

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
FY 2020 Quarterly Project status report – As of December 31, 2020

(TCRIC) has received approximately \$38,717,197 of monthly deposits and distributed approximately \$27,649,863 to date for road improvement projects in Tuscaloosa County.

Projects in Active Construction

SR-69 South - Turn Lane Intersection improvements:

GFC Construction was awarded contract. Construction began in June 2020. All turn lanes are now open to motorist and the project is complete with the exception of one luminary, scheduled for delivery in January 2021. TCRIC committed and paid \$1,900,000 to ALDOT for the project.

SR-69 South Intersection Improvements (Plantation Road to I-59 Overpass):

Construction letting is anticipated for FY 2021. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$71 million. Pursuant to the existing cost sharing agreement with ALDOT for this project, TCRIC will provide 38% of the total project funding (~\$27,000,000), with sole funding for the ROW and Utility phase of this project. To date, TCRIC has contributed \$4,487,933.54.

Right-of-way acquisition continues, with the last tracts having gone through probate court condemnation hearings and awaiting probate awards. TCRIC has entered into utility relocation reimbursement agreements with Alabama Power and the City of Tuscaloosa.

SR-69 North at Union Chapel Road Intersection Improvements:

Construction is currently ongoing. TCRIC, via the City of Northport, has provided 20% of the total estimated project costs, totaling \$800,000, consistent with the pre-existing agreement between the City of Northport and ALDOT. There is an estimated overrun of \$320,000 due to increased site excavation prior to construction, for which TCRIC, via the City of Northport, will be responsible for 20%. The project is complete, with the exception of one signal pole, which has procurement issues (with COVID-19 related delays); delivery is expected in January 2021.

SR-69 North at Charlie Shirley Road:

This project is in the design process, with an updated project cost estimate in progress. Projected right-of way work and letting is anticipated in Fiscal Year 2021.

US-82/McFarland- University Blvd. Interchange:

The current estimated cost for construction is more than \$7,000,000, with a possible decrease if right-of-way is donated. TCRIC has budgeted \$1,000,000 for contribution, if needed (as the majority of project funds are available via a BUILD grant awarded in 2019). TCRIC funds expended to date on this project equal \$650,000 (for right-of-way processing and bridge preliminary engineering, costs excluded from the BUILD grant). ALDOT has selected a designer for the bridge and is reviewing design options. Bridge construction planned for Summer 2022.

US-82/McFarland: SR-69 to Rice Mine Road:

\$600,000 has been paid to ALDOT to date. The Tuscaloosa Area MPO has amended their TIP to include 80% of utility costs (80% of \$5M), which will allow the cities of Tuscaloosa and Northport to be reimbursed 80% of utility relocation costs. The project is scheduled to begin utility relocations in November 2020. Right-of-way has been authorized, and acquisition is in progress.

US-82/SR-69 Intersection Improvements:

The project currently consists of an Engineering Study only. TCRIC has contributed \$250k to ALDOT, with no plans for ALDOT to contribute funds to the study. ALDOT has selected a consultant.

US-82/McFarland: SR-13 (US-43) Intersection Improvement:

TCRIC funds expended to date total \$150,000 for preliminary engineering. This intersection is being considered by ALDOT as a pull-out of the larger ALDOT US-82 corridor access management project. ALDOT began the initial planning in July 2020. Letting is scheduled in 2022.

McWright's Ferry Road:

The City of Tuscaloosa will be managing and providing the up-front funding for the project, with TCRIC to reimburse the City for these project costs. The project is currently in right-of-way acquisition, and construction letting is estimated for late 2022.

Jack Warner Parkway/Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (JWP/MLK) Improvements:

The City of Tuscaloosa will be managing and providing the up-front funding, with TCRIC to reimburse the City for the project costs. To date, TCRIC has reimbursed the City \$800,000 for the project. A bond was issued to City of Tuscaloosa in November 2020

The project is being divided into two phases to expedite the work on either side of the railroad trestle. Phase I contract was awarded to GFC; The Notice to Proceed was issued by the City of Tuscaloosa in November 2020.

Phase II advertisement for bids is scheduled to open February 2021.

Completed Projects

US-82/McFarland at Bear Creek Cutoff Road (Intersection Improvements):

TCRIC provided 100% of project funding to ALDOT. An overage of \$340,420 was paid in FY 2020, bringing to total TCRIC contribution to \$3,723,534.12.

US-82/McFarland Blvd at Hargrove Road (intersection Improvements, access management, and signalization work):

TCRIC provided total project reimbursement to the City of Tuscaloosa in the amount of \$3,808,238. The project payments were completed in November 2019.

SR-69 South (additional lanes and access management):

TCRIC contributed \$700,000 to ALDOT toward the \$1,500,000 total project cost. The project was completed in fall 2018.

SR-69 North at Martin Road (intersection Improvements):

Tuscaloosa County led the project through an ALDOT permit. TCRIC reimbursed Tuscaloosa County roughly \$1,100,100 and ALDOT reimbursed the County roughly \$285,000 for the remaining costs pursuant to a pre-existing agreement. The project was completed in fall 2018.

Bear Creek Road/Bear Creek Cutoff Road Improvements:

Tuscaloosa County led the project. The project was completed for a total cost of \$849,252, and project reimbursement was paid to the County by TCRIC in February 2019.

Mitt Lary Road Improvements

The City of Northport was reimbursed \$7,754,557 in total for this project, with the final monthly reimbursement payment made March 9, 2020.