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WEEKLY REPORT

AUGUST 22, 2025

TO: MAYOR FLETCHER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 5:30 P.M.**

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the newly formed BTX Prepared Stakeholder Group. (Staff Contact: Joe Laster, Emergency Operations Manager)

All meetings will be held at Burleson City Hall Council Chambers, 141 W Renfro St. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers and is also available via live stream, <https://www.burlesontx.com/watchlive>

II. GENERAL AND STATUS UPDATES

A. AUGUST SALES AND MIXED BEVERAGE USE TAX

Note: August 2025 taxes represent sales that occurred in June 2025.

Sales Tax

Aug-24	August 2025	Diff \$	Diff %	FY2024 YTD	FY2025 YTD	Diff \$	Diff %
\$ 2,762,150	\$ 2,737,616	\$ (24,534)	-0.89%	\$ 22,140,883	\$ 23,073,920	\$ 933,037	4.21%

Mixed Beverage Use Tax

August 2024	August 2025	Diff \$	Diff %	FY2024 YTD	FY2025 YTD	Diff \$	Diff %
\$ 21,044	\$ 27,987	\$ 6,943	32.99%	\$ 193,011	\$ 220,570	\$ 27,560	14.28%

B. EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

Public Safety and Emergency Management may serve the community in different ways, but both reflect the city’s deep commitment to protecting and preparing Burleson for whatever challenges may come. This quarter, we are recognizing two extraordinary individuals whose service exemplifies courage, dedication and selflessness. Please join us in honoring Detective Mark Pate and Emergency Operations Manager Joe Laster, our Employees of the Second Quarter for 2025.

Detective Mark Pate faithfully served the Burleson Police Department for 15 years in a number of key roles, including patrol, criminal investigations, SWAT medic and crash and shooting reconstructionist. In every assignment, he led with humility, professionalism, and a servant's heart. Mark was nominated and selected not only for his years of dedicated service as a protector in our community, but also for his final act of service as an organ donor. As one nomination expressed, "In life, he was a protector of others and in death he continued to save the lives of others."

Detective Pate passed away on June 20, 2025, and it is with profound respect that we honor him and his family for the selflessness he demonstrated throughout his life and career.

Joe Laster has been with the city for two and a half years as Emergency Operations Manager within the Fire Department. Joe was nominated for his steadfast dedication to ensuring the city's preparedness in times of crisis. He invests countless hours monitoring and activating warning systems, managing the Emergency Operations Center and remaining available well beyond regular working hours. Joe is also committed to building resilience in the community, leading training exercises, coordinating volunteers and developing innovative strategies with limited resources. His work reflects not only diligence and foresight, but also a deep sense of responsibility to safeguard Burleson's residents.

Detective Pate and Joe were recognized at the August 18, 2025, city council meeting. The city's Employee of the Quarter award is based on efficiency, transparency, honesty, innovation and customer service, the values at the core of the city's ethics statement. Both honorees embody these principles, going above and beyond expectations, and leaving a lasting impact on the lives of those they serve.



C. MERITORIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

TJ Arthur, Parks Superintendent

Andy Phelps, Maintenance Crew Leader

In response to a drainage concern reported by a resident in early March, TJ promptly contacted the individual, listened attentively to their concerns, and clearly communicated a timeline for addressing the issue—despite other pressing projects already underway. Persistent rainfall and equipment challenges delayed the work for several months, but TJ remained in consistent contact with the resident, ensuring them that their concern was still a priority.

When conditions finally improved, TJ and Andy returned at the first viable opportunity to address the issue. Their persistence and attention to detail not only resolved the concern, but left a lasting impression. The resident commended the team's performance as aligning with the military values they hold dear: *Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do*. They remarked that the City of Burleson is in good hands with professionals like TJ and Andy who take charge and go above and beyond.

Their actions exemplify the city's highest standards and reinforce the trust our community places in us. Through their integrity, reliability, and care, TJ and Andy continue to elevate public service in Burleson.



