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SMALL CITIES
COUNCIL

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July 28, 2021 • 9:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Welcome
2. Introductions & Announcements
3. Summary of Previous Meeting
4. Community Spotlight
5. Metroplan Update
6. Model Code Update
7. Preview of Upcoming Meetings
8. Adjourn

SCC MEMBERS

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Alexander | 10. Lonoke |
| 2. Austin | 11. Mayflower |
| 3. Bauxite | 12. Mount Vernon |
| 4. Cammack
Village | 13. Shannon Hills |
| 5. England | 14. Traskwood |
| 6. Greenbrier | 15. Vilonia |
| 7. Guy | 16. Ward |
| 8. Haskell | 17. Wooster |
| 9. HS Village | 18. Wrightsville |





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INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Exciting projects
- **American Rescue Plan update**



SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

May 26, 2021

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Small Cities Council Meeting Summary
 Wednesday, May 26, 2021 | 9:00 AM
 Jacksonville Community Center
 Meeting recording may be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/1604164053466000/12575091240539>

SCC Members Attending:
 1. Mayor Sammy Hartwick, President
 2. Mayor Mike Kemp, Vice President
 3. Mayor Bernie Chamberlain
 4. Mayor Charles Gastineau
 5. Mayor Sam Higdon
 6. Mayor Terry Mizer
 7. Mayor Trae Reed + Mr. Jeremy Gosdin
 8. Mayor Terry Don Robinson

Metroplan Staff:
 9. Ms. Bernadette Rhodes
 10. Ms. La'Keshia Stewart
 11. Mr. Tab Townsell

City of Greenbrier
 City of Shannon Hills
 City of Austin
 City of Ward
 City of Guy
 City of Wrightsville
 City of Lonoke
 City of Wooster

Community Planner
 Planner/Public Outreach
 Executive Director

1. Call to Order and Welcome
 Mayor Hartwick called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He welcomed the attendees and asked Ms. Rhodes to proceed with the agenda.

2. Introductions and Announcements
 The attendees shared the following announcements.
Greenbrier: Mayor Hartwick shared that the city's sidewalk project was progressing and was awaiting one more signature on a right-of-way easement.
Ward: Mayor Gastineau summarized 5 projects taking place in Ward. The 319/367 intersection improvements, which will provide Ward with its first traffic light. 6 streets are being overlaid through the State Street Aid program. ARDOT is overlaying Hwy. 319 from Hwy. 367 to Faulkner County line. The City is moving 19 houses off a sewer vacuum system to a gravity now system with grant funding. A 2015 sidewalk project is scheduled to start construction in mid-July. Sidewalks will be a continuation of the Safe Routes to School project connecting existing sidewalks and leading from main highway into park. The City applied for

Shannon Hills: Mayor Kemp shared that the city is working on creating an east-west sidewalk route across town using primarily Metroplan funding. Awaiting ARDOT approval to start advertising the construction bid for Phase 1. The Metroplan-funded intersection project at **Ward** Ridge and County Line Road was just completed. Safe Routes to School sidewalk project is at approx. 60% completion. Working on two other grant-funded sidewalk projects. The city's overall goal is to connect the city to the Southwest Trail and create amenities for SVV Trail users. City has purchased two tracts of land adjacent to Trail. The mayor addressed South Alexander Road, which is the southern continuation of Hwy. 111 after it crosses into Shannon Hills' city limits. Residents are limited on that stretch and road maintenance presents a challenge. Engineers are working on design for bridge replacement on Shannon Hills Drive to increase its functionality and weight limit. Applying for park grant for new amenities, including disc golf.

Lonoke: Mayor Reed introduced Mr. Jeremy Gosdin, Lonoke's new Community Development Director and architect by trade. Mr. Gosdin is tasked with guiding the planning and permitting process as well as code enforcement and animal control.

Guy: Mayor Higdon expressed admiration of the projects occurring in other cities and concurred with other mayors regarding the barriers posed by high engineering costs.

Wrightsville: Mayor Mizer shared that several streets were approved for overlays through the Street Aid program, including **Gannaway** Rd (which runs parallel to the railroad), Zip Ln, and others. The city is working with the Arkansas Municipal League on learning how to spend American Rescue Plan money. The city held a COVID vaccination clinic a couple of weeks ago and vaccinated over 100 people. The city is also conducting food distributions through a grant from the Black Mayors Association.

