

Tulsa region: materials science and engineering, energy technologies, biobased technologies, and information and control technologies. The HATRC will advance science and discovery of new materials with applications for important Oklahoma industries,” President Trennepohl said.

“The greatest economic impact of the HATRC will come from the creation of new technologies and inventions that can be commercialized. Making estimates based on comparable facilities, it is possible that six to eight discoveries will be made each year and three to six new Oklahoma-based companies could be formed over the next ten years to commercialize these discoveries. The potential economic value added over the next ten years from the Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center should approach \$200 million,” he added.

Vision 2025 provided \$26 million in funding, which was boosted by an additional \$4.6 million in university funds, for **Northeastern State University-Broken Arrow** (NSU-BA) to complete their expansion project. The campus can now accommodate 8,000 students annually.

Dr. Larry Williams, NSU-BA President, said, “We greatly appreciate the faith the people of Broken Arrow and Tulsa County have placed in our university. The foresight of these voters is helping NSU-BA reach its full potential.”

The first higher education facility completed as a result of Vision 2025 was **Tulsa Community College's** (TCC) new Health Sciences and Biotechnology Learning Center at the Southeast Campus. TCC is one of the most comprehensive community colleges in the nation and ranks 23rd in the number of graduates. Serving 27,000 students annually in credit courses, TCC is the largest two-year college in Oklahoma. Funded in part with \$8 million in Vision 2025 funds, the facility houses several programs including biotechnology, nursing and medical laboratory technology. The expansion will allow TCC to increase its capacity to educate new nurses by an estimated 30 percent.

Dr. Thomas K. McKeon, TCC President and CEO, said, “Innovation permeates this facility, as you will see when you enter the biotechnology labs, the 22-bed simulated hospital for nursing students, and the laboratories equipped to teach students to

function in today's complex medical testing environment.”

Eight million dollars in Vision 2025 monies also is funding the development of **Langston-Tulsa's** first campus building – a student center, administrative offices, and classroom facility – in the historic Greenwood area of downtown Tulsa. Ground was broken for the new building on May 10, 2007, and with bids now received, construction will begin soon. Langston-Tulsa serves as a special environment and clinic for “direct urban dialogue and interaction, urban planning and research, internships, systematic identification and analysis of urban problems, urban ecology studies, and related urban dynamics and phenomena.”

Common Education benefited from Vision 2025 with funding for durable instructional materials and equipment. Tulsa County's 15 school districts received the funding proportionately, based on the student population within each district. Each district made the determination how best to use the funds to meet their needs. Cody Way, Director of Accounting for Jenks Public Schools, said, “Vision 2025 funds that we received were a welcome addition to our state funding over the past three years. The School District gathered \$980,275.71 from Vision 2025. Over the last three years, the district has used \$125,850 from Vision 2025 to purchase textbooks for our students. This was extremely helpful, as the state textbook allocation we receive does not meet the district's textbook needs.

“The Smart Boards and Promethean Boards purchased with Vision 2025 funds have allowed teachers to use the most innovative technology available to maximize the learning process. The equipment purchased has directly impacted students at Jenks and helped strengthen the instructional process,” Way said, adding, “We are very thankful.”

Tulsa Public School's Area 2 Superintendent Brad Schoeppe, said, “The Vision 2025 money allowed schools to purchase textbooks and supplemental materials necessary to provide a quality education for all students. Schools were able to update much of their technology equipment to allow students to have a variety of hands-on science experiences. Overall, the money has allowed the district to improve the quality of instruction provided to all students, and this would not have been possible without these extra funds.”

District 1 Overview

By John Smaligo, Commissioner

Tulsa County District 1 is fortunate to have both Highway 75 and Highway 169, which facilitate rapid commutes between the metropolitan area, suburban communities, and traffic north to Kansas. As traffic volumes continue to grow, Tulsa County is addressing necessary infrastructure needs in an effort to improve safety and traffic flow.

Long troublesome, the “S-curve” on Highway 20 in Collinsville is undergoing a redesign in a cooperative effort with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), Tulsa County, and the City of Collinsville. Currently, ODOT is considering plans for this area as developed by Tulsa County Engineering, and their recommendations and approvals are expected before the end of the current year. In addition, Collinsville’s Broadway Bridge, a collaborative effort between the City of Collinsville, Cherokee Nation and Tulsa County, is nearly complete.

Tulsa County in partnership with the City of Owasso has obtained ODOT funds to expand 86th Street North. The project will utilize 4-to-Fix II funds, the leverage for state funds that require a local match. Presently, engineering is continuing under the City of Owasso’s direction on this next crucial east-west connector for the City of Owasso.

The widening of East 76th Street North and 129th East Avenue in Owasso are nearly complete, and the 36th Street North widening is under construction and expected to be complete before the end of the year. Engineering is proceeding with roadway design and preliminary plans for 56th Street North. Future roadway projects include 103rd Street North in Sperry and Tulsa County’s portion of the intersection of 193rd East Avenue and Admiral Blvd.

Flooding is a major concern in District 1, with many areas at risk. The recently

completed storm water detention ponds and an expanded drainage channel in the Cherokee School neighborhood of North Peoria Avenue are major accomplishments in protecting life and property from routine flooding. Tulsa Public Schools and Tulsa County worked together on the project.

The Morton Health Center, a completed Vision 2025 project, has received rave reviews. This \$14 million, 60,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art health clinic treats patients with or without health insurance. Now, with the capacity to teach preventive care and provide expanding services in medical,



dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, x-ray, optometry, podiatry and health careers, Morton Health Center provides primary care to those in need. The Center has reduced the current gridlock in area emergency rooms and reduced health care costs for all residents of Tulsa County.

Vision 2025 funds for Downtowns and Neighborhoods are being put to good use in Skiatook, Sperry, Collinsville and Owasso to revitalize many areas and construct new public facilities. Notable as the first Vision 2025 project completed, the Collinsville City Hall and Fire Station Project constructed a new fire station and totally rebuilt the historic 1913 City Hall Building destroyed by fire in 2001.

