



# Weisenberger Road Improvements

## Project Status Report

January 16, 2025

**Date of Contract:** December 4, 2024

**Value of Contract:** \$1,428,952

**Billed to Date:** \$122,362

**Project Schedule:** See Attachment

### Accomplished to date:

- Field survey is complete; hydraulic survey is ongoing for hydrologic analysis
- Environmental assessment ongoing with wetlands delineation and Phase 1 work ongoing (EA scheduled for completion 6/26)
- Finalizing conceptual design
- Coordination ongoing with Canadian National RR regarding impacts to rail crossing; scheduling meeting with MDOT and railroad for May

### Project Challenges

- **10 utilities impacted** (1 power, 5 gas companies, 3 telecommunications, 1 water) – it's a busy corridor – not just above ground with the traffic but what lies underground as well
- **Bear Creek** – will prepare a hydraulic model of Bear Creek to combine two floodplains into 1 thereby minimizing as much as possible the new length and height required of the new bridge – requires extensive coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the review process; will prepare a conditional letter of map revision followed by a Letter of Map Revision
- **Canadian National Railroad** – even though a crossing exists, the railroad sometimes wants a nearby crossing closed....will have to go through that process
- **Environmental Assessment** Scheduled for completion by June 2026
  - Hydraulic modeling/FEMA coordination to determine bridge length, height, floodplain impacts
  - EA study efforts, report and coordination – impacts on environment
  - Railroad coordination
  - Topographic survey and 30% set of design plans

### Schedule

- Environmental Assessment complete by June 2026 – **currently on schedule**
- Design Complete by September 2027 – **currently on schedule**



- Right-of-Way (12 parcels) acquisition complete by January 2028
- Utility Relocations begin September 2027 and complete by March 2029 – 18 months
- Bid, advertise and award March 2029 to June 2029
- Construction – begin June 2029 and complete June 2030

#### **Project Items to be Accomplished by 7/1/25:**

- Complete hydraulic survey for floodplain and bridge analysis
- Continued progress on Environmental Assessment
  - Continue Environmental Data Collection
  - Begin Alternative Corridor Analysis
  - Continue hydrologic/hydraulic study of Bear Creek to determine bridge length, height and alignment and floodway/floodplain impacts based on FEMA requirements
- Complete conceptual design in terms of alignment and grade
- Continue CNRR coordination

#### **Incidentals**

- Parcels Required for Acquisition (12 months)
  - 12 permanent easements
  - 5 temporary construction easements
- Utility Companies
  - Entergy
  - Gulf South Pipeline Company
  - Enmark Energy
  - Texas Eastern Transmission
  - Atmos Energy
  - Centerpoint Energy
  - Comcast
  - C-Spire
  - AT&T
  - Bear Creek Water Association
- 12,000 vehicles per day