Austin: Mayor Chamberlain is working on sewer upgrades. An ordinance to raise sewer rates is in its third reading. The water tower is being repainted and streets are being overlaid.

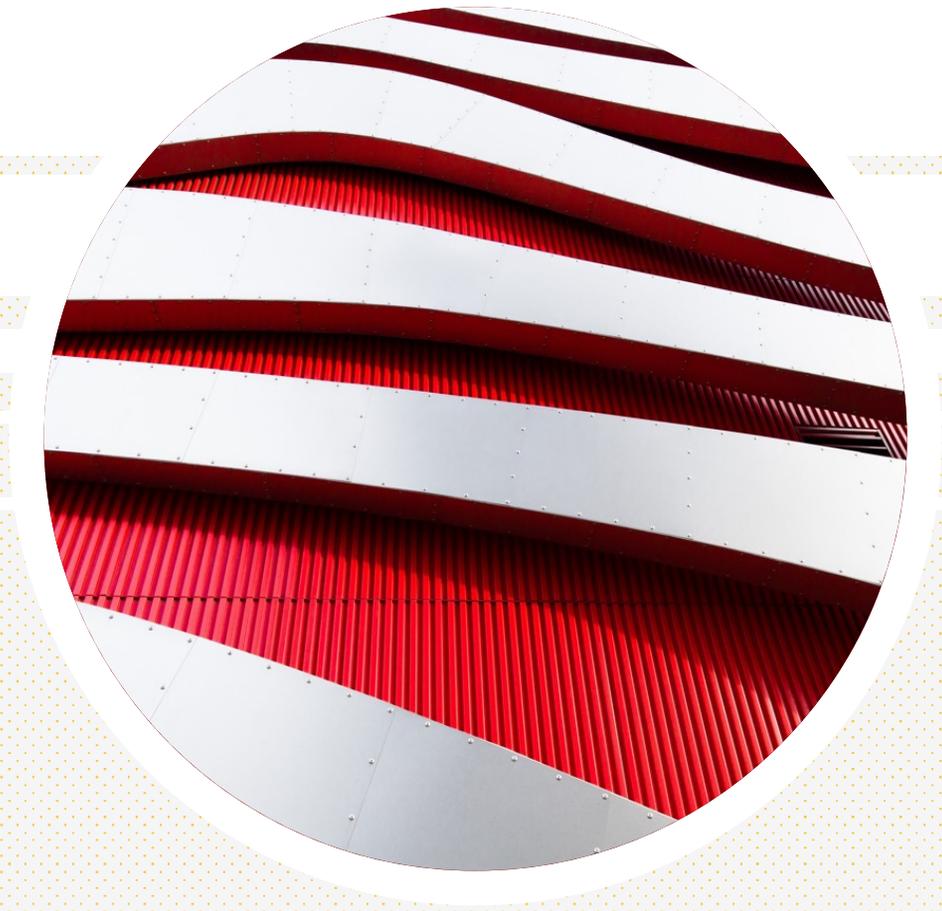
Wooster: Mayor Robinson stated that construction on Phase 2 of Church Street is up – sod is being laid and the road is awaiting striping. Greenbrier City Health approval to continue laying the sewer system is complete. 2 new pump stations are being installed up to sewer.



Ward Arkansas

2nd Largest City in Lonoke Couty
2nd Fastest Growing City in Metroplan

Mayor Charles Gastineau



▶ **Who are We**

2nd Largest City in Lonoke County

Ranking by Population

Rank	City	Value
1	Cabot, AR	26,217
2	Ward, AR	5,060
3	Lonoke, AR	4,238
4	Austin, AR	3,350
5	England, AR	2,741
6	Carlisle, AR	2,279

Ranking by Median Individual Income

Rank	City	USD
1	Austin, AR	38,459
2	Ward, AR	34,059
3	Cabot, AR	32,351
4	Carlisle, AR	28,689
5	Lonoke, AR	28,470
6	England, AR	19,547

Ranking by Median Age

Rank	City	Value
1	Carlisle, AR	43.10
2	Lonoke, AR	38.10
3	Cabot, AR	34.50
4	England, AR	33.90
5	Austin, AR	28.80
6	Ward, AR	28.50