Also important in advancing the health and quality of life of District 1 residents, O’Brien Park now has a new Practice Golf Course and Pro Shop, lighted trails, and restroom and concessions building. New paving and other enhancements continue. When complete, the park will have a new baseball complex, improved soccer facilities, expanded parking, and a fully renovated swimming pool.

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District 1 Projects

1. Morton Health Center:

After providing quality care in the same building on East Pine in Tulsa for over 71 years, Vision 2025 funds were used to construct a new \$14 million 60,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art Morton Health Center. Treating patients with or without health insurance, the new Morton clinic expands and provides additional services in medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, lab, x-ray, optometry, podiatry, health careers, patient education, and WIC.

Allocation: \$14 million; Complete

2. Tulsa County Parks – O’Brien Park:

Leisure and recreational facilities, programs and activities are a vital part of a growing community. To address that need and enhance the park experience, a teaching golf course and driving range with water features was completed and is open for business. Previously, playground equipment for young children was added. The Recreational Center was remodeled and new concession and restroom buildings have been added. A new four-field baseball complex is now in the final stage of construction. **Allocation: \$7 million; 47% Complete**

3. Tulsa County Parks – Mack Taylor Park:

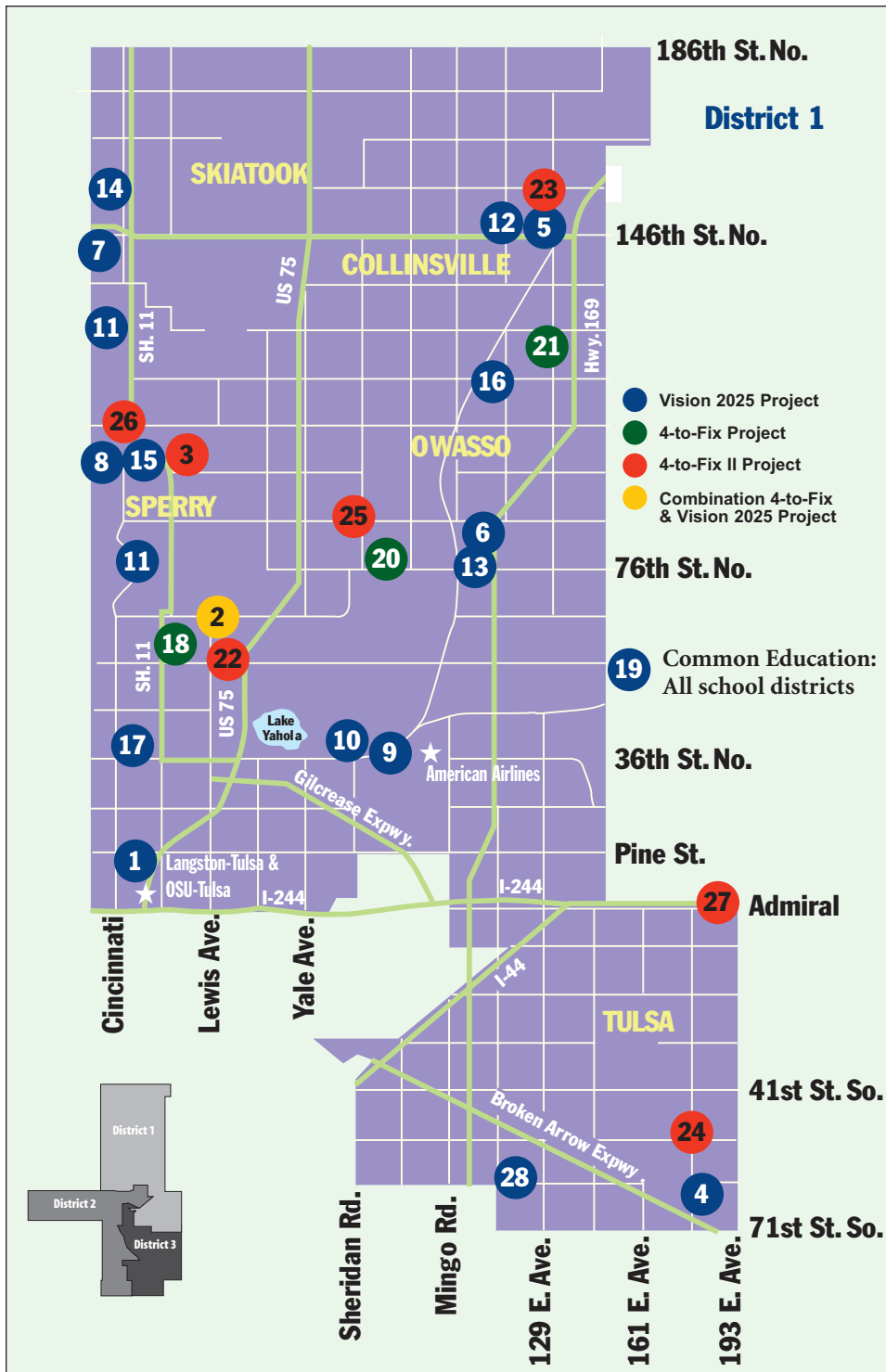
Tulsa County Parks Department is developing plans for playground and picnic area improvements. **Allocation: \$131,000; 0% Complete**

4. Broken Arrow Community Center and Swimming Pool (Nienhuis Park):

Construction of the Community Center and Pool is complete, and the new facility opened to the public on Memorial Day weekend. **Allocation: \$6 million; Complete**



American Airlines



5. Collinsville City Hall & Fire Station / EMS Station: Vision 2025 funds rebuilt the historic 1913 City Hall/Fire Station destroyed by fire in December 2001. The original building now houses city functions such as administration, revenue collections, utility billing and personnel. There is a large multi-purpose room for city commission meetings, boards and authorities, city court and many community functions. The fire and emergency medical services now occupy a new structure adjacent to the City Hall building, creating a campus for city operations anchored in downtown Collinsville. **Allocation: \$2.3 million; Complete**