Dusty Arnold, Public Works – Field Supervisor: Streets Maintenance & Drainage
Alex Philips, Director of Economic Development (*not pictured*)

A concern from a resident involving debris left behind by a city contractor was reported on Friday, August 1, and without delay, Alex and Dusty responded the very next morning, on a Saturday, outside their scheduled work hours to resolve the issue. Their quick action surprised and impressed the resident, who later publicly thanked them during a City Council meeting. The resident emphasized how meaningful it was that neither of them had been asked to respond so quickly, and yet they showed up regardless, the resident stated, “This is why living in this city is such a great thing.”



Their actions exceeded expectations and made a lasting impression, showcasing the kind of personal responsibility, pride in service, and dedication that strengthens community trust. Alex and Dusty demonstrated that even the smallest acts of service, when delivered with care and urgency, can make a big difference.

Their commitment to doing what’s right, even when it’s not required, truly reflects the best of what public service can be.

Jennifer Swim, Purchasing Assistant

Through her thorough review of vendor payment documentation, Jennifer identified and prevented a sophisticated attempt to redirect funds from a \$7.1 million contract. Her quick action and strict adherence to vendor verification protocols stopped the fraudulent activity before any damage could occur, protecting both the city of Burleson and the vendor from significant financial and reputational risk.

Jennifer's vigilance and integrity set a high standard for operational excellence and demonstrate the importance of strong internal controls. Her ability to stay alert, follow process, and act decisively under pressure exemplifies the core values we strive to uphold as public servants.

Thanks to her diligence, trust in our systems remains intact. Her actions remind us all of the vital role that every team member plays in maintaining the security and credibility of city operations.



D. BURLESON PD'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE POSTER HONORED BY CONGRESSMAN

On Friday, Aug. 15, Congressman Roger Williams visited the Burleson Police Department to recognize the department's Victim Assistance Poster Program (VAPP). The program features a poster designed to help victims of domestic violence by placing a QR code in private spaces, such as restrooms, that directs individuals to assistance.



In July, Congressman Williams recognized the poster on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., highlighting how such a simple tool can provide lifesaving support to people in crisis. During his visit to Burleson, he presented the department with the flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol during his remarks, along with a copy of the congressional record commending the project.

The program is expanding its reach. Lamar Advertising recently requested to use the poster in a regional billboard campaign covering Johnson, Tarrant, Ellis, Dallas and Collin counties. The billboards display the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-SAFE, ensuring that no matter where someone sees the message, they can connect to help nationwide.

The poster was created by Collin Gregory, crime prevention and public engagement specialist, and reflects the ongoing work of the department's Victim Assistance team, led by Stephanie Beard.

Read the Star-Telegram article about the work Stephanie and the Burleson Police Department are doing [here](#).

E. CITY GROUND-BASED MOSQUITO SPRAYING IN ZONE 7

The city of Burleson was notified that mosquitoes in Zone 7 tested positive for West Nile Virus this week. In response, the city will conduct two nights of ground-based spraying for mosquitoes in the zone between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. The first spraying occurred on the night of Thursday, August 21. The second spraying will take place on the night of Friday, August 22, wind and weather permitting. The ground spraying will be performed by trucks equipped with sprayers in targeted subdivisions within the designated spray zone. For more information call 817-426-9848. This brings us to a total of sixteen positives during the 2025 season.

- [Mosquito Spray Zone 7 Map](#)

More information: www.burlesontx.com/mosquitospray

F. COMING UP: WEEK 6 OF BTX BUDGET BASICS – DEBT MANAGEMENT & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

This week, the BTX Budget Basics series shifts to a big question: **how does Burleson pay for the roads, police headquarters expansion, fire stations, water lines, and other infrastructure that keep our city running?**

The answer is a mix of tools—like bonds, grants, cash reserves, and development contributions—designed to spread costs fairly across current and future residents. By carefully managing debt and long-term financial planning, the city ensures that today’s needs are met without putting tomorrow’s taxpayers at risk.