Completed Project ▶ of Note

2nd Largest City in Lonoke County



- Replaced 300k GPD built in 1993
 - Population Est: 1,531
 - 2015:
 - 185 over capacity daily with a peak of 318% over capacity.
 - Consent Order Issued
- Construction Began July 2017
- \$6.2 Mil Project

1.5 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant



- Operational December 2018
 - Population Est: 5,311
- Estimated Life of Plant before Expansion?
 - Year 2058
 - Population: 25,635
 - Wastewater Hookup: 12,395
 - 120 GPD Avr: 1,487,429 GPD Processed

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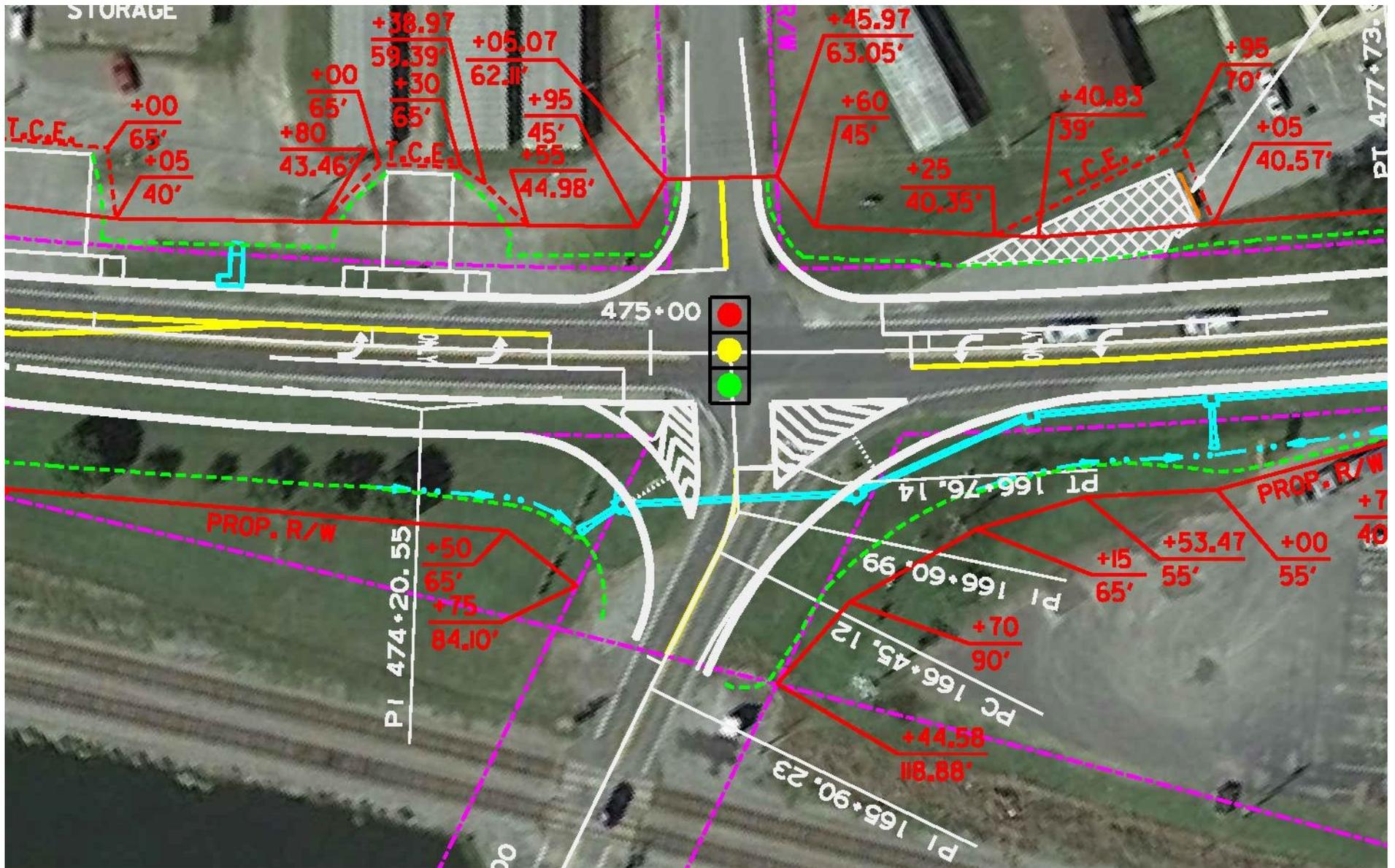
Current Projects



