



METROPLAN

SMART PLANNING MAKES SMART PLACES.



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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**

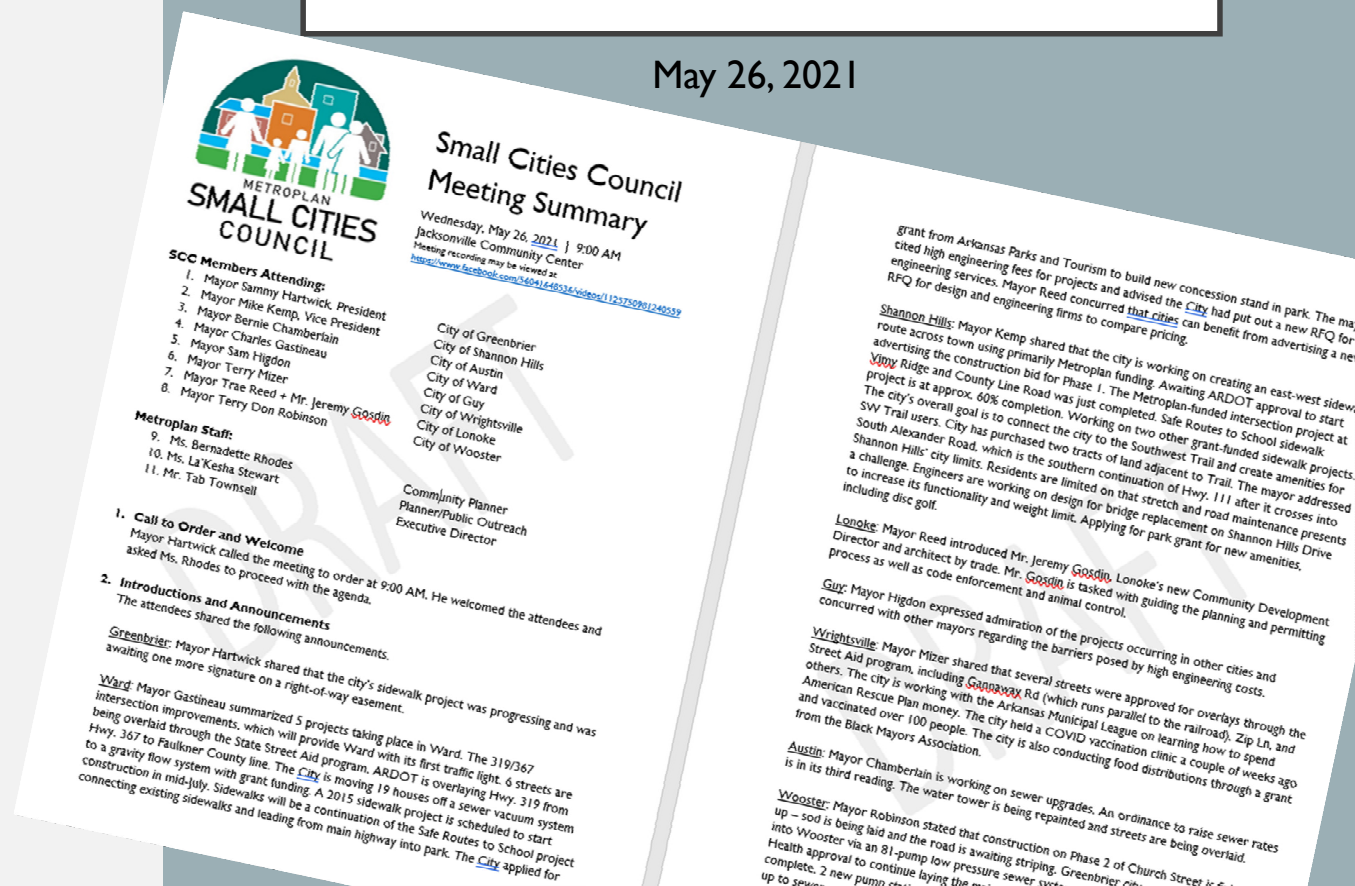


SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