Week 6’s outreach will highlight how debt works in a city budget, why it’s not the same as personal debt, and how Burleson uses responsible planning to balance growth with fiscal responsibility

View the sixth week’s highlight [here](#).

All of the weekly highlights will be available at www.burlesontx.com/BTXbudget

G. BURLESON POLICE TO HOST INTERNET SAFETY CLASS FOR FAMILIES

The Burleson Police Department invites the community to attend a free training at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the Burleson Recreation Center, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd. This class is designed to help parents and caregivers navigate the challenges children face online. From social media and gaming to the growing threat of online predators, the class provides practical tools and valuable knowledge to help keep kids safe in today’s digital age.

Attendees will learn how to recognize warning signs of online exploitation, how to talk with children about safe internet use and what resources are available when concerns arise. Gaining this knowledge not only safeguards children but also gives families peace of mind and stronger connections at home.

The training is free and open to the public. Parents, grandparents, teachers and community members are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen the safety and well-being of children in Burleson.

H. TEMPORARY BRICK OUTDOOR POOL SCHEDULE

Starting September 2, the BRiCk Indoor Pool will temporarily close for some renovations, including a brand-new play structure, stair tower and slide, upgraded systems, and fresh plaster. While these improvements are underway, the Outdoor Pool will be reopened (weather permitting) so participants can still enjoy time in the water. The outdoor pool schedule is listed below.

Outdoor Pool Schedule – Beginning Tuesday, September 2

Tuesday–Friday (Mornings & Afternoons)

- Until 8:15 a.m. - *BISD Swim Team Practice*
- 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. - *Lap Swim*
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - *Water Aerobics (pool reserved exclusively; no lap/open swim)*
- 12:45 - 5 p.m. - *Lap Swim*

Evenings

- Tuesday & Thursday – 5 - 8 p.m. - *Lap Swim Only*
- Wednesday – 5 - 8 p.m. - *Open Swim & Lap Swim (diving board closed)*
- Friday – 5 - 7 p.m. - *Open Swim & Lap Swim (diving board closed)*

Weekends

- Saturday – 1 - 7:30 p.m. - *Open Swim Only (diving board open)*
- Sunday – 1 - 5:30 p.m. - *Open Swim Only (diving board open)*

I. LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Crafting Party

Unleash your creativity at the Library’s Crafting Party on Wednesday, August 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Adults ages 18 and up are invited for an evening full of crafting, creativity, and fun. Supplies will be provided for earring-making, junk journaling, and painting. Participants can try something new or dive into a favorite craft. No registration is required.

This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Burleson Public Library.



J. SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PROGRAMMING

Yoga

Beginners: Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga: Wednesday 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Yoga is a gentle mind-body practice that combines physical postures, breathing exercises and meditation. For seniors, it offers a safe and effective way to stay active while improving balance, flexibility and strength.



In addition to the physical benefits, yoga supports mental well-being by reducing stress and promoting relaxation.

Chicken Foot: A Dominos Game

Wednesday, August 27 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Chicken foot is a domino placement game. Chicken Foot requires three dominoes to be played on any double before any other space can be played. The placement of the three dominoes creates a formation reminiscent of a chicken's foot—hence the name. Join the Burluson Senior Activity Center's friendly, welcoming group of players for fun and laughs.



For those interested in learning more about the center's offerings, tours are available. The Burluson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Avenue, is open to individuals aged 50 and up.

K. PET OF THE WEEK

Cooper is all ears when it comes to finding his forever home. This 3-year-old German Shepherd Dog and Akita mix is searching for an active family ready to give him plenty of playtime and treats.

Handsome and affectionate, Cooper has the makings of a wonderful family companion. His adoption fee is waived and includes vaccinations, microchipping, heartworm testing and neutering.



The shelter is **at capacity**, so if you are thinking about adopting, make us your first stop. The Burleson Animal Shelter is at capacity, view all adoptable animals at burlesontx.com/adopt

The Burleson Animal Shelter, located at 775 SE John Jones Drive, is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

L. FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

The Burleson Mayor's Youth Council spent time giving back by picking up trash along the Oak Valley Trail, their designated Adopt-a-Spot area. Mayor Chris Fletcher joined the group to lend a helping hand and show his support for this dedicated crew.

