

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****August 16, 2011**
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The purpose of this report is to provide the City Council with information concerning funding that the City has secured to support pedestrian and streetscape improvements within designated urban villages.

The City Council created the urban village development program in 2001, and initially designated 13 urban villages to promote revitalization of the central city. In 2005, based on recommendations from the City Plan Commission, the City Council modified the designations to achieve the 16 urban villages that exist today. The City applies three strategies to promote desirable development within the villages: 1) rezone to mixed-use, 2) apply economic incentives such as Neighborhood Empowerment Zones to the urban village and surrounding low-income neighborhoods, and 3) construct capital improvements that support economic development and encourage pedestrian activity and transit use.

Since 2001, the City has secured various federal and regional grants for urban villages. The attached table provides information on grants received for pedestrian and streetscape improvements, and the status of each project. Staff has found that federally-funded projects take two to three years longer to design than regionally or locally funded projects. This is due to the federal and state design, environmental review, and procedural requirements, along with the inexperience of local and state staff and consultants in applying highway review standards and processes to pedestrian and streetscape projects. When future federal grant opportunities arise for transportation-related projects, staff recommends applying for grants that exceed a few million dollars in order to make a meaningful capital investment and to justify the time investment.

Several of the grants are associated with NCTCOG's Land Use/Transportation Joint Venture and Sustainable Development programs, which require private developer cost participation and mixed-use development. Developers in the Historic Handley, Six Points, and West 7th urban villages have decided either to proceed without the federal funds or to not proceed with their mixed-use projects. The allocated federal funds, totaling \$1.5 million, are thus returned to NCTCOG and allocated for the next Sustainable Development call for projects.

If you have any questions, please contact Randle Harwood, Director of Planning and Development, at 817-392-6101.

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Attachment

ATTACHMENT
Urban Village Streetscape Projects

Funding Source / Project	Status	Bid Date	Grant	Match (\$)	Total
2001 NCTCOG Joint Venture (federal)			\$5,094,834	\$544,486	\$5,639,320
1 So 7th: Museum Way Streetscape	Completed	--	\$1,075,000	\$10,000	\$1,085,000
2 So 7th: West Seventh Streetscape	Must be cancelled	--	\$1,058,994	\$63,837	\$1,122,831
3 So 7th: Tilley Pedestrian Bridge	Under construction	--	\$1,078,243	--	\$1,078,243
4 Magnolia - Hemphill Streetscape	100% plan review	1 st Q, 2012	\$1,233,688	\$308,422	\$1,542,110
5 Ridglea Crosswalks and Sidewalks	Design contract pending	1 st Q, 2013	\$380,349	\$95,087	\$475,436
6 Historic Handley Sidewalks	Cancelled	--	\$268,560	\$67,140	\$335,700
2003 Transportation & Community & System Preservation Earmark (federal)			\$795,000	--	\$795,000
1 Historic Handley Sidewalks	30% design	3 rd Q, 2012	\$395,000	--	\$395,000
2 Berry/University Sidewalks	Completed	--	\$400,000	--	\$400,000
2004-2005 Urban Village Earmark (federal)			\$3,867,855	--	\$3,867,855
1 Six Points Streetscape	Revising scope due to cancelled project below	TBD	\$773,571	--	\$773,571
2 Near East Side Streetscape	100% plan review	4 th Q, 2011	\$773,571	--	\$773,571
3 South Main Streetscape	Revising scope due to new project below	2 nd Q, 2013	\$773,571	--	\$773,571
4 Hemphill/Berry Streetscape	90% plan review	4 th Q, 2011	\$773,571	--	\$773,571
5 Berry/Riverside Streetscape	90% plan revisions	2 nd Q, 2012	\$773,571	--	\$773,571
2005-2006 NCTCOG Sustainable Development (local)			\$6,535,900	\$2,134,143	\$8,670,043
1 Six Points Streetscape	Must be cancelled	--	\$320,000	\$80,000	\$400,000
2 Trinity Bluff Streetscape	Completed	--	\$1,050,900	\$262,725	\$1,313,625
3 Museum Place Streetscape	Completed	--	\$2,400,000	\$600,000	\$3,000,000
4 West Rosedale Retrofit	Const. contract pending	--	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
5 Evans & Rosedale Planning	Completed	--	\$65,000	\$16,250	\$81,250
6 Berry/University Streetscape Extension	90% plan revisions	4 th Q, 2011	\$2,400,000	\$1,100,168	\$3,500,168
2009-2010 NCTCOG Sustainable Development (federal)			\$7,379,720	\$1,844,930	\$9,224,650
1 South Main - High Point	Preparing scope	2 nd Q, 2013	\$3,000,000	\$750,000	\$3,750,000
2 Polytechnic/Wesleyan Streetscape	Awaiting local funding	TBD	\$1,500,000	\$375,000	\$1,875,000
3 Summer Creek	Agreements pending	2015	\$2,879,720	\$719,930	\$3,599,650
Total Funding			\$23,673,309	\$4,523,559	\$28,196,868