



# Projects Report

Vision 2025 & "4 to Fix" the County 2009

## Route 66 highlights history and spotlights Tulsa

It crosses the heart of America, symbolizing mobility, freedom, and the pursuit of the American Dream. It enabled the movement of emigrants out of the Dust Bowl, the mobilization of military convoys, and the phenomenon of automobile tourism. Route 66, the 2,400-mile ribbon of highway from Chicago

path that the national route took. It is our understanding that Cyrus Avery used the existence of that bridge over the Arkansas River to justify Route 66 through his City of Tulsa. Without that bridge, Route 66 may have taken a different path."

Barthuli said, "It is easy for Route 66 to get lost in the larger metropolitan areas because there is so much other activity going on, and urban growth has sometimes led to tear downs of valuable historic resources. Tulsa has seen that to some extent, but has jumped in at a critical time to take a hard look at what's left and prioritize. That is what Tulsa County did with Vision 2025, which is so wonderful. I do not believe that there are any other cities that have invested as much (\$15 million in Vision 2025 funds alone) in their Route 66 heritage. Tulsa really stands apart as exemplary."

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to Los Angeles, linked the main streets of rural communities to urban cities with quirky, homespun, individualistic slices of Americana during a period of historical significance (1926-1970) recognized worldwide.

The route passes through Tulsa because of a bridge and a Tulsa County Commissioner named Cyrus Avery. Avery successfully argued at the national level that to avoid the high peaks of the Rocky Mountains, the road should turn south through Tulsa and Oklahoma City and then continue west to southern California.

Kaisa M. Barthuli, Acting Program Manager of the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, National Park Service, said in a recent interview, "The 11th Street Bridge, now named the Cyrus Avery Bridge, was likely key to the



Langston University - Tulsa, 914 N. Greenwood Ave.

## Langston University's new home

Tulsa higher education facilities took another giant step forward in March 2009 with the opening of Langston University-Tulsa's first campus building. The \$8 million building contains 35,000 sq. ft. of classrooms, offices, a media center and the community outreach programs of Langston-Tulsa.

Langston University President JoAnn Haysbert said recently, "To the people of Tulsa County, I would first say thank you. We recognize area citizens made possible this first phase of Langston-Tulsa's own home campus. In addition, we recognize that Vision 2025 has a mission of unity between academia and various levels of government to better the greater metropolitan area for future generations and we are glad to play a part in that positive future.

"While Tulsa remains the largest city in the nation without a four-year, free-standing state university, extensions by several state universities - including Langston-Tulsa - now answer the advanced educational needs identified within Tulsa. There is now a full and diverse range of advanced educational opportunities for area residents and Langston-Tulsa is an important part of that educational buffet."

Future phases at Langston-Tulsa include a School of Nursing and Health scheduled next, with a School of Business and Entrepreneur Studies to follow in phase three. Phase four will feature a facility for education and rehabilitation counseling. The remaining phases have not been scheduled and funding for them has not yet been

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## Cutting-edge Biotechnology

With \$8 million of Vision 2025 money, Tulsa Community College (TCC) built a 47,000 sq. ft. biotechnology and health science building and TCC raised another \$2 million from private donations to equip labs and classrooms. The result is so current and well equipped that in the case of a community emergency, these teaching labs can become a hospital.

Dr. Diana Spencer, Assistant Professor and TCC Coordinator of Biotechnology said, "A

Holland Hall teacher came through on a tour of our facility recently and she remarked that she did not have this high a caliber of lab equipment when she studied for her Ph.D. We hear that from a lot from science professionals. 'Wow' is the most common reaction."

The National Science Foundation (NSF) agrees. They fund national outreach to secondary students and teachers with established grants for Advanced Technological Education (ATE),

a part of their undergraduate program. With NSF funds, TCC is partnering with secondary schools, universities, research laboratories, and industry to spark interest and increase the number of students entering the biotechnology field by providing "Biotech Footlockers" and teaching educators the latest biotechnical science.

Dr. Spencer said, "We also hold an annual extravaganza where a hundred students come in and we do five

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The Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program is a resource for private property owners interested in preservation to help them find resources and expertise to accomplish restoration goals and bring properties back into service. They have funds to grant and will work with property owners to find other money for Route 66 projects. They are very much into partnering to make projects work."

One grant from the Preservation Program was used in Tulsa for the adaptive reuse of a contaminated gas station at 6th Street and Elgin Avenue. Together with the State Historic Preservation Office, the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program worked with the owner to restore the building to its historical appearance while still meeting the needs of its



Cyrus Avery Centennial Skywalk Bridge  
Southwest Blvd. & Riverside Dr.

tenant. No Vision 2025 funds were spent at this location, but sparking private owners and developers to preserve or build to theme was a primary purpose for Route 66's inclusion in the Vision 2025 program.

Vision 2025 funded \$828,000 for the restoration and relocation of the historic Meadow Gold Sign, but alone that was not enough. The Tulsa Foundation for Architecture spearheaded the preservation effort and received a \$15,000 grant from the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program. The land for the sign's new site was donated, and the Oklahoma Route 66 Association and countless individuals also donated to the project. Now the sign lights the night for travelers at 11th Street and Quaker Avenue with the Tulsa skyline in the background. With each face measuring 30 feet by 30 feet, the size and design of the Meadow Gold sign set it apart from all other signs that have

been preserved and restored along Route 66. "One of the benefits of the Vision 2025 initiative was to raise awareness of Route 66 and its historical value within Tulsa County and to stimulate private investment," Barthuli said. "We are beginning to see that happen in Tulsa. We are hearing rumblings of new plans that incorporate the Route 66 theme. Private owners previously unknown are beginning to look for ways to bring to life vacant buildings. It takes time for the domino effect to be visible, but we are noting more phone calls and grant applications from Tulsa as interest grows."