Efforts like these not only help protect our natural spaces but also inspire a deeper sense of civic pride and environmental responsibility. Every bag of litter removed helps keep our city's trails and parks clean, safe and beautiful for everyone to enjoy.



Thank you to these outstanding young residents, and to all who do their part to help Keep Burleson Beautiful. Together, we're building a stronger, cleaner and more connected community.

III. ROAD PROJECTS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: ALSBURY BLVD BETWEEN CANDLER DR AND HULEN ST

Work on the BNSF Railway crossing on S.W. Alsbury Boulevard began on July 17. To accommodate the improvements, S.W. Alsbury Boulevard will be closed to **all traffic** between S.W. Hulen Street and Candler Drive.

This closure will remain in place until construction is completed by BNSF Railway.

Traffic Impacts:

- No through traffic will be permitted on S.W. Alsbury Boulevard between S.W. Hulen Street and Candler Drive.
- Detour routes will be clearly marked to assist drivers in navigating around the closure.



IV. PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS



[Click here to stay up to date on current park projects](#)

V. EVENTS

Event information can be found at www.burlesontx.com/events

- **BURLESON FARMERS MARKET**
Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.
Free entry, items for purchase
- **SPLISH SPLASH DOGGIE BASH**
August 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (time slots depend on dog's size)
BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
\$5 per dog, limit 2 dogs per person. Humans are free.
- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR 2025**
September 13, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd
Free event
- **WOODCARVERS SHOWCASE**
September 13, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W CR 714
Free event
- **SWIFT NIGHT OUT**
September 13, 7 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
General Admission Tickets \$20 each
- **BE HEALTHY BURLESON 5K/10K/FUN RUN**
September 20, starts at 7:45 a.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
Cost associated with each race
- **ZUMBA NIGHTS IN THE PLAZA**
September 24, October 8 & 29, 7 – 8 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
Free event
- **HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL**
September 27, 5 – 8 p.m.
Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W Renfro St
Free event, food available for purchase

VI. ATTACHMENTS

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BOND 2022 Project Updates *as of August 2025*

