

The City of College Station Funding Request List

PUBLIC SAFETY/HOMELAND SECURITY

- **Voice/Data Radio Infrastructure Expansion-** Our current radio coverage is limited to a pattern that primarily runs North and South. As we began to annex further south and east and west, our radio coverage needs will increase as well. We have talked about a cooperative effort between Bryan and the County but it always comes down to money as additional towers will be required for such an expansion. Furthermore, this expansion could be utilized as an opportunity to sync up radio systems to improve interoperability among all agencies.

We will probably need to coordinate with OTIS to ensure how such needs have been addressed in our upcoming radio replacement project and seek additional funding for those areas not yet addressed. Cost estimation is 2 million.

- **Regional Department Information Interoperability-** Stores of information is available within regional Public Safety Databases. It is our belief that with a third party software application, we could create a single application that would allow agencies to access this information with a simple inquiry on a name and date of birth or other selection criterion. The system would then search all involved agencies for records fitting the criteria and return a list of those records. The biggest advantage of such a system (being utilized in other jurisdictions) would be to allow an officer to only have to learn a single user interface to find information on a person, place, or item in a multitude of databases. This effort would significantly improve officer safety, facilitate investigations, and ultimately improve local law enforcement's ability to provide a safe environment for our citizens.

We will be meeting with Domingo Herraiz, Director of Bureau of Justice Assistance on February 6-7 in San Antonio to discuss potential opportunities for assessment and implementation. Very rough cost estimation- 500k- 1 million.

- **Joint Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Regional Coordination Center (RCC)** – Funding is required to acquire and construct an emergency operations center to provide interoperability for the cities of College Station, Bryan, Kurtin, Wixon Valley, Brazos County, and Texas A&M University. This 16,000 square foot facility will house all Homeland Security and Emergency Management officials and provide resource allocation for seven counties within the Brazos Valley Council of Governments; Brazos, Burlison, Washington, Grimes, Leon, Robertson, and Madison Counties.

Project estimated at \$11 Million.

- **Hazardous Material Response Vehicle** - this would provide a emergency response vehicle that is capable of providing Hazardous Materials response equipment to the cities of Bryan, College Station and to the BVCOG counties. The current response capabilities are not adequate for the needs of our COG. The cost of this vehicle is approximately 1.2 million
- **Safety City**- Safety City is a miniature city complete with traffic signals, crosswalks and small-size automobiles used to teach traffic safety techniques to children. Studies show that children who learn hazard identification and abidance in an experimental environment had 89% fewer accidents. Safety City offers children the opportunity to practice pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety rules in a realistic setting. At Safety City, children learn about many of the hazards that they should avoid while out in the real world.
Cost estimate- \$800,000.00 plus support from the community. This includes the purchase of 2.5 acres of land.

TRANSPORTATION

- **SH 6 / Barron Road Interchange**
Project Status: Design
Construction Cost Estimate: \$7.5 Million
Funding Secured: \$2.4 Million

This project is the highest priority transportation project for the City of College Station. In 2005, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) converted the State Highway 6 (SH 6) frontage roads to one-way operation in south College Station. While this conversion is necessary to address critical safety concerns, the majority of traffic from the Barron Road area must now use local streets to go northbound, significantly increasing congestion. This interchange, which is being designed by the City of College Station, will provide an opportunity for northbound traffic to use SH 6 and relieve excessive traffic volumes from local collectors.

- **Jones-Butler Road Extension**
Project Status: Planning
Construction Cost Estimate: \$5.0 Million
Funding Secured: None

With the continuing growth of Texas A&M University's West Campus, it is important that the transportation network around this campus be developed to accommodate the growth. This project will provide an arterial connection between George Bush Drive and Luther Street, connecting the West Campus with the City's highest density (and fastest growing) student residential area. This connection will not only improve mobility on a daily basis, but it will also help to mitigate excessive traffic congestion associated with special events held at Kyle Field and Reed Arena, as well as the other sports venues located on West Campus. The City will be building

the connection of Jones-Butler Road to the south that will extend to south Brazos County.

