

Enhancements to Improve, Beautify Irving Corridors

Irving's visual image is being enhanced through the creation of regional entryways into the city along highways and major thoroughfares. Improvements are being made to more than 33 miles of thoroughfares that serve 400,000 automobiles on a daily basis.

The project uses several funding sources, such as tariffs, franchise fees, gas lease revenues and general obligation bonds, to provide for more enhancements using fewer taxpayer dollars.

Design Elements

A more comprehensive design approach is being applied to infrastructure and aesthetics. Functional elements now include:

- Roadway paving and accents
- Bikeway provisions
- Expansion of greenbelts for pedestrians
- Upgrades to street and traffic lights for safety and architectural accent

Quality of life elements include:

- Landscaping improvements
- Public art
- Median treatment and pavers
- Fencing and noise walls
- Monument signage
- Building façade improvements
- Gateways and entryways

Planned Projects

Belt Line Road

- Scope: Median enhancements with ornamental grasses, crepe myrtles, specimen trees, turf irrigation and entry sign
- Project Cost: \$1.1 million
- Design Completion: December
- Construction Completion: June

MacArthur Boulevard

Hunter Ferrell Road to Shady Grove Road

- Scope: Median enhancements with ornamental grasses, crepe myrtles, specimen trees, turf irrigation, upgraded streetlights and entry sign
- Project Cost: \$555,000
- Design Completion: December
- Construction Completion: August

Shady Grove Road and MacArthur Boulevard

- Scope: Median enhancements with monument signs, gateway marker with public art, brick crosswalks, concrete paving, upgraded traffic standards, façade improvements and underground utilities
- Project Cost: \$3.4 million (first project using tariff revenues)
- Design completed
- Construction Completion: May

MacArthur Boulevard

Shady Grove Road to Northgate Drive

- Scope: Median enhancements with ornamental grasses, crepe myrtles, specimen trees, Sixth Street intersection pavers, church frontage, upgraded streetlights and underground utilities
- Project Cost: \$4 million
- Design Completion: Summer 2009
- Construction Completion: Summer 2010

O'Connor Boulevard

State Highway 183 to Rochelle Road

- Scope: Greenbelt enhancements with ornamental grasses, crepe myrtles, specimen trees, upgraded streetlights, screening wall and pedestrian/bikeway paths

Screening Wall

- Project Cost: \$600,000
- Design Completion: December
- Construction Completion: August

Landscape Enhancements

- Project Cost: \$300,000
- Design Completion: August
- Construction Completion: Summer 2011