Barthuli said, "So much is underway with the repair of the bridge, the iconic neon Meadow Gold sign recently reinstalled and, next up, the Route 66 Interpretive Center, which will serve as a visitor's center that I believe will be a tremendous visitor draw. I feel that Tulsa's effort for Route 66 will have long lasting benefits as many of the more humble properties that still stand will shine in the light of the major projects and all will stand a greater chance of restoration."

In the months to come, the landmark bronze statue "East Meets West" will be installed in the Centennial Plaza at Southwest Blvd. and Riverside Drive. Another site near the 3700 block of Southwest Boulevard will have an oil and railroad theme and host the Frisco 4500 Engine for visitors to view. Two gateways will identify the locations where Route 66 connects with the later-built and more heavily traveled Interstate Highway System within the City of Tulsa.

"The National Park Service appreciates what Tulsa has done and we feel it is a tremendous example for other cities along Route 66," Barthuli added. "We look forward to seeing the other Vision 2025 projects come to completion, and thank Tulsa for all it is doing."



Kaisa M. Barthuli (right) presents the historical marker to Tulsa Foundation of Architecture's Lee Anne Zeigler at the dedication of the restored Route 66 Meadow Gold Sign.

## International Regard

Kaisa M. Barthuli, Acting Program Manager of the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, National Park Service said, "I attended an international seminar a few years back with colleagues working with the Egyptian Pyramids, the cultural sites of Iraq and the Ottoman Empire, and as we stood to give an introduction to our individual work and its cultural significance it was easy for me. Like these other cultural treasures, Route 66 helped define a nation. As a representative of America's highway system and the impact of the automobile on our nation and our culture, Route 66 is how we became who we are today."

In recognition of the significance of Route 66, Congress passed an act in 1999 to create the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program administered through the National Park Service. The program assists private individuals, organizations, and government in identifying, prioritizing and addressing Route 66 preservation and restoration. The Program was re-authorized this year to run through 2019. For more information search online at [www.nps.gov/history/rt66](http://www.nps.gov/history/rt66).

## Arkansas River adaptive design



It is the most obvious geographical asset of Tulsa County – 42 miles long. Our great bend of the Arkansas River saw Washington Irving, documentary writer and artist, pass through in 1832 and motivated the Creek Nation to settle here in 1836 rekindling their council fire under the massive branches of the Council Oak Tree. Tulsa became an early trading center because people could most easily cross the Arkansas River at this location and that commercial growth drew a Federal post office establishing Tulsa in 1878. Dark days for the Arkansas River saw the

hours of 10 pm and 5 am each morning. For municipal and private development along the river banks, daytime water in the river is important. Thus, the general plan has long been to create a series of low water dams that would store and release consistently throughout each day a portion of the water that is now flowing late at night.

Tulsa County in both 4-to-Fix and Vision 2025 programs included approximately \$10 million to advance known needs and begin implementing the Arkansas River

Corridor Master Plan. It was well known that development involving water features is highly regulated and requires exhaustive incremental planning and monitoring over long periods of time.

Public meetings and citizen input are also required at each significant stage of development. Each successive phase of the process requires knowledge gathered in previous phases to direct current and future planning. Three successful planning phases have been completed.

Arkansas River development has advanced now to the adaptive design phase which will extend to the construction phase. There have been 60 public meetings through 2009 and another series of meetings are being held this September where citizens may review and comment.



Current financial assistance for the initial Arkansas River project design and implementation is coming from the US Department of Commerce, the State of Oklahoma and upcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding.

Many private developers continue to express interest in building on the river banks in several different local municipalities, but there is no private profit incentive to build dams within the river. That, then, becomes the basic public infrastructure investment required before private development and the resulting economic benefits can begin.

Tulsa County and INCOG, with public input and active cooperation of area municipalities, continue this detailed work to complete, over time, an environmentally sound, recreationally attractive and commercially viable Arkansas River Corridor in Tulsa County where man and nature may flourish together.



worst of America's early pollution, but the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, various agencies of the State of Oklahoma, and private industry have eliminated and reclaimed much of the River's basic health by this new millennium.

Today, the Arkansas River is not the wild prairie river it once was, but a hydro-river forever altered, if not damaged, by the Keystone Dam. The dam created a federally controlled hydro-electric, flood protection, navigation sustaining river.

Almost every day, water is released in volume from the Keystone Dam that fills the Arkansas River in Tulsa. Unfortunately, the time it takes to reach us from the dam means water is visible usually between



Tulsa Rowing Club



Above: Artist working on Route 66 bronze "East meets West" in his Ft. Worth studio. Right: Scale model of sculpture to be installed in the Route 66 Centennial Plaza at Southwest Blvd. and Riverside Dr.