6. Owasso Community Center: This Vision 2025 effort was actually four projects, including new heating and air conditioning in the existing Community Center, construction of a larger Community-built park with a children’s playground, construction of a Veteran’s Memorial, and participation in the construction of a new recreational facility by the YMCA. **Allocation: \$1 million; Complete**

7. Skiatook Community Center and Swimming Pool: The Skiatook Community Center shares a 1942 vintage WPA building with the Police Department and Municipal Court. One-half of the Vision 2025 funding completed many renovations and upgrades including roofing, window replacement and gymnasium flooring. The balance of the Skiatook funding supplemented the community’s effort to build the new community swimming pool that opened this summer. **Allocation: \$600,000; Complete**

8. Sperry Community Center: Renovation and upgrades to the existing Municipal Building, a former WPA National Guard Armory, included new roofing, restrooms, community meeting room, doors, windows, heating, air conditioning and renovation of the stage for community events. **Allocation \$500,000; Complete**

9. Tulsa Air and Space Museum’s Sky Theater: Vision 2025 funds, along with significant private funds, built the planetarium or “Sky Theater” at the new TASM campus. The allocation funded the state-of-the-art dome, special sky view seating, and digital projection equipment.



Collinsville City Hall



Morton Health Center

District 1 Projects continued

Private contributions provided 100% of the funding for the new adjacent museum facility and all operational costs for the facilities. This attraction accentuates Tulsa's role in aerospace education and industry – locally a \$3 billion industry. **Allocation: \$2 million; Complete**

10. Mohawk Park: Vision 2025-funded improvements to this City of Tulsa facility are expected to add \$2.1 million to the economy each year. Improvements to the park will enhance the quality of life for area residents and serve as a tourist attraction for area visitors. The City of Tulsa has purchased property for the new North Tulsa Sports Complex that will include soccer fields and skateboard and BMX facilities. **Allocation: \$6.4 million; 33% Complete**

11. Osage Trail: Vision 2025 funded construction of the Osage Trail from 56th St. North to Highway 20 in Skiatook. This multiuse trail, along what was previously the Osage Railroad in Tulsa and Osage Counties, is a scenic and safe connection for users traveling north from the OSU-Tulsa campus to Highway 20 in central Skiatook, with recreational and fitness opportunities along the way. Located within a mile of the trail are seven Tulsa, Sperry and Skiatook schools, Vining Park, Mack Taylor Park, and Skiatook's Zink Park. Trail amenities along the Osage Prairie Trail include ornamental lighting and fencing at trailheads, handrails, benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, bike racks, signage, drinking fountains, and trail parking locations. **Allocation: \$3.7 million; Complete**

12. Downtown/Neighborhoods – Collinsville: The Main Street Master Plan and Phase One Main Street Enhancement project is scheduled to begin construction this fall. **Allocation: \$239,286.73; 25% Complete**

13. Downtown/Neighborhoods – Owasso: This downtown beautification project is located along five blocks of Owasso's Main Street. The burial of overhead utilities is complete. The construction of streetscaping and installation of ornamental lighting and signs is scheduled to begin this fall. **Allocation: \$1,143,463.90; 10% Complete**

14. Downtown/Neighborhoods – Skiatook: Tulsa's OU School of Architecture and Urban Design has assisted Skiatook with planning the many improvements to the downtown area. Construction on a small downtown park is already complete. The neighborhoods portion of this project includes decorative fencing and entry gates. **Allocation: \$99,507.03; 60% Complete**

15. Downtown/Neighborhoods – Sperry: The major project improvements focused on sidewalk replacements along Main and Second Streets, since they lead children to the school campus. **Allocation: \$58,954.70; Complete**

16. Owasso Medical Complex (Utilities): The City of Owasso has completed this critical water infrastructure project that provides the water necessary for the new privately funded medical facilities in the area. This project was funded both locally and with Vision 2025 funds. **Allocation: \$4.5 million; Complete**

17. 36th Street North (Cincinnati Avenue to the Osage County Line): This key, north Tulsa arterial street is being widened to four lanes to connect with the Osage/Tisdale Expressway and stimulate economic development in the northwest metropolitan area. **Allocation: \$4 million; 80% Complete**

18. Stormwater Protection – Cherokee School and Creek: Identified and implemented as a result of the 4-to-Fix Flood Mitigation Plan, this project includes construction of storm sewers, a regional detention pond and channel improvements that have reduced the potential for what was the regular flooding of Cherokee Elementary School and the surrounding neighborhoods. **Allocation: Included in Flood Mitigation; Complete**

19. Common Education: Each of the fifteen school districts in Tulsa County received funding from Vision 2025 according to the percentage of students in each of the school districts compared to the total number of students in Tulsa County. In District 1, the Owasso School System upgraded their physical science and biology laboratories. Collinsville Public Schools purchased library furniture and textbooks. Skiatook Schools selected textbooks, new computers and software. Sperry also purchased textbooks and computers. The Union and Tulsa Public School Districts also serve students in District 1. Union Public Schools used the Vision 2025 funds for new 7th grade library furniture. Tulsa Public Schools, with the highest enrollment of all districts, purchased textbooks, cameras, student computers and software, maps and globes. Kindergarten furnishings and supplies purchased by Tulsa Schools include student desks and chairs, computer furniture, projectors, televisions, DVD players, and books. **Total Allocation All Districts: \$11.3 million; 98% Complete**

Transportation Projects

20. E. 76th Street N.: Sheridan to the Owasso City Limit. **Allocation: \$5.5 million; Complete**

21. 129th E.Ave.: 96th St. N. to 146th St. N. **Allocation: \$1 million; Complete**