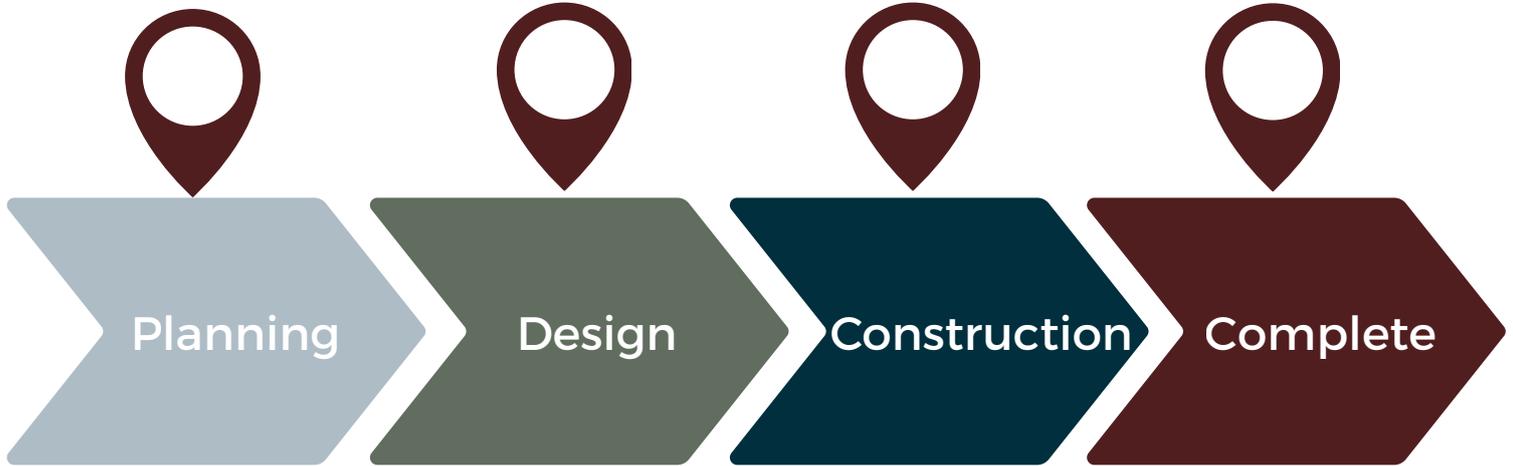
Project | Neighborhood Street Rebuilds

Design and construction for various neighborhood streets throughout the city

Year 4 Projects

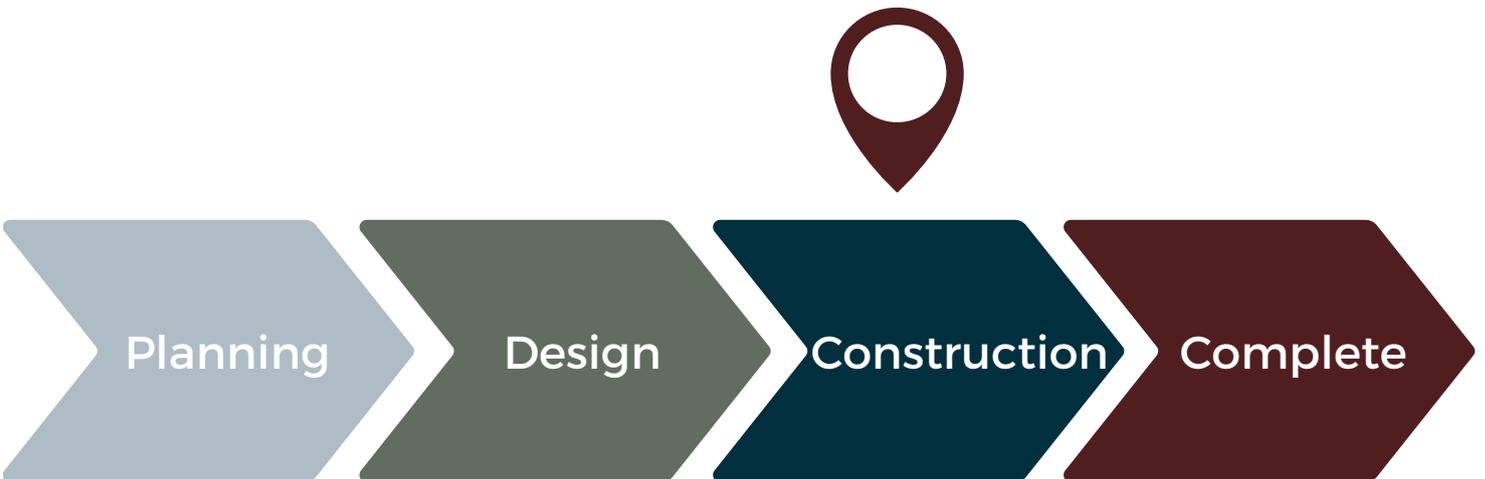
Year 3 Projects

Year 1 & 2 Projects



Project | Intelligent Traffic System

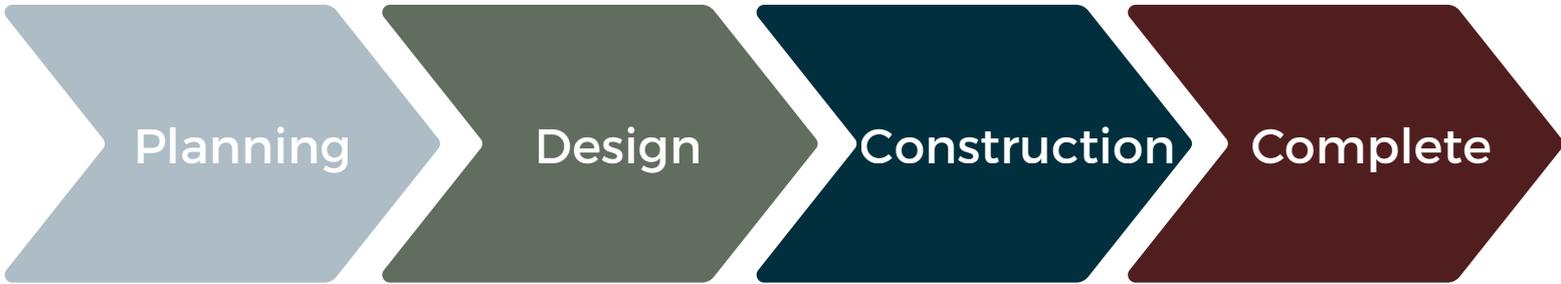
Project will provide for the design and construction of improvements to allow the city to study, control and synchronize the traffic signals throughout the city



Project | SH 174/Wilshire Boulevard

Lakewood Drive Intersection

Design and construction of dual left-turn lanes