## Chandler Park: Pump it up!

The most significant improvements in forty years are premiering this October at Chandler Park. Located at 6500 W 21st St on a bluff overlooking the Arkansas River, Chandler Park provides an outdoor lighted basketball court, ball fields, shelters, cookout grills, outdoor swimming pool, outdoor theater/concert area, disc golf course, and horseshoe area with plenty of fun playground equipment and beautiful scenic views.

This October will see the premier of the new Community Center featuring a full size gymnasium with a multi-purpose floor, meeting and reception rooms with catering equipment, a weight and exercise room, and a room for summer camp kids to shelter from rain storms.

The mostly hidden, but significant fundamental change is an improvement in water supply. Tulsa County Parks Department Director Richard Bales said, "Finally, we will have a great water system which Chandler has never had. We will be able to grow trees, plants and flowers which we have never been able to do because of limited water pressure. For the first time, we will be able to fill the swimming pool next season in less than a week. And, of course, the new line will serve the new Community Center.

"The City of Tulsa water line feeding the

surrounding neighborhood comes up to a water vault. From that vault, Chandler Park has a pump that picks water up and pumps into a line into the park. The City line was too small and our park line, when it was installed in the 1960s, was way too small.



We also had a very small water storage tank near the pool that for decades provided the only water for the entire park. The result was we had very little water at very low pressure. That problem is now fixed with the larger water lines," Bales added.

In the Community Center gymnasium, the floor will look like a traditional wood basketball floor, but it is constructed from

material that is much more resilient and allows more diverse activity without damage.

There is also a reception room on the northwest corner of the building that provides a striking view across the river towards Sand Springs. Besides the great view, the room is functionally designed for birthday parties, wedding receptions, family reunions and such with a catering kitchen adjacent.

The meeting rooms will also facilitate kids' summer camp. Before the center, the kids had to hide under outside campsite shelters until the rain stopped, but now they can play indoors and there is also a place for them to drop their backpacks. 4-to-Fix installed one area of new playground equipment and in 4-to-Fix 2 Chandler Park is funded for three more, scheduled for installation by the spring of 2010.

"Beyond the funded improvements, Chandler has a great group of

volunteers that continue to improve the park in many ways," Bales said. "One of the most visible is the Christmas lights program called Lights on the Hill. It has grown from nothing to a tremendous display and a significant public usage during winter. Through donations of private displays and with help from Public Service Company, this coming year will be the biggest and best yet."

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hands-on activities with them. They get to hear national and local biotechnology speakers. It is a huge day and is part of our ongoing outreach focus."

Dr. Joe D. Parli, Associate Dean of Science said, "Enrollment is beginning to snowball as we expand our outreach. Dr. Spencer has been asked to head the Community College portion of INBRE, a \$14 million dollar grant from the OU Health Science Center to essentially take what we have been doing

locally to a statewide level.

"Prior to this facility, awareness of the biotechnology field in Tulsa was limited in many ways to just the universities," Dr. Parli added. "With other Vision 2025 investments in research facilities at OU-Tulsa and OSU-Tulsa, there is increased visibility in the field and it has put our city on the map as a growing biotechnology center."

TCC students are gaining stature with larger universities and private industry. Dr. Spencer said, "Our students

are participating in summer internships in the research labs at OU-Tulsa, OSU-Tulsa's Center for Health Sciences, the OU Health Science Center in Oklahoma City, and in Stillwater at OSU doing biotech or biomedical research.

Dr. Carol O. Messer, Ph.D., Provost TCC Southeast Campus said, "TCC created three pathways for students: a Certificate, an Associate Degree in Applied Science and an Associate Degree in Biotechnology. Students can go on to a university fully transferring credits or go into the work force today as biotechnology



2009 Biotech Summer Academy Students

workers. Those with degrees in biology and chemistry can return here to update specific biotechnology skills. We have been singled out nationally as a model program."

The average age of students at TCC is 36 years of age, but they run the gamut from concurrent high school students to the retraining worker to the worker seeking advancement in an existing job. We welcome all," Dr. Parli said.

Prospective students should have an inclination toward the sciences, but anyone can take the online career finder at [www.tulsacc.edu](http://www.tulsacc.edu) or take an introductory class to learn more.



TCC Biotech students study with latest equipment

## Extra money in Vision 2025?

By Tony Ringold, Chairman, Sales Tax Overview Committee (STOC)

**Note:** The Vision 2025 Sales Tax Overview Committee (STOC) was established and empowered by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners at the same time as the 2003 Vision 2025 ballot resolutions. Private citizens serve without compensation to review reports, prepared by Vision 2025's program management team [Program Management Group, LLC (PMg)] for Tulsa County. All projects and expenditures are reviewed for conformance with the voter approved propositions. The STOC then reports independently to the Board of County Commissioners and the public.



STOC tours Broken Arrow Farmer's Market

The question often arises as to whether Vision 2025 will have money left over – assuming the sales tax revenues continue at their current level. We cannot overemphasize that there is no assurance of any overages at this time. Those who suggest so do not take into account certain bond reserve requirements and interest payments. When the issue of possible overages came up at one of its meetings months ago, PMg volunteered to add a section to our financial

report – a Bond Summary. The summary shows the bond payments, interest payments and reserve required so that everyone can clearly see that there is no overage at this time.

Currently, people who are working daily within the Vision 2025 program are more concerned with the stability of sales tax receipts, which could possibly drop below projections, than with any possible overages.

