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Capital Improvement Project bond program proceeds

MURPHY (February 8, 2021) Like all major undertakings of this magnitude, the City of Murphy 2017 Capital Improvement Projects bond program has progressed along a well-defined timeline, moving from its inception through a deliberative committee-driven project identification process, voter approval, project initiation, and completion.

The 52 individual projects approved by voters were bundled into 21 “numbered projects,” and included 30 street improvement projects, 12 improvements to public safety buildings, and 10 parks and recreation projects. In all, the projects represent an expenditure of \$21,645,000 in improvements to the City. Following the vote, each individual project within the 21 numbered projects has proceeded from design to bidding to the construction phase and, in some cases, completion.

Several of the 21 numbered projects have already been completed. These include: Waters Edge Drainage Improvements; Waters Edge Park Improvements; Travis Estates Street Replacement and Drainage Improvements; Right Turn Lane at South Murphy Road; McWhirter Road Drainage Improvements; Murphy Community Center Marquee Sign; Heritage Parkway Median Landscaping and Irrigation; and Betsy Road/North Murphy Road/McCreary Road Landscaping and Irrigation. As stated, most of the 52 individual projects are imbedded in the larger 21 numbered projects, and while approved separately by voters, are considered complete along with the numbered project of which they are a part.

While mostly typical and uncomplicated, these finished projects were nevertheless remarkable in that they were completed under the pressure of the coronavirus restrictions. The lessons learned by the contractors working under these unusual circumstances, shared industry-wide, will be valuable in the successful conclusion of the remaining projects.

The pace of completion for the projects will accelerate in 2021, as most of the remaining numbered projects will meet their scheduled conclusion. Ten numbered projects were begun in 2020, and all except one are expected to be completed in 2021. Among these are substantial projects like the North Maxwell Road Replacement and Drainage; Bunny Run and Lonesome Dove Drainage Improvements; renovations to the Municipal Complex; improvements to North Hill Park and Travis Farms Park; and the Timbers Drainage Improvements. The Timbers project is scheduled for completion in 2022.

A numbered project that will be awarded for construction in 2021 is the South Maxwell Creek Road Replacement and Drainage Improvements. It is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

A cross-departmental committee, chaired by City Manager Mike Castro, has been closely monitoring the projects ensuring that they move toward completion in an acceptable manner and making corrections where necessary. The committee has met monthly since the start of the bond program’s implementation and is expected to continue meeting until all of the projects reach their conclusion.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.