22. 56th Street North: The consulting engineer has completed preliminary roadway design for roadway widening from Highway 75 to Lewis Avenue. **Allocation: \$2.75 million; 10% Complete**

23. Collinsville Curve: The Tulsa County Engineering department is developing plans to straighten the road and reduce public danger on this high traffic thoroughfare. This is a joint 4-to-Fix II/ODOT funded project. **Allocation: \$2 million; 5% Complete**

24. S. 51st Street Widening & Intersection: The City of Broken Arrow, the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County are partnering on this project to signalize and add left turn lanes at the intersections with 161st E.Ave., 177th E. Ave., and 193rd E.Ave. **Allocation: \$1 million; 1% Complete**

25. 86th Street North: Tulsa County and the City of Owasso have obtained ODOT urban funds to expand this widening project between Memorial Dr. and Highway 75 by using 4-to-Fix II funds as leverage for the state funds. Presently, design work and the necessary environmental clearance studies are underway. **Allocation: \$1 million; 7% Complete**

26. 103rd Street North: Extends the Skiatook Tall Chief Cove access road into Tulsa County, connecting directly to Highway 11. **Allocation: \$265,000; 0% Complete**

27. 193rd E. Avenue & Admiral Intersection: Extends the ODOT intersection improvements south to 11th Street. **Allocation: \$250,000; 1% Complete**

28. 61st Street: This road widening and railroad signalization project was constructed as two projects: the section from US 169 to Garnett Rd. was completed by the City of Tulsa in the spring of 2006; subsequently, construction of the section from Garnett Rd. to 145th E. Ave. was begun by Tulsa County and is now complete as well. The total project was completed under budget and provides a significant Broken Arrow/Tulsa connector. **Allocation: \$13.5 million; Complete**

District 2 Overview

By Randi Miller, Commissioner

Within the district, the Vision 2025 and 4-to-Fix programs have significantly advanced the neighborhoods of our District community.

Beyond the fabulous improvements to Expo Square discussed in the Regional summary on page one, Chandler Park is a public recreation jewel that, together with the unincorporated Berryhill community area, has suffered from poor water pressure. For decades, workers have been restricted to filling

the swimming pool only at night so as not to deprive neighbors of water. That lack of water pressure will be solved with a new water system scheduled to begin construction this winter that will benefit both the park and its neighborhoods.

This new water system will support a new community center, which is currently in design and is scheduled to begin construction this winter. This community center, combined with new picnic shelters and more new playgrounds, will greatly expand the capacity of the park to meet public needs in this growing area.

Road improvement projects throughout Tulsa County are helping to alleviate congestion and improve driver safety. Throughout Tulsa County, each of the respective municipalities sponsors its Vision 2025 Downtown/Neighborhoods program. These programs encompass many individual projects selected by residents in the immediate area. This effort funded beautification and infrastructure projects important to the neighbors – and Tulsa County is, after all, the greater community of neighborhoods working together.

The Jenks/Glenpool Community Center is fast becoming a center of



community activity in south Tulsa County. The design for the Center was developed from a survey of area residents conducted by the Leisure Studies Program of Oklahoma State University. That needs assessment continues to serve as the basis for developing new programs. Boy Scouts, Brownies, youth tumbling and martial arts enthusiasts, and the National Veterans of Foreign Wars all meet at the Center. Also offered at the center are youth and senior summer day camps, sports, weight lifting, swimming and music lessons with other special events. The Jenks/Glenpool Community Center is meeting its mission to improve the quality of life within Tulsa County.

Thank you for your support. If you have

questions or comments on any issue concerning Tulsa County, please contact me anytime.

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BOK Center in downtown Tulsa



Inside the BOK Center in downtown Tulsa

District 2 Projects: *(See map next page)*

1. Chandler Park: The park water system study is complete. Engineering work is in progress for the replacement of the park's water system including improvements required within the City of Tulsa's distribution system.

Improvements are being designed by the County for construction by the City of Tulsa. The design of the Community Center project is underway and new playground equipment will be added next year. **Allocation: \$4.1 million; 4% Complete**

2. Jenks/Glenpool Community Center: Vision 2025 funds purchased land and built a new Community Center at 137th Street South on the west side of Peoria Avenue – a 16-acre site. The Center includes a gymnasium, weight room, meeting and craft rooms, and an outdoor pool and water recreation area.

Allocation: \$3.95 million; Complete

3. South Lakes Golf Pavilion: Funds have built a new outdoor pavilion at the course at 96th St. S. & Elwood. **Allocation: \$60,000; Complete**

4. Coyote Trail Overlay: This important west Tulsa County road improvement project started at Hwy 51, continued on Coyote Trail south and east to W. 41st St. and extended along 41st St. to S. 129th W. Avenue. **Allocation: \$566,981; Complete**

5. Lake Station Drainage: Storm sewers were installed and the Lake Station area streets were resurfaced. **Allocation: \$467,500; Complete**

6. PSO/West Bank Soccer Complex: One of Tulsa's most heavily used soccer complexes, this facility received 4-to-Fix funds that provided an asphalt overlay to the south entrance road and parking lot and installed new field lighting. 4-to-Fix II funds will be used to provide an irrigation system at the complex.