- On the “books” for 14 years
- Original Cost of Project: \$700k
- Current Cost: \$1.6M
 - Turn Lanes
 - Traffic Light on both sides of tracks
- Will Fix the 8th Worst RR Crossing in AR
- Projected Start Date: September 2021

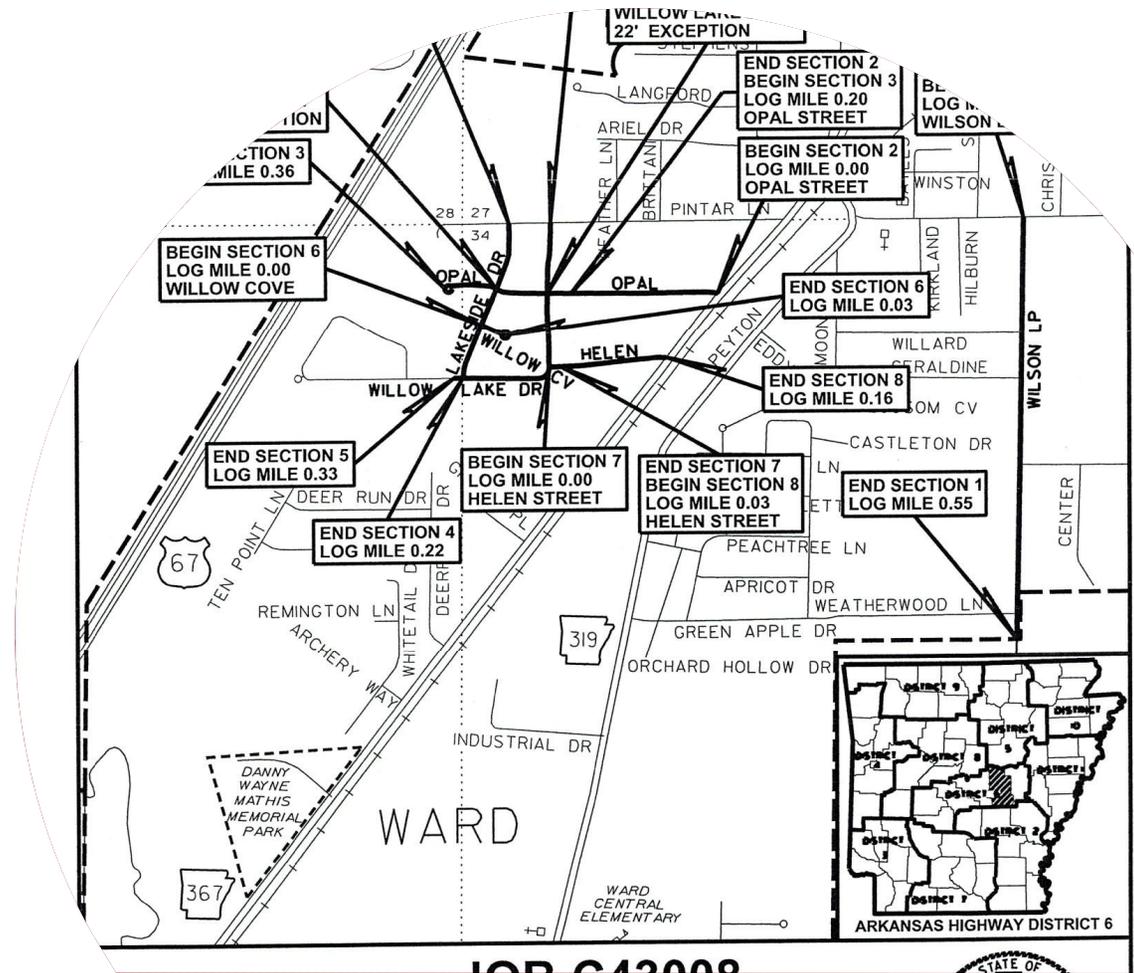
Highway 367-319 Intersection