- **University Drive (FM 60) Widening**

Project Status: Design

Construction Cost Estimate: \$8.0 Million

Funding Secured: \$6.3 Million

University Drive is the east-west spine of Bryan/College Station. One of the areas highest residential and commercial growth areas is along this corridor, east of SH 6. This section of University Drive remains a two-lane rural roadway, without any accommodation for the urban traffic volumes that drive along it on a daily basis. TxDOT is currently designing this roadway as a six-lane urban arterial, but until outside funding is secured, the roadway will not be improved.

- **Dartmouth Drive Extension**

Project Status: Planning

Construction Cost Estimate: \$2.0 Million

Funding Secured: None

The primary traffic issue that has been identified in College Station is the lack of transportation corridors facilitating north-south mobility. The City of College Station has been building Dartmouth Drive from Harvey Road to the south over a period of several years. The City is about to construct the section from Krenek Tap Road to FM 2818. After this construction project is completed, the only remaining segment is the final extension to Texas Avenue. When completed, this roadway will provide a parallel arterial to Texas Avenue through the core of College Station. It is anticipated that this project will cost about \$2.0 million.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Grimes County Regional Park** - Funding is required to acquire and develop the 4,609 acre initial phase of this valuable natural resource. The cost for land and initial development is estimated at approximately \$6 - \$7 million. \$1 million is committed from the Cities of Bryan and College Station through the BVSWMMA . Additional funding will be sought through Houston area agencies and endowments. This project is the single most important recreational facility in the seven county region.
- **Spring Creek Corporate Campus** - College Station is currently in the design phase of a new technology business center to be called Spring Creek Corporate Campus (SCCC). The goal of the SCCC is to provide a suitable location for technology and research and development businesses in an effort to spur economic development and job growth in the community. SCCC will encompass 240 acres near the intersection

of State Hwy 6 and Greens Prairie Rd. Proposed services include: Water, wastewater, and electric capacity, natural gas, fiber optics, and DSL service.

Currently, the master planning of Spring Creek is complete with green space of 100 plus acres and engineering design is underway. Additional Federal funds would be used to continue with planning and designing of the project along with construction.

Matching Funds: \$2,779,000.00
Total Project: \$17,300,000.00
Total Requested: \$14,521,000

- **Incubator** - The City of College Station is currently in the process of developing a community Business Incubator to advance the technological potential of the Brazos Valley and to provide increased job opportunities to local citizens. The Business Incubator is projected to be built and developed in the Northgate Area and will offer various needs currently being neglected in the community. This includes laboratory space, technology space, office space, clerical and various business services would also included for tenants. The Northgate district is located near Texas A&M University and has been designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a Certified Low-Income Census District and is considered a distressed area. One amenity being considered for the Incubator is wet lab space which is currently unavailable in the community. Wet labs are used by companies involved in biotechnology and specialized technology. Wet lab space is very expensive with costs reaching upwards of \$400 per Square Foot to construct. Providing available access to these types of facilities can be an obstacle for many fledging companies.

Additional Federal funds would be used to continue with planning and designing of the project along with construction and initial operations.

Matching Funds: \$1,560,000.00
Total Project: \$5,000,000.00
Total Requested: \$3,440,000.00

ENVIRONMENTAL

- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility** - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is the residual of products used in the home which exhibit poisonous, combustible, explosive and/or flammable properties. Proper disposal of these wastes helps eliminate the toxic chemicals going into the landfill and environment. Improper disposal of HHW can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health and reduce the amount of illegal dumping. It will also benefit the community to have a safe and convenient method to dispose of these materials at any time of the year instead of twice a year at a one day collection. Plans for a Permanent HHW Facility

located at the Highway 30 Landfill site in Carlos, Texas will be equipped to accept HHW from a 7 county region which will serve a 260,000 population area. The estimated cost for a building and equipment will total \$762,000.

- **Material Recovery Facility** - A Material Recovery Facility (MRF) will enable BVSWMA to sort recyclables into specific categories and process the separated materials into marketable commodities. A MRF will allow the community to recycle without having to separate the recyclables by types like our current bag system. Allowing the resident to commingle their recyclables will result in an increase in participation and amount recycled per household. If a resident recycles more, then they are reducing the amount going into the landfill and saving our natural resources. The MRF would accept material from the cities of Bryan and College Station and the 7 county region. The cost of the building, equipment and dual collection containers for Bryan and College Station will total \$7,000,000.