Allocation: \$227,000; 75% Complete



Jenks/Glenpool Community Center

District 2 Projects continued

7. Katy Trail: The trail overlay/widening work is being coordinated by the River Parks Authority. The County Highway Department expects to complete the overall work in the 2007 paving season. **Allocation: \$200,000; 5% Complete**

8. Tulsa County Social Services, Triangle Park and Buford Park – Replace Play Equipment: The Tulsa County Parks Department carefully maintains youth amenities in several locations which periodically require replacement. **Allocation: \$135,000; 1% Complete**

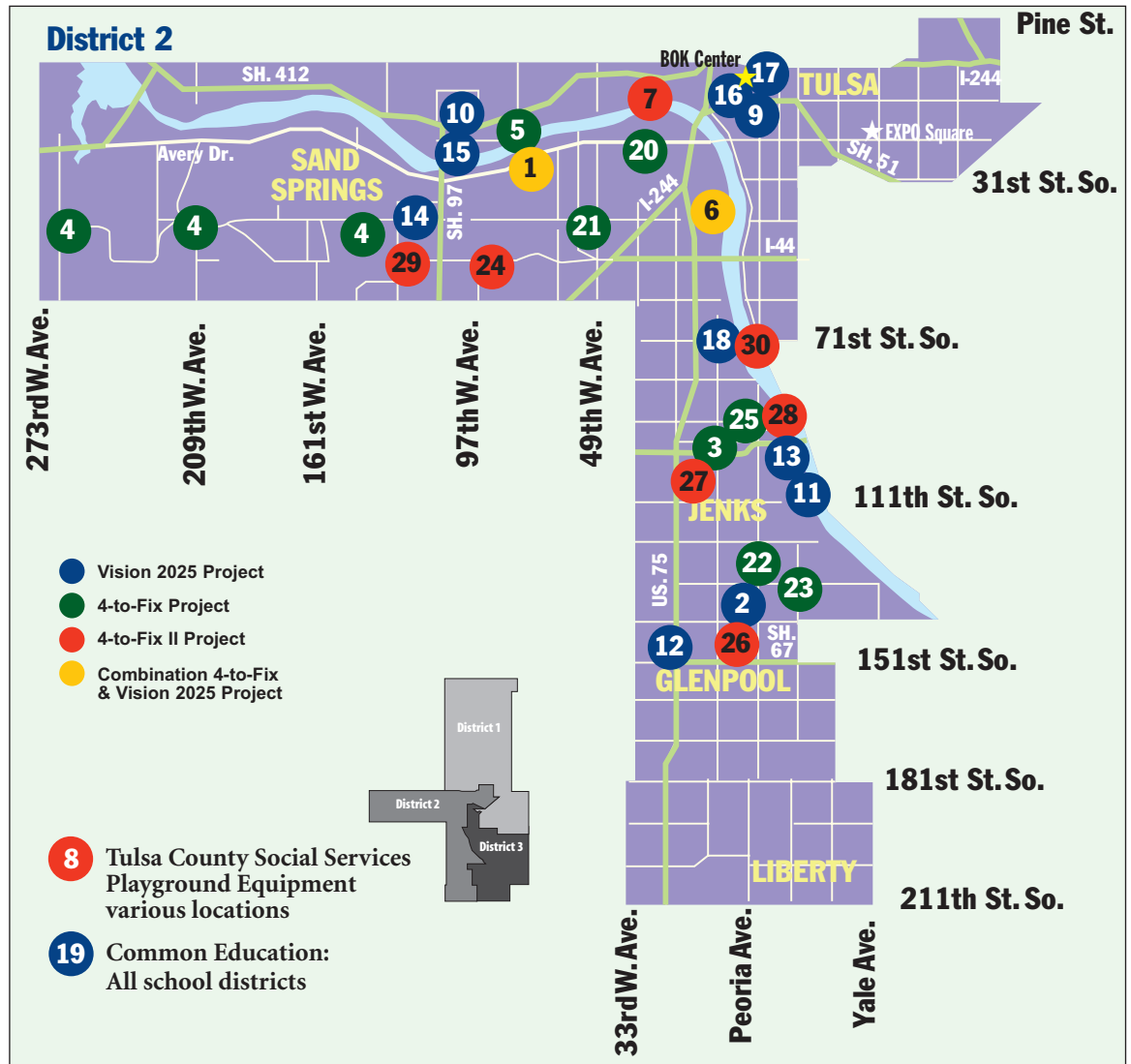
9. Midland Valley Downtown Trail Extension: Vision 2025 funds are extending a multiuse trail connecting downtown Tulsa and the East Village with Cherry Street and the Arkansas River and adjacent neighborhoods via the existing portions of the Midland Valley Trail. **Allocation \$1 million; 30% Complete**

10. Downtown – Sand Springs: The City developed a program for using public funds to match private funds in historic building façade improvement projects in the Old Towne District. Street lighting in the Central Business District was upgraded with more decorative fixtures and mounting arms. Streetscape improvements include removal of existing asphalt paving on the south leg of the triangle and replacement with stamped, colored concrete, brick paver sidewalks on all three sides of “the triangle”, new planters, lighting, traffic bollards, and an asphalt overlay of Main Street and Broadway surrounding the triangle area. Various other streetscape enhancements include: drainage flume, decorative walls and fencing at Second Street and Adams Road, a cultured stone wall and stone columns at the Lincoln Avenue on-ramp to US 412, bridge facing on the Lake Trail bridge (81st W Avenue & US 412), uniform signage where local streets cross US

412, expressway fencing along US 412, extending the sidewalk from the Central Business District toward Charles Page High School, tree plantings, and lighted street identification signs at signalized intersections. **Allocation: \$794,000; Complete**

11. Oklahoma Aquarium: Vision 2025 provides \$12 million over approximately 13 years to stabilize capital improvements made by this important education and tourism facility. **Allocation: \$12 million; 30% Complete**

12. Downtown/Neighborhoods – Glenpool: The downtown/neighborhoods project, neighborhood paving and sidewalk improvements, is complete. The Elwood Roadway Improvement Project, (partially funded by ODOT), is complete and the first phase of the Black Gold Centennial Landmark is expected to begin construction this fall. **Allocation: \$459,388.00; 35% Complete**



Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame's new home in the Union Depot



Tulsa County road projects are numerous and ongoing

13. Downtown/Neighborhoods – Jenks: Projects include Main Street planters, islands, landscaping and sound system, a new Veteran's Park playground and restrooms, and neighborhood streetscaping. **Allocation: \$612,759.72; Complete**