May 26, 2021

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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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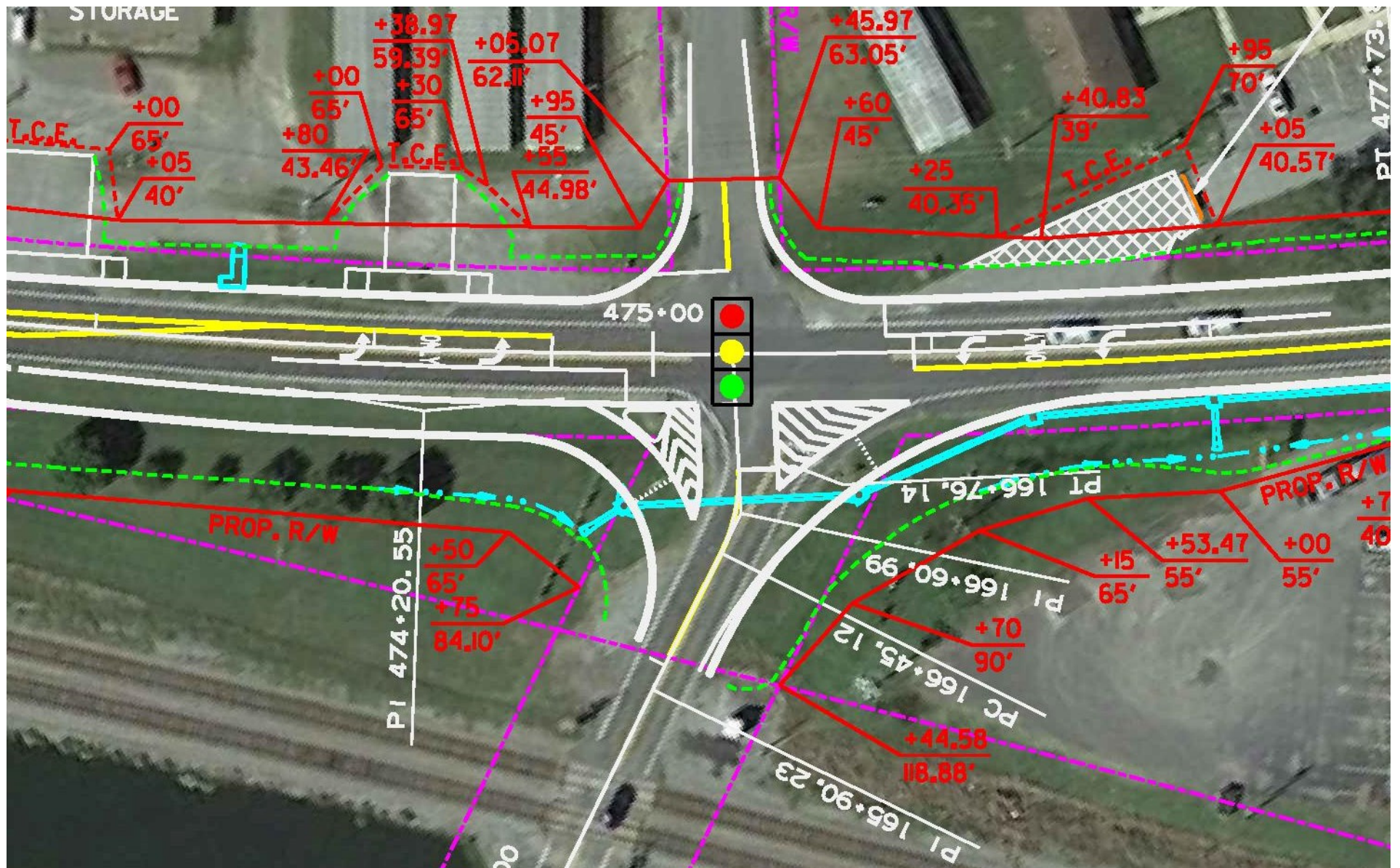
Current Projects