As approved by Tulsa County voters, all valid projects must be built and it is the responsibility of Tulsa County to make that happen regardless of the ebb and flow of sales tax levels. That is why projections from the County's financial advisor were conservative – to avoid overspending.

Time has proven that, to date, initial conservative estimates were right, but we didn't know that in the beginning. At this time, I think the STOC members are satisfied that Vision 2025 has been as well organized, planned and publicly presented as could be done in an ever changing economy. The transparency and oversight of the Vision 2025 program would be recommended to any project of this nature.

The STOC focuses on both the Vision 2025 projects and the financials and from time to time we ask questions that result in the broadening of reports. This enhances what we receive, as well as the information that goes to the County Commissioners, which helps everyone by providing greater clarity. The STOC established a Financial Review Subcommittee consisting of two members, both with financial backgrounds, which reviews the monthly financial reports and makes a supplemental report to the



Vision 2025's STOC tours Broken Arrow Historical Museum

STOC after PMg makes its report.

We have always found the monthly report prepared by PMg, which the STOC reviews, to be accurate, current and reliable and the STOC appreciates the service PMg provides. In addition, the STOC regularly visits Vision 2025 project sites, both during and upon completion of construction. The STOC chairman makes a monthly report to the Board of County Commissioners on activity during the preceding month.

Because representatives on this committee are from all areas of Tulsa County, there is good communication back to citizens. I have not had any complaints while serving as chairman, nor have I heard of any while I was just a member. No one has said to the committee that accurate information has not been reported or that questions were not answered.

The website [www.Vision2025.info](http://www.Vision2025.info) is very helpful in answering questions. I refer people there for detailed answers and offer to talk with them further if it does not fully satisfy their questions, but so far no one has failed to find the information online.

So far so good for the first six years of the Vision 2025 program.

## Partners in Progress

Tulsa County project progress is made possible with the active cooperation of our municipal partners:

**Bixby**, Ray Bowen, *Mayor*  
**Broken Arrow**, Mike Lester, *Mayor*  
**Collinsville**, Stan Saltee, *Mayor*  
**Glenpool**, Shayne Buchanan, *Mayor*  
**Jenks**, Vic Vreeland, *Mayor*  
**Owasso**, Steven Cataudella, *Mayor*  
**Sand Springs**, Bob Walker, *Mayor*  
**Skiatook**, Steve Kendrick, *Mayor*  
**Sperry**, Debbie Lamberson, *Mayor*  
**Tulsa**, Kathy Taylor, *Mayor*



Tulsa County Commissioners:  
 (Left to Right) Chairman John Smaligo, Karen Keith, Fred Perry

# BOK Center gains worldwide fame

The BOK Center has topped the charts once again. A recent report from Pollstar, an industry publication, listed the top 50 venues for ticket sales in the first quarter. The BOK Center ranked #2 in the United States and #9 in the world.

John Bolton, BOK Center General Manager, stated, "The types of artists and events we have been able to attract have been incredible. We knew the first few months would be outstanding, but we really have not slowed down."

"Pollstar is the authority as it relates to live music in arenas throughout the world. It is where everyone goes to find out who is touring where. There is not a more authoritative or widely circulated record of the concert business."

"The promoters have tremendous faith in the Tulsa market because the citizens keep buying tickets. It is because of their continued support that we have hit another huge milestone," said Bolton. "Success breeds success in the concert business and we expect Tulsa to continue to grow as a market for top concerts."

The BOK Center benefits from being a part of SMG, the world leader in venue management, marketing and development. Founded in 1977 with its first facility, the Louisiana Superdome, SMG has grown to represent facilities worldwide. From that experience Bolton said

Tulsa has exceeded expectations. "The BOK Center, the local economy and ticket sales have all exceeded our expectations and because of all three of those the type of events we have been able to book has exceeded our expectations," Bolton said.

"We began with a focus to book a wide variety of events to appeal to every demographic and, over the course of that experience, delivered to patrons a positive experience and gained a positive regional reputation. It has been easy for people to get here, get in the building, find their seat, get food and beverage, and create a positive experience for people.

With a positive experience, people are more apt to visit again and again and I believe that is what is happening at the BOK Center."

BOK Center concerts also draw visitors from outside Tulsa. Bolton said, "One of the reasons we got the AC/DC show was because the band had a promotional agreement with Wal-Mart and the BOK Center was the closest

arena for Wal-Mart's headquarter employees to come and enjoy a show."

One concern was that the BOK Center and OKC's Ford Center would hurt each other in ticket sales, but that is not happening. From Bolton's review of advanced ticket sales for Bruce Springsteen's concert in Tulsa, for example, only 6% of ticket buyers came from Oklahoma City.

These reports and others from smaller venues suggest that Tulsa has a stronger audience for live music than anyone knew before the BOK Center opened.



# Langston University - Tulsa continued from page 1...

identified by state leaders.

The new campus is located at 914 North Greenwood - north of Oklahoma State University-Tulsa which has provided housing for Langston's staff and student activity prior to the opening of the new facility.

Former Tulsa County Commissioner Bob Dick at the Langston-Tulsa ribbon cutting remarked that in his 45-year career he has seen a whole lot less building for a whole lot more money, and Langston should be proud of this accomplishment.