Project was completed on November 15, 2023.



Project | Alsbury Boulevard

Hulen Street to CR 1020

Design and construction for the extension of Hulen Street to CR 1020



Project | Alsbury Boulevard

Hulen Street to CR 914

Design for the future widening from two to four lanes



Project | Sidewalk Program

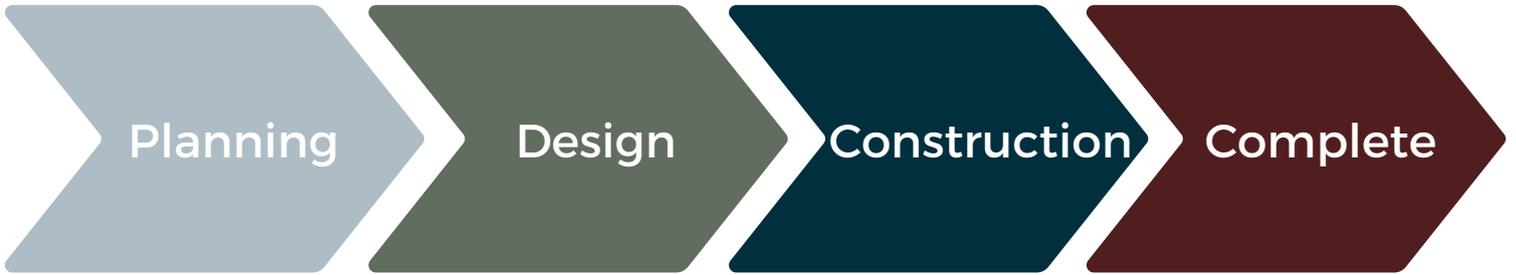
Design and construction of for various sidewalks throughout the city

Year 4 Projects

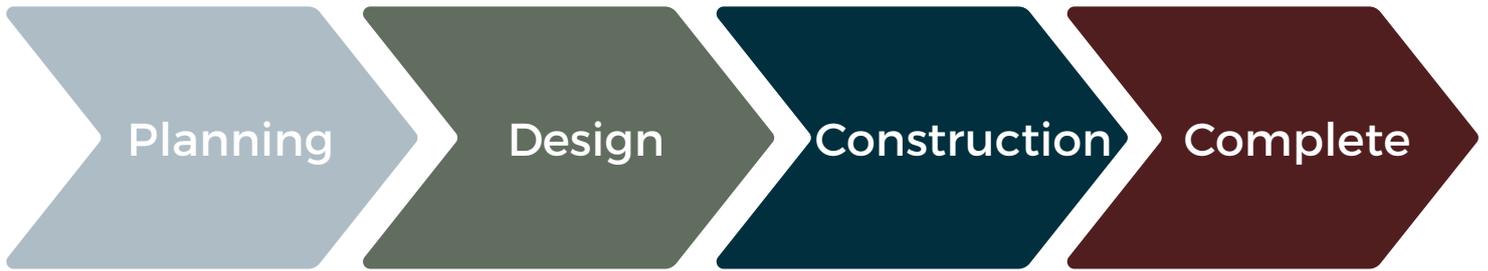
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Project | Police Headquarters Expansion