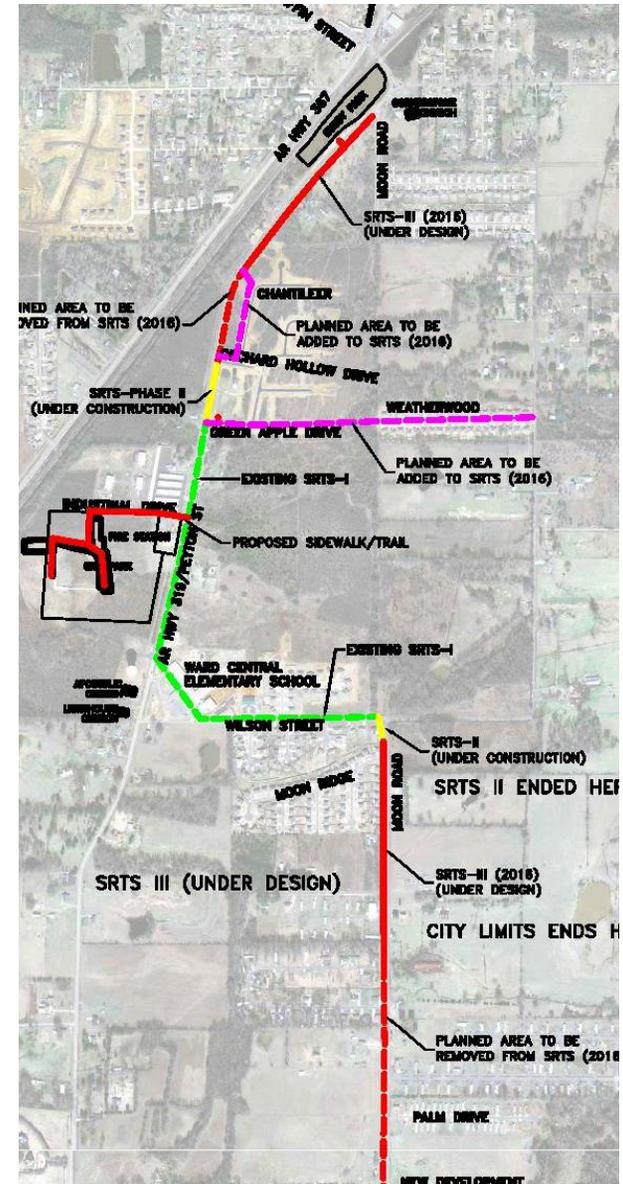
Street Aid Committee Overlay Project

- Approved in February 2021
- \$270,079 to Overlay Six Street
- Est Start Date? Mid-Aug



SRTS/TAP Sidewalk Project

- Approved in 2015
- Construction to Begin in Aug
- Original estimate: \$312,000
- Low Bid: \$377,593