President Haysbert said, "Langston-Tulsa is a very diverse growing campus. We have established the entrepreneurial studies center at Langston-Tulsa. We first offered a Master's degree in entrepreneurial studies in 2007 and have been very successful with that offering as the number of graduates in that program doubled expectations," President Haysbert said.

"Business minded people can come and discuss and dialogue on those issues pertaining to business within their respective communities and the larger community with experienced business professionals. This center would be a sounding symposium, counseling center, idea incubator and repository of area business information.

"I would hope that citizens would know that if they are interested in starting a business in the Tulsa area, a great place to go is Langston's Entrepreneurial Studies Center. It will offer more than degrees. It will offer a helping hand. We see ourselves as partners



with area business and civic organizations, government and academia to offer helpful direction grounded in community.

"We are practicing a 'gather to scatter' philosophy. Folks from all over the state and nation gather here to take back what they learn. The Tulsa campus is an urban campus which addresses the needs of the students and the needs of the community," President Haysbert said, adding, "We are very serious about our commitment to Tulsa."

For more information on Langston University-Tulsa visit their Web site at [www.lunet.edu/tulsa](http://www.lunet.edu/tulsa).



Langston University-Tulsa campus lobby



# District 1

Commissioner John Smaligo

It may not be flashy enough for some, but roads and bridges are a major priority within District 1. The Tulsa County-funded improvements listed below connect our communities, enhance driver safety and promote economic development by encouraging private business to locate in the district.

Also of tremendous importance is Langston University-Tulsa which opened their first Tulsa campus building in March, 2009. Langston University President JoAnn Haysbert and her staff are talented, dedicated and, by expanding their role within the metropolitan area, demonstrate daily the leadership Tulsa County has come to expect from academia.

I am also proud of improvements at O'Brien Park. As a child, I played ball on the old fields and it is a much nicer facility today than it has ever been. With the new baseball fourplex and lights, more kids are playing today. They are improving their health, practicing good sportsmanship, and enjoying spirited competition that helps set patterns of living that contribute to individual success throughout their lives.

Please review the following projects and if you have any questions, please call (918) 596-5020 or e-mail me at [jmaligo@tulsacounty.org](mailto:jsmaligo@tulsacounty.org).

# VISION 2025 & "4 to FIX" PROJECTS

*Year denotes completion.*

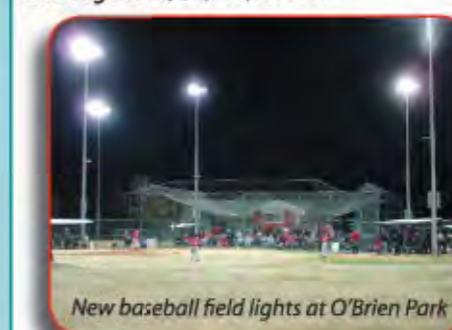
## COMMON EDUCATION

\$11,299,857.90: Includes all Public School Districts in Tulsa County.

- 1a. Tulsa, 2008
- 1b. Broken Arrow, 2007
- 1c. Union, 2007
- 1d. Owasso, 2007
- 1e. Collinsville, 2007
- 1f. Skiatook, 2007
- 1g. Sperry, 2007

2. American Airlines, \$22,300,000: Capital Improvements

- 3. OSU-Tulsa's Advanced Technology Research Center (ATRC), \$30,000,000: 2008
- 4. Langston University-Tulsa, \$8,000,000: 2009
- 5. Morton Health Center, \$14,000,000: Clinic, 2006; Motor Pool Facility, 2009
- 6. Tulsa County Parks - O'Brien Park, \$6,387,600: New concessions building, new Practice Golf Course, Driving Range, Golf Operations Building, new park roads and resurfacing, 2006; new park trails and trail lighting, 2007; new baseball fourplex and baseball field lighting, 2009
- 7. Tulsa County Parks - Mack Taylor Park, \$131,000: Playground structure, 2008; restroom renovation
- 8. Mohawk Park, \$6,400,000:
  - 8a. Oxley Nature Center, 2007
  - 8b. North Tulsa Sports Complex
- 9. Osage Trail, \$3,700,000: 2007



New baseball field lights at O'Brien Park

## DOWNTOWNS / NEIGHBORHOODS

Collinsville, \$239,286.73: 2008  
 Owasso, \$1,143,463.90: 2008  
 Skiatook, \$99,507.03: 2008  
 Sperry, \$5,8954.70: 2007  
 Tulsa, \$21,591,348.09: includes all three County Commission Districts.

- 10. Broken Arrow Community Center & Swimming Pool at Nienhuis Park, \$6,000,000: 2008
- 11. Collinsville City Hall & Fire / EMS Station, \$2,300,000: 2006
- 12. Owasso Community Center, \$1,000,000: Community Center HVAC, 2005; 12a. Fantastic Island, 2005; Veteran's Memorial, 2005; 12b. YMCA, 2006
- 13. Skiatook Community Center; Swimming Pool/Bath House, \$600,000: 2007
- 14. Sperry Community Center, \$500,000: 2007
- 15. Tulsa Air and Space Museum's (Sky Theater), \$2,000,000: 2006
- 16. Utilities for the Owasso Medical Complex, \$4,500,000: 2007

ROUTE 66 PROJECTS \$15,000,000:

Artist drawing of proposed Route 66 Gateway at E. 11th St. S. & I-44



Illustration provided by Dewberry

Funding includes all Route 66 projects in County Commission Districts 1 & 2  
 Route 66 historical road signs, 2007;  
 Route 66 Gateway at 11th Street and I-44, 11th St. sidewalks and streetscaping, informational markers and a Route 66 Monument at the Admiral and Mingo Traffic Circle

- 17. 36th St. N., \$4,000,000: Widening from Cincinnati Ave. to the Osage County Line and improvements to the intersection at Cincinnati Ave., 2009
- 18. E. 61st Street S., \$12,288,952.79: Widening to five lanes from US 169 to S. 145th E. Ave. including full railroad signalization, 2007
- 19. E. 56th St. N., \$2,750,000: Widening from Hwy. 75 to Hwy. 11 & intersections at N. Lewis Ave. & N. Peoria Ave.
- 20. Collinsville Curve, \$2,000,000
- 21. E. 51st St. S., 1,000,000: A joint project with Tulsa County and the cities of Broken Arrow and Tulsa to widen E. 51st St. S. from S. 161st E. Ave. to S. 193rd E. Ave. and three intersections
- 22. E. 86th St. N., \$1,000,000: Widening project from Memorial Rd. east to Main St. in Owasso
- 23. E. 103rd St. N., \$265,000: Extension of E. 103rd St. N. from N. Osage Dr. east one mile to Highway 11 to provide better access to Skiatook's Tall Chief Cove access road
- 24. Intersection at S. 193rd E. Ave. & Admiral Pl., \$250,000: Partial funding to assist with the widening and improvement of this intersection



36th St. N.

## VISION 2025 & "4 to FIX"

### PROJECTS Year denotes completion.

#### COMMON EDUCATION

\$11,299,857.90: Includes all Public School Districts in Tulsa County.

- 1a. Tulsa, 2008
- 1h. Sand Springs, 2006
- 1i. Keystone, 2007
- 1j. Berryhill, 2006
- 1k. Jenks, 2007
- 1l. Glenpool, 2007
- 1m. Liberty, 2006
- 1n. Bixby, 2007

25. BOK Center, \$188,800,000: 2008

26. Tulsa Regional Convention Center, \$39,700,000

27. Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame, \$4,000,000: 2007

28. Expo Square, \$65,368,000: 2008

29. Buford Park, \$45,000: Play equipment, 2008

30. Tulsa County Parks - Chandler Park, \$4,020,000

31. Jenks/Glenpool Community Center, \$3,950,000: 2006

32. Katy Trail Improvements, \$200,000: 2008

33. Tulsa County Social Services, \$45,000: Play equipment, 2008

34. Triangle Park, \$45,000: Play equipment, 2008

35. Midland Valley Downtown Trail Extension, \$1,000,000: 2008

#### DOWNTOWN / NEIGHBORHOODS

Sand Springs, \$969,396.51: 2007

Glenpool, \$459,388.00: 2008

Jenks, \$612,759.72: 2007

Tulsa, \$21,591,348.09: includes all three County Commission Districts.

36. Criminal Justice, \$7,796,625: 4th floor Courthouse renovation, 2008; jury room renovations

36a. Juvenile Justice Center: facility improvements

37. Oklahoma Aquarium, \$12,000,000: Vision 2025 provides \$12 million over approximately 13 years to retire debt incurred to create this important education and tourism facility.

ARKANSAS RIVER 38. South Tulsa/Jenks Low Water Dam, 38a. Zink Low Water Dam, 38b. Sand Springs Low Water Dam \$6,250,000; 38c. Zink Lake Shoreline Beautification, \$1,800,000; 38d. Zink Lake Upstream Catch Basin & Silt Removal, \$2,100,000



Tulsa Convention Center's Ballroom Under Construction

#### ROUTE 66 PROJECTS, \$15,000,000:

Funding includes all Route 66 projects in County Commission Districts 1 & 2

Installation of the brown Route 66 road signs, 2007; extensive work at Southwest Boulevard and Riverside Drive, including the new Cyrus Avery Route 66 Skywalk and Improvements to the Cyrus Avery Memorial Bridge, 2008; planters 2008; the Meadow Gold sign recently restored & installed at E. 11th St. S. (Route 66) & S. Quaker Ave., 2009; The Cyrus Avery bronze statue "East Meets West" to be installed at Centennial Plaza; new Gateway near Crystal City; Avery Park Southwest; Route 66 Interpretive Center; 11th St. sidewalks and streetscaping, informational markers and enhancements along Southwest Boulevard; Route 66 monuments/artwork at the Sue Bland Oil Well and Howard Park; Historic Pearl Preservation.

39. S. 141st St., \$1,500,000: Widening to 3 lanes from S. Peoria Ave. to just west of S. Elwood Ave.

40. W. 96th St. S. and S. Elwood Ave., 1,800,000: Intersection improvements

41. 91st St. S. (K Place), \$500,000: Widening project from Elm St. east approximately 1/2 mile.

42. W. 51st St. S., \$2,450,000: Widening to 4 lanes

43. Sand Springs Keystone Corridor Redevelopment, \$14,500,000: 2009

44. PSO/Westbank Soccer Irrigation, \$150,000



4th Floor County Courthouse renovation



Tulsa County road improvements

## District 3

### Commissioner Fred Perry

Many improvements funded by Vision 2025 and 4-to-Fix are complete in District 3 and you have reason to be proud of what has been accomplished. Rave reviews continue to pour in on the new Buddy LaFortune Community Center, which is joined with the Herman and Kate Kaiser Library at LaFortune Park. It is the only such shared facility in Tulsa County and, in success, shows how coordination and cooperation multiply benefits for all.