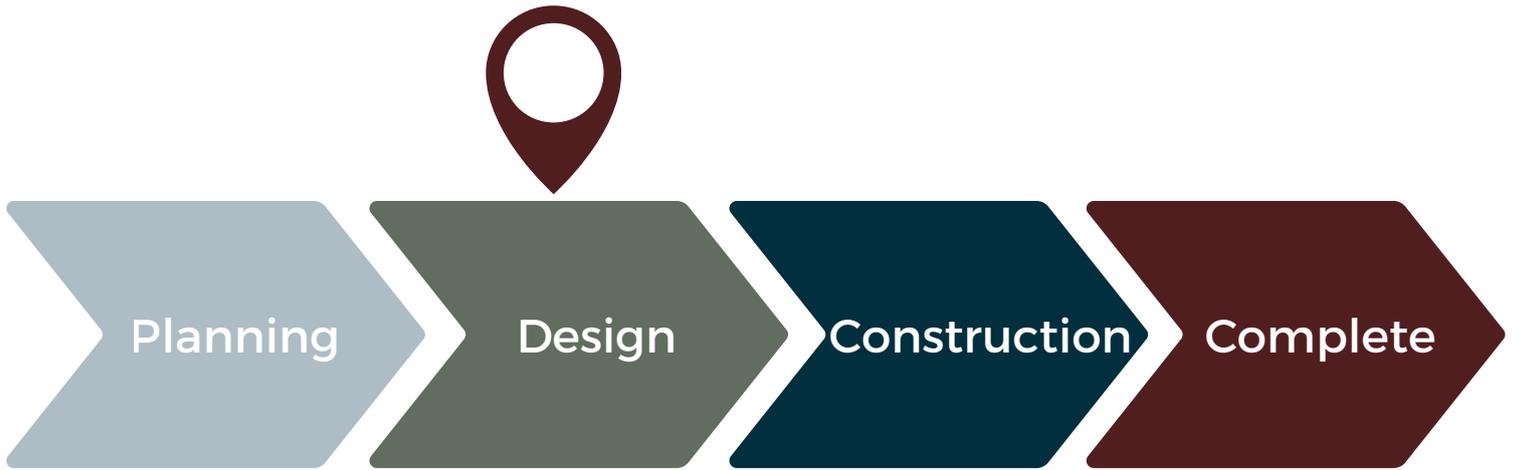
Project | SH 174/Wilshire Boulevard

Hulen Street to Wicker Hill: Design for the expansion to six lanes



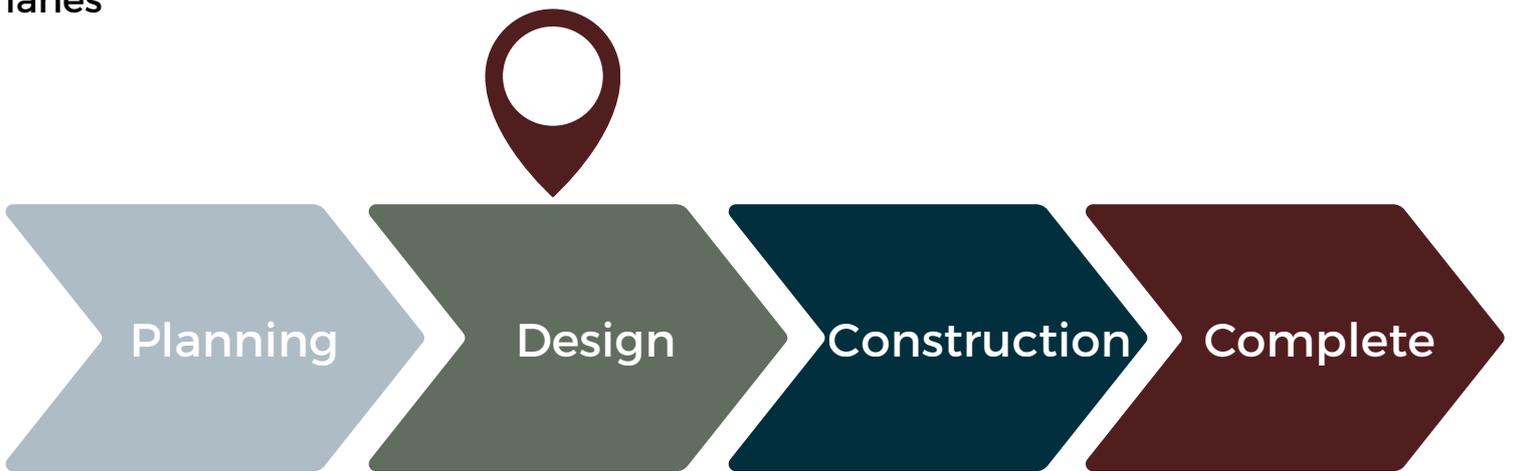
Project | Hulen Street

Design and construction for intersection improvements at Wilshire Boulevard



Project | Hulen Street

Kelly Drive to Candler Drive: Design and construction to expand from two to four lanes

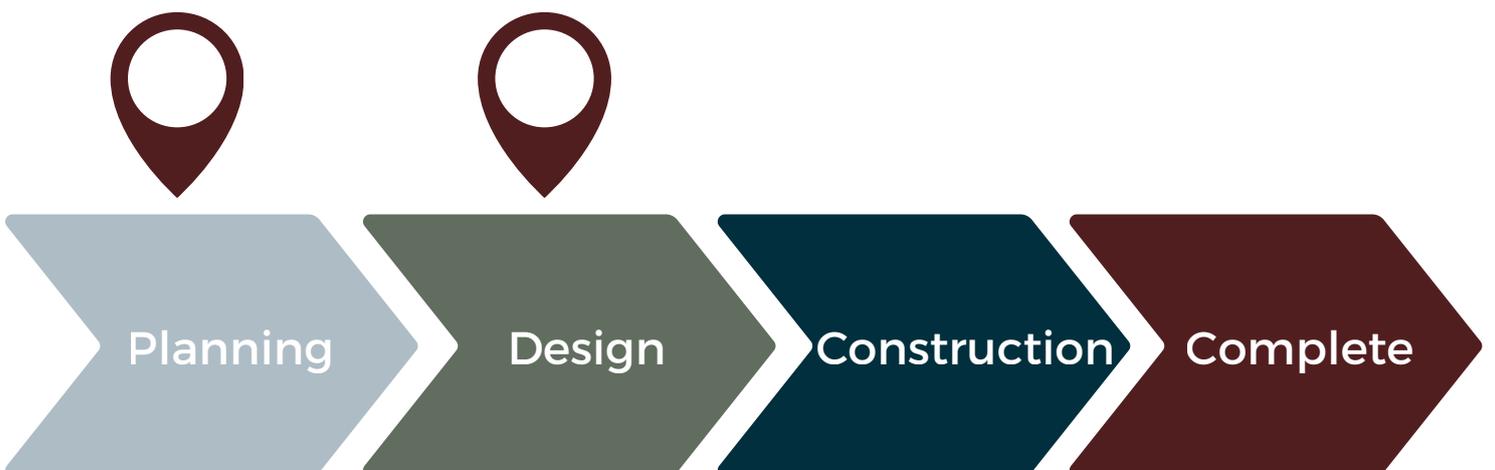


Project | Hillside & Elk Drives & FM 731

Design and construction for intersection & sidewalk improvements

Hillside, Elk (north sections) & FM 731

Elk Drive (south sections)



Bond projects scheduled for upcoming years

Project | CR 1902 & CR 910 Pedestrian Mobility

Design and construction

Project | Fire Station 4 Construction

Project | East Renfro Street/FM 3391

Design for the widening of the roadway

TXDOT has taken on this project and has been removed from Bond 2022 Funding