Sewer Upgrade

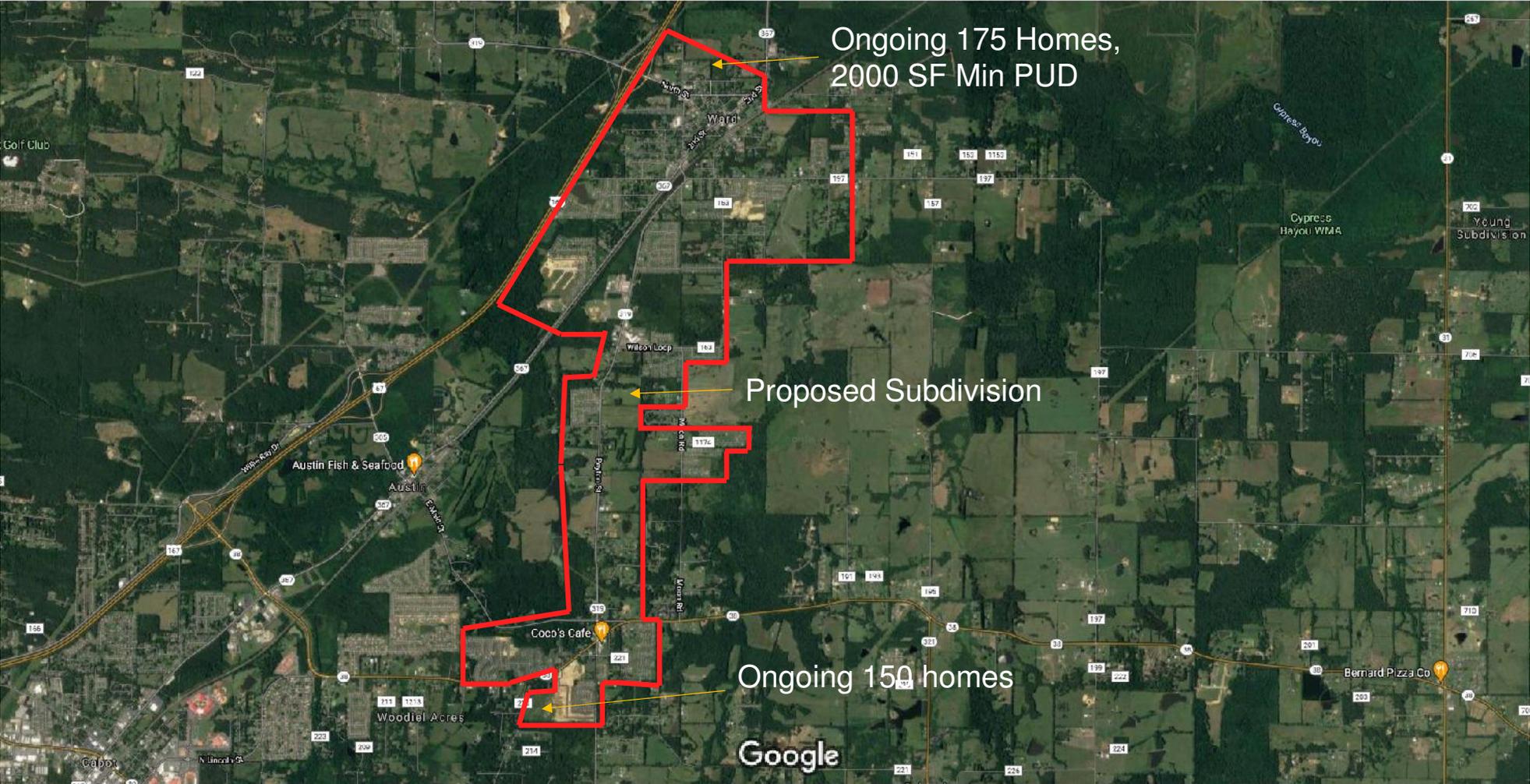
- Project to remove 17 home off existing “vacuum sewer system” and replace it with a forced main system.
- Funded in June 2019 with a \$200,000 CDBG from AEDC
- Est Cost: \$227,710
- Low Bid: \$244,015
- Project has started



Subdivisions



Subdivisions



Ward Census Projections

- 2010 Census: 4067
- 2020 Census: ???
 - 6,000???
- But we are NOT...



WE ARE NOT
The Movie
Production
Destination
that Lonoke is.
CONGRATS





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2nd Fastest Growing City in Metroplan

Mayor Charles Gastineau



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METROPLAN UPDATE

- STBG funding
- TAP funding
- Board trip
- Redistricting



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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG)

- Applications due July 30, 4:00 pm
- \$16.8 million total (estimated)
- 20% minimum cash match
- Call for projects **EVERY** spring
 - Engineering, Construction, ROW
 - Engineering only
 - Construction only
- **Arterials or major collectors**
- **Focus on congestion, safety, bridges, regional bike/ped projects**
- **Select projects early & plan ahead**



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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT

- Call for projects will be issued this fall
- \$1.5 million total (estimated)
- Small cities can apply for up to \$100k
- 20% minimum cash match
- Call for projects **EVERY OTHER** year
 - Typically construction only
 - SCC members may also include engineering
- Local bike/ped, safe routes projects
- Can apply for state-wide grant (ARDOT) every year and regional grant (MP) every other year



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NEXT BOARD TRIP

- Late spring/early summer 2022
- Researching potential destinations
- **Focus on regional trails**



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REDISTRICTING

- Required if new Census population of any ward is 5% or more off the mean. Otherwise, optional.
- To request assistance (if you haven't already), email Tab, Casey, and Bernadette.
- Info needed:
 - **Current ward map on file at city hall**
 - # of wards: maintain, increase, or consolidate?
 - Keep current council members inside their wards? (if yes, need addresses)



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MODEL CODE UPDATE

- Workshopping code w/ cities
- Discussing adoption process
- Planning Commission workshops
- **Article 5 – Subdivision Standards**



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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
WED, SEPT 29, 2021 @ 9AM**

**MONTHLY MODEL CODE
WORK SESSIONS**

- 10:00 am following every SCC meeting
(odd months)
- 9:00 am before every Board meeting
(even months)
- Individually with cities/planning commissions
- *Mayor, city council, planning commission, key personnel*



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