14. Neighborhoods – Sand Springs: Installation at the Pratt/Boyd/5th Grade Center of several infill segments of concrete sidewalks now provides continuity of sidewalks near the school complex and allows safer pedestrian access. Concrete sidewalks have also been installed near Limestone Elementary School, providing safer access linking the school to 41st Street and Civitan Park. A picnic pavilion at Sand Springs Lake has been added. The Rotary Centennial Park project at the site of the original sand springs, from which the City's name was derived, includes improvements featuring enhancements to the springs and marshy lands created by the ever flowing spring water. River City Park entrance improvements include a new entrance sign and landscaping. A separate River City Park Soccer Field provides for the purchase of 192 recycled rubber parking blocks, gravel and landscaping improvements for the soccer field parking lot. **Allocation: \$175,000; Complete**

15. Sand Springs Keystone Corridor Redevelopment: The site has been cleared of all structures. Environmental improvements required by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission are underway, and the developer agreement has been signed by the Sand Springs Development Authority. **Allocation: \$14.5 million; 70% Complete**

16. Downtown/Neighborhoods – Tulsa: Construction is beginning on First Street Lofts (downtown housing) and will begin soon on the Mayo Lofts. Construction on Centennial Walk (Phase I) is underway and the first phase of the "Centennial Green" project has been bid with work expected to begin soon. Phase 1 and 2 neighborhood projects are underway. **Allocation: \$21,591,348.09; 20% Complete**

17. Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame: This performance hall renovation of an historic train station provides a showcase music venue and museum facility in the core of downtown Tulsa. The grand opening festivities began in June. **Allocation: \$4 million; Complete**

18. American Indian Cultural Center (Site Infrastructure): At present, allocation of the Vision 2025 portion of this project is subject to the results of NIMI's fund raising activities. **Allocation: \$2 million; 0% Complete**

19. Common Education: Each school district throughout Tulsa County received funding from Vision 2025 according to the percentage of the total Tulsa County students attending that district. District 2 distributed Vision 2025 funds to the Keystone School District, which purchased computers for their students. Glenpool Schools purchased computers, printers and software. The Leonard School District purchased DVD's, videos, computers and software, computer learning games, laptop computers and microscopes. The Jenks School District selected library bookshelves and tables, a whirlpool for the new Physical Therapy Vo-Tech Classroom, microscopes, student furniture, and multimedia packages including electronic smart boards, projectors, and DVD/VCRs. Berryhill Schools purchased textbooks, computers, audio/visual equipment, and computer software. The Sand Springs School District purchased textbooks. The Liberty School District purchased computers and textbooks. **Total Allocation All Districts: \$11.3 million; 98% Complete**

Transportation Projects

20. W. 21st Street S.: 23rd St. Bridge to 65th W. Ave. **Allocation: \$898,208; Complete**

21. W. 41st Street: Right-of-way acquisition on project, between 41st W. Ave. and 57th W. Ave., is complete; utility relocations are underway and construction will begin soon. **Allocation: \$1.6 million; 20% Complete**

22. S. Peoria Ave.: 116th St. to Hwy 67. **Allocation: \$1.37 million; Complete**



Picnic pavilion at Sand Springs Lake

23. E. 131st Street S.: Peoria Ave. to Yale Place. **Allocation: \$860,819; Complete**

24. W. 51st Street S.: Utility relocations and construction from Gilcrease Expressway to Hwy 97 are underway. **Allocation: \$1 million; 30% Complete**

25. W. 91st Street S.: Peoria Ave. to Elwood Ave. **Allocation: \$334,079; Complete**

26. 141st Street Widening: To three lanes from Peoria Ave. west past Elwood. Engineering is underway. **Allocation: \$1.5 million; 10% Complete**

27. W. 96th St. S. & Elwood Intersection: The City of Jenks is coordinating engineering on this project with an ODOT funded project. **Allocation: \$1.8 million; 5% Complete**

28. W. 91st St. S. (K Place) Widening: The City of Jenks is coordinating engineering on this project with an ODOT funded project. **Allocation: \$800,000; 1% Complete**

29. W. 51st Street Widening: Hwy 97 to 129th W. Avenue. The engineering work is underway. **Allocation: \$2.45 million; 3% Complete**

30. 71st Street Bridge Lighting: This project is pending coordination with the proposed river corridor projects. **Allocation: \$165,000; 0% Complete**



Expo Square's new Barn D



Historic 11th Street Bridge across the Arkansas River

District 3 Overview

By Commissioner Fred Perry

Serving as County Commissioner is considerably different from my long experience in the State Legislature. The Commissioner position is closer to the people, and it is a joy to work with and for the citizens of Tulsa County. In one of my first meetings on the Board of County Commissioners, I authored and, with Commissioners Miller and Smaligo, passed a resolution to begin the practice of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at each Board meeting – important as a matter of principle, I believe.



One of the highlights in District 3 during 2007 was the beginning steps toward tennis improvements at LaFortune Park – in a public/private effort. For years, LaFortune has had 12 courts. The demand for courts due to lessons, league play and tournaments exceeded the capacity long ago. The old courts are worn and, with the additional amenities planned, Tulsa will be able to host many state and regional tennis tournaments. This will bring additional revenue to the area as families travel to Tulsa to participate.

With the help of the Tulsa County Parks Director Richard Bales and the support of Commissioners Miller and Smaligo, I secured Vision 2025 funds for Tulsa County Parks to utilize for the tennis court improvements. Private fund-raising is also underway for the project led by Tennis Director Melissa McCorkle with the support of the Tulsa County Parks Board and Park Friends, Inc.

In addition to the numerous capital projects in the district, the county has undertaken many other tasks such as ice and snow removal, 25 miles of ditch construction, grass mowing, and shoulder repair. Many miles of paving repair and improvements also have been completed during the last six months.