An accompanying feature on the LaFortune Tennis Center will provide more detail on improvements there, but with help from the private sector we will complete the 24 courts to host youth and adult tournaments throughout the region.

Haikay Creek flood control work continues, as do infrastructure projects like road improvement and widening in the district. Traffic between communities on some of Tulsa County's busiest roads is safer because of your support of Tulsa County's public improvement efforts.

Broken Arrow's new Farmer's Market and Historical Museum were "Downtown and Neighborhood" projects of Vision 2025 completed recently and they are now being enjoyed by the public. I invite you to visit and believe you will be favorably impressed with the museum collection.

As Tulsa County continues to grow and be recognized as one of the best places to live and work, demand for public services grows. County Government is dedicated to multiplying each available dollar for the greatest return to you - our constituents, friends, and neighbors. If you have comments or questions on the projects below or any other public business in District 3, please call me at (918) 596-5010 or e-mail [fperry@tulsacounty.org](mailto:fperry@tulsacounty.org).

## VISION 2025 & "4 to FIX"

### PROJECTS Year denotes completion.

#### COMMON EDUCATION

\$11,299,857.90: Includes all Public School Districts in Tulsa County.

- 1a. Tulsa, 2008
- 1b. Broken Arrow, 2007
- 1c. Union, 2007
- 1k. Jenks, 2007
- 1m. Liberty, 2006
- 1n. Bixby, 2007
- 1o. Leonard, 2007

45. OU-Tulsa Schusterman Center, \$30,000,000: Medical Clinic and Parking Garage, 2007

46. NSU-Broken Arrow, \$26,000,000: Classroom, Science, Library Buildings, Administrative Expansion, 2007



Northeastern State University - Broken Arrow

47. TCC-Southeast Campus, 8,000,000: Medical and Biotechnology Learning Center and Student Support Services building, 2007

48. Tulsa County Parks - Haikay Creek Park, \$440,500: New play ground, 2008; sidewalk from parking lot to playground, restroom replacement

49. Tulsa County Parks - LaFortune Park, \$10,940,000: replacement of three picnic structures, 2006; Buddy LaFortune Community Center and Herman and Kate Kaiser Library building (library construction funded with private funds), 2008; new 10,800 square foot Maintenance Shop with golf course maintenance and equipment storage & paved parking lots at maintenance areas, 2008; improvements to the Tennis Center, 2009; new 10,500 square foot golf clubhouse and new cart barn, trail lighting, renovations to the Par 3 Golf Course

#### DOWNTOWNS/NEIGHBORHOODS

Bixby, \$852,941.40: 2007

Broken Arrow, \$3,972,953.93: 2008

Tulsa, \$21,591,348.09: includes all three County Commission Districts.

50. Tulsa County Parks - Bixby Community Center, \$260,000: New roof, air conditioning and building signage, 2009



Broken Arrow's Farmers Market

51. E. 61st St. South, \$12,288,952.79: Widening from US 169 to 145th E. Ave. with railroad signalization, 2007

52. S. Garnett Rd., \$2,500,000: Widening of Garnett Rd. between E. 81st St. S. & E. 101st St. S.

53. S. Garnett Rd. & E. 101st St. S. Intersection, \$800,000

54. E. 151st St. S., \$3,000,000: Widening to four lanes from Memorial Dr. to Riverview Ave. & Riverview south to 161st St.

55. E. 101st St. S. & S. Yale Ave. Intersection, \$965,000: Widening and improvements to the intersection

56. Haikay Creek Flood Control Project, \$12,200,000: includes design and construction of a relief channel and west bank levee project, a diversion channel and floodplain relief channel. These projects, located between 131st and the Arkansas River and between Mingo and 129th East Avenue, are intended to reduce flooding and increase public safety.



Tulsa County Commissioners: (Left to Right) Chairman John Smaliga, Karen Keith and Fred Perry at Meadow Gold sign dedication.

# LaFortune Tennis Center serving many

Players, tournament organizers, coaches and fans are hailing the state-of-the-art public facility that added nine new courts and amenities such as shade structures in Phase 1 of the LaFortune Tennis Center renovation. Phase 1 was completed in March 2009 with \$1.2 million from Vision 2025.

Currently under construction, Phase 2 budgets \$1.3 Million for the replacement of three existing court areas and major improvements to the plaza area. The overall project is split into three phases intended to renovate and expand the facility to 24 lighted tournament courts when complete. Fundraising for Phase 3 is underway in a citizen driven promotion called "Operation Facelift."

Tulsa County Commissioner Fred Perry said, "The additional courts will provide a multitude of benefits to Tulsa in the area of recreation, health and economic development."

Jane Brown Grimes, Chairman of the Board and President, United States Tennis Association said, "The work that Operation Facelift is accomplishing for Tulsa is a great example of the advocacy efforts we are fostering around the country. The recent growth of tennis participation is due to this type of effort by individuals who know that tennis is a health 'sport for life' which adds so much to communities everywhere. I applaud their determination and accomplishments."