As one of the County Commissioners,

I serve on the TCPFA, also known as the Fair Board. This has been an exciting experience, as the Board has overseen the replacement or renovation of nearly all buildings and facilities at Expo Square and there is more to come.

Vision 2025 and 4-to-Fix monies invested in improved facilities have helped solidify Expo Square as one of the best fairground exhibition venues in the nation with the extensive improvements made

during the last 7 years.

Prior to these improvements, some thought was given to closing the entire facility, but Expo Square is important to our community and improvements have stabilized property values in the surrounding neighborhoods and encouraged private commercial

development. Ongoing construction has taken place even while hundreds of events have been presented, including the annual Tulsa State Fair, Wannemacher Arms Show, the Chili Bowl races, the Tulsa Home & Garden Show and many premier horse shows. If you haven't seen Expo Square lately, make a point to attend an event and see what a wonderful facility it is becoming.

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District 3 Projects

1. Haikey Creek Park Improvements:

The design of improvements is underway and includes new playground equipment and restroom renovations. Equipment storage shelters, park shelters and parking improvements have also been completed at Haikey. Structural elements for the Haikey Creek Pedestrian Bridge have been delivered and completion is anticipated this fall.

Allocation: \$2.18 million; 8% Complete

2. LaFortune Park: The new Community Center now under construction will provide more opportunities at the park and feature a branch of the Tulsa City-County Library,

the first such multi-budget (part County and part Library) cooperative project in Tulsa County. Landscaping of The Gardens will begin once the Center is complete. The tennis facility will be expanded and refurbished with both public and private funds. Construction is beginning on a new golf maintenance building that will allow the county to continue to provide quality maintenance of the most played and highest quality publicly operated course in the region. In addition, the Golf Course Clubhouse renovations are in design for construction beginning next year.

Allocation: \$10.28 million; 31% Complete

3. Downtown/Neighborhoods – Bixby:

The Downtown Streetscape Project construction is complete. The construction and installation of security improvements at various public parks is complete.

Allocation: \$852,941.40; Complete

4. Downtown/Neighborhoods – Broken Arrow:

Design work is progressing on all of the Broken Arrow Downtown and Neighborhoods projects. Construction on the Historical Museum continues.

Construction on the Central Park Splash Pad is complete and construction of the Veteran's Park Fountain began in May.

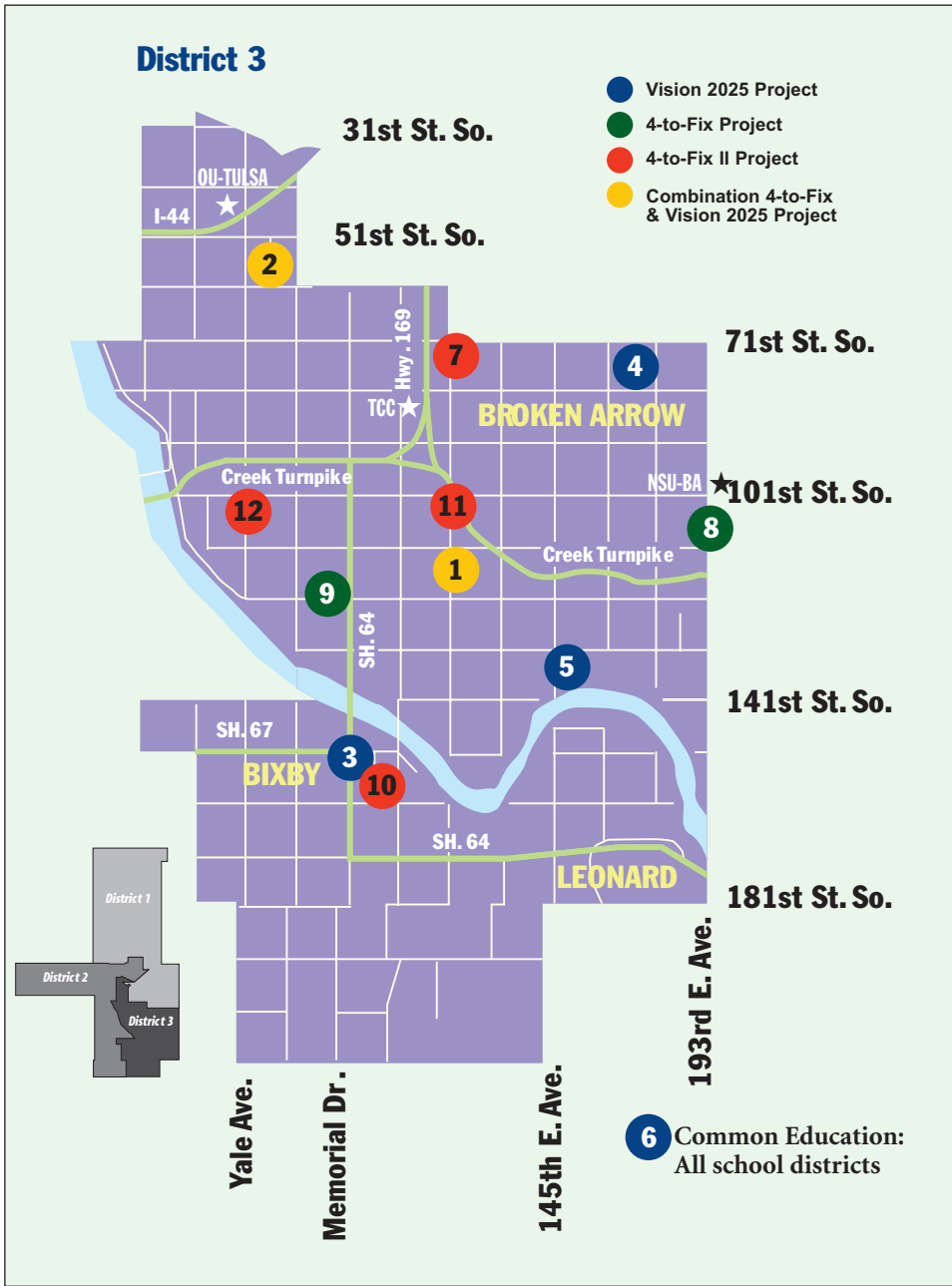
Allocation: \$3,972,953.93; 30% Complete