Larger youth and adult tournaments, many involving out-of-state players, are already being held and more are planned. Nationally, tennis is the only traditional sport to grow in the past five years and Tulsa is no exception. Tulsa County Tennis Director Melissa McCorkle says that over the past six years, court usage is up 74% and the LaFortune Tennis Center continues to work to meet the community demand.

For more information on the Operation Facelift fund drive, visit online [www.lafortunetennis.com](http://www.lafortunetennis.com) or call (918) 496-6232.



Officials at Tennis Center ground breaking

# DOWNTOWN TULSA



## Downtown Tulsa Map Legend

- Vision 2025 Projects
  - "4 to Fix" 2 Projects
  - Centennial Walk
  - Centennial Walk Funded by Vision 2025
  - Walking / Jogging Trails
  - Streetscaping
  - Parking (Represents 11,699 parking spaces, including metered street parking)
- Tulsa Downtown / Neighborhoods Projects**
- Downtown / Neighborhood Streetscaping funded by Vision 2025
  - Vision 2025 Downtown / Neighborhood Projects
  - A** First Street Lofts
  - B** Mayo Hotel & Lofts
  - C** Mayo Building Lofts
  - D** Centennial Park
  - E** North Tulsa Community Taskforce
  - F** Brady Heights Neighborhood Association
  - G** Reservoir Hill Neighborhood Association
  - H** Owen Park Neighborhood Association
  - I** Crosbie Heights Neighborhood Association
  - J** Riverview Neighborhood Association
  - K** Key Homeowners Association
  - L** Tracy Park Neighborhood Association
  - M** Pearl District Association
- Oklahoma's Historic ROUTE 66
- Route 66 Downtown District
  - Route 66 Projects
  - A.** Route 66 Interpretive Center
  - B.** Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza & Skywalk
  - C.** Cyrus Avery Memorial Bridge
  - D.** Avery Park Southwest

# Map Legend

- Vision 2025 Projects
  - "4 to Fix" 2 Projects
  - Vision 2025 & "4 to Fix" 2 Projects
  - Vision 2025 Downtown / Neighborhood Projects
  - Tulsa County School Districts
  - Tulsa County Roads Projects
  - Tulsa County Roads Pedestrian Hiking/Biking Trails
- 4 to Fix the County Projects**
- "4-to-Fix" the County is a capital improvements program affirmed by voters and undertaken by Tulsa County beginning in 2000. The program allocated sales tax monies to focus on four critical needs within Tulsa County:
- |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Flood Mitigation: \$7,670,000.00 | Expo Square: \$23,600,000.00 |
| Roads: \$24,780,000.00           | Parks: \$2,950,000.00        |
- Throughout the inception and completion of these projects, Tulsa County officials unequivocally proved project accountability and fiscal transparency to Tulsa County citizens. Due to the wide success of these projects, Tulsa County voters approved an extension of the "4 to Fix" the County tax on December 13, 2006. The projects within the extension focus on criminal justice, roads, Expo Square and parks and are known as "4 to Fix" the County 2.



## Historic 66 Route 66 Legend

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|---|--|---|
| Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza & Skywalk* | Monuments/Artwork Howard Park                  | Meadow Gold Sign Restoration            |
| Route 66 Interpretive Center            | Redfork Centennial Derrick & Frisco Train Site | Monuments/Artwork 11th St & Yale Ave    |
| Cyrus Avery Memorial Bridge             | Monuments/Artwork Sue Bland Oil Well           | Monuments/Artwork Admiral Pl & Mingo Rd |
| Avery Park Southwest                    | Streetscaping Redfork Area                     | Streetscaping 17th St & Mingo Rd        |
| Streetscaping Southwest Blvd            | West Gateway                                   | East Gateway                            |

## Public Information Online

[www.Vision2025.info](http://www.Vision2025.info)  
[www.4toFix.info](http://www.4toFix.info)



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# Accountability: The Value of the STOC

By Kirby H. Crowe, PMg, Vision 2025 Program Director

Reporting to the Sales Tax Overview Committee is very challenging. STOC members are diverse in background and interest base and without exception are very engaged within their sectors of interest. Nobody is "just there" – rather, all are reading the material and asking questions. PMg's challenge is to provide the information required by the Vision 2025 resolutions, the County Commissioners, additional information the STOC may request, plus whatever else may be raised publicly by critics or others for whatever purpose on whatever subject. The complexity, depth and content of our reports have grown in response to STOC questions.

Each member gets the same report the County Commissioners receive. The Commissioners get the report first and then it goes to the STOC which, after review, reports back to the Commissioners. Following this, we post to the public website [www.Vision2025.info](http://www.Vision2025.info) and send electronic and/or print versions to nearly 70 recipients, including local municipal governments, County officials and the Tulsa City-County Library system, which also makes the report easily accessible to the public.

As of August 2009, there have been 58 meetings of the STOC, including 18 on-site inspection tours at 12 different locations and 22 special presentations on everything from project architecture and construction to detailed financial briefings. Forty-one

citizens have served on the STOC and 8 are original members of the committee. Members have come from many different professional backgrounds including, but not limited to: pastors, accountants, attorneys, union executives, retired municipal clerks and treasurers, engineers, realtors, developers, auto dealers, planning analysts

and many community organizers.

The work of the STOC will continue until the entire Vision 2025 program is complete and the books closed, which I believe is an essential part of making Vision 2025 the most transparent public construction program in Oklahoma history.



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