Broken Arrow Community Center



LaFortune Park Community Center



5. Haikey Creek Flood Prevention: Work on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Feasibility Study and the study for the environmental clearance is continuing. The City of Bixby has completed the engineering design of a floodway relief channel direct to the Arkansas River, and is proceeding with the engineering of the Haikey Relief Channel with design completion scheduled for January 2008. Presently the City is proceeding with the preliminary phase of right-of-way acquisition, design work and utility coordination. **Allocation: \$12.2 million; 6% Complete**

6. Common Education: Each school district throughout Tulsa County received funding from Vision 2025

according to the percentage of the total Tulsa County students attending that district. In District 3 the Broken Arrow School District purchased computers, computer tables, computer network equipment, computer art centers, sports balls, student furniture for work centers, games, kindergarten sand play sets, and textbooks. The Leonard School District purchased DVDs, videos, computers and software, computer games, and microscopes. Bixby Schools now have additional textbooks, computers, student furniture, and art supplies. Tulsa Public Schools, with the highest enrollment of all the districts, was able to purchase textbooks, cameras, student computers, software, maps and globes.

Kindergartens received student desks and chairs, computer furniture, televisions and DVDs, projectors and books. **Total Allocation All Districts: \$11.3 million; 98% Complete**

Transportation Projects

7. S. Garnett Road: Widening of Garnett Rd. to five lanes between 61st and 81st St. **Allocation: \$2.2 million; Complete**

8. S. 193rd E. Ave.: Widening of this corridor to five lanes from 101st St. to the Creek Turnpike is expected to begin next summer. Project bid documents are complete and extensive utility relocations are underway. **Allocation: \$2 million; 25% Complete**

9. E. 121st Street S.: From Sheridan Rd. to Memorial Drive, this street was widened to five lanes with major drainage improvements. **Allocation: \$1.85 million; Complete**

10. 151st St. Widening & Riverview to 161st: The City of Bixby is presently proceeding with preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition. **Allocation: \$3 million; 3% Complete**

11. Garnett Road Widening & 101st Street Intersection Improvements: The County Engineer is proceeding with the contracting of engineering services. **Allocation: \$3.3 million; 0% Complete**

12. 101st Street & Yale Intersection: This project engineering is being evaluated and coordinated with the City of Tulsa. **Allocation: \$965,000; 0% Complete**



Haikey Creek Park improvements



Newly completed LaFortune Park picnic shelter

Our River...Our Main Street

Like the symbol of a Main Street running through a town where there is the hustle and bustle of business, recreation, entertainment and places of public gathering, the Arkansas River is our main street of today. With 42 miles of river running through Tulsa County, the people of our region have longed to turn the Arkansas River into our regional symbol of excitement, development and prosperity.

The voice of our citizens for river development was very strong during the planning process of Vision 2025. Following the successful passage of Vision 2025, citizens, government leaders and experts in the fields of engineering, water management, environment and natural conservation began to develop the Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan (Master Plan). Four years and over 60

public meetings later, the Master Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and City Councils and planning agencies throughout our county. For the first time, Tulsa County has a comprehensive restoration, beautification, and economic development plan for the Arkansas River.

Funds provided in Vision 2025 for this implementation process and river improvements totaled \$9.5 million. These funds were targeted for Zink dam modifications, shoreline beautification and river basin maintenance. These projects are still ongoing and funds not spent to date will be rolled into the total cost to implement the Master Plan. We hope that federal funds included for the Arkansas River in the U.S. Water Resources Development Act will be approved.

Turning the Arkansas River into something more than a meandering river is a major undertaking and challenge which requires the participation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, environmental agencies, and many other federal, state and local agencies. With all of these governmental and professional participants partnering with the citizens of Tulsa County, the development of the Master Plan is one of the most significant cooperative success stories in the history of Tulsa County.

Implementation of the Master Plan is the next big step for the citizens of Tulsa County. By building upon the successes of Vision 2025, 4-to-Fix, and 4-to-Fix II, the development and revitalization of the Arkansas River and its potential to improve the quality of life in Tulsa County for years to come is in the hands of our citizens.

Artist Composite Rendering



The Arkansas River Corridor Plan Advisory Committee was established during Phase I and is expected to continue through the permitting process and beyond. The Committee is comprised of representatives of the following organizations: American Institute of Architects • American Society of Landscape Architects • Audubon Society • Bank of Oklahoma • Brookside Neighborhood Association • City of Bixby • City of Broken Arrow • City of Jenks • City of Sand Springs • City of Tulsa • City of Tulsa Public Works Department • Downtown Tulsa Unlimited • INCOG Board of Directors • Kayakers • Land Legacy • Levy District 12 (West Tulsa County) • Levy District 13 (Jenks) • Maple Ridge Neighborhood Association • Muscogee (Creek) Nation • National Association of Industrial and Office Parks • Oklahoma Aquarium • Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation • Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation • Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association • Oklahoma Water Resources Board • River Parks Authority • River Parks staff • River Parks user groups • Riverview Apartments • Southwest Power Administration • Southwest Tulsa Chamber of Commerce • Sun Refinery • Tulsa Area Hotel/Motel Association • Tulsa County Commission • Tulsa County Conservation District • Tulsa Industrial Authority • Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission • Tulsa Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce • U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • U.S. Fish and Wildlife • various sand companies • Young Professionals of Tulsa • Congressman Dan Boren's staff • Senator Tom Coburn's staff • Senator Jim Inhofe's staff • Congressman Frank Lucas' staff • Congressman John Sullivan's staff • Staff of Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry



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