- 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

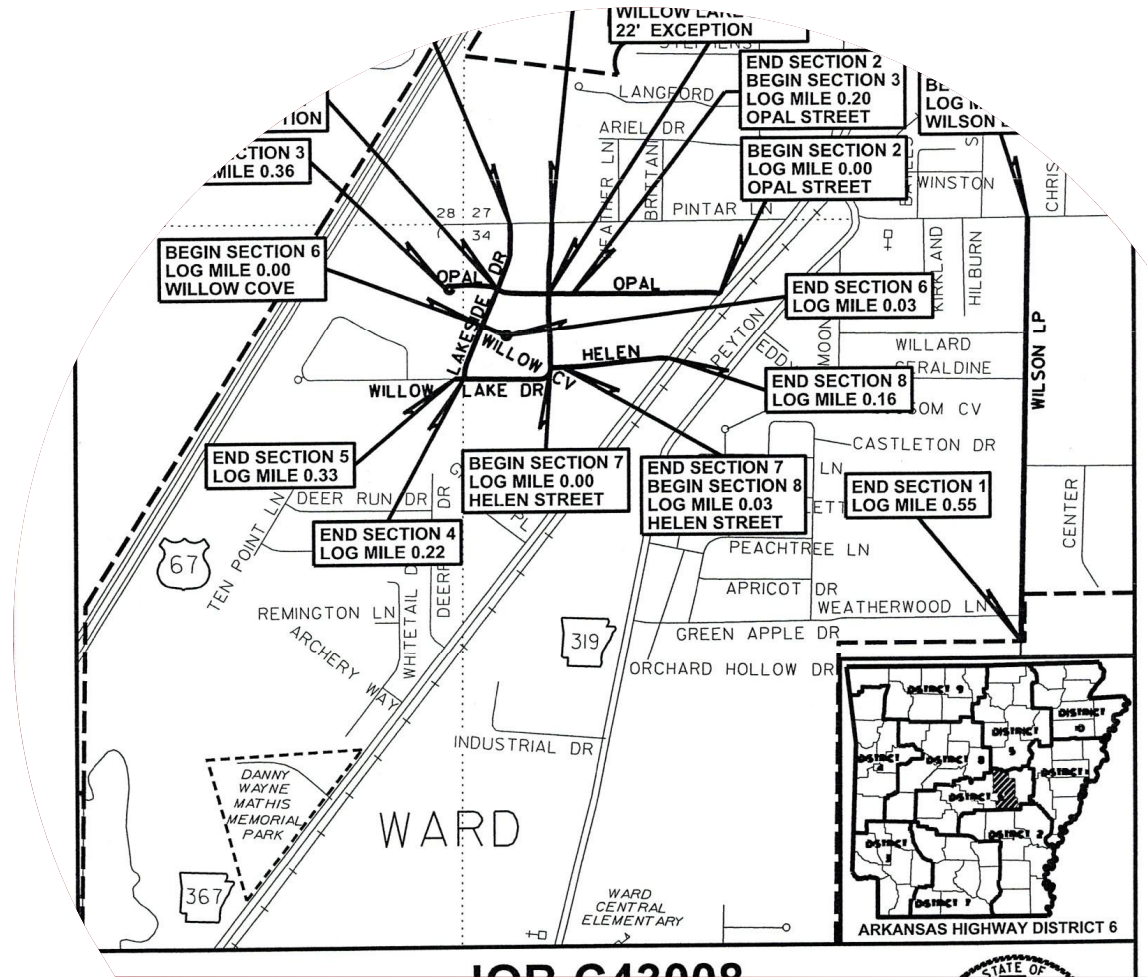
Highway 367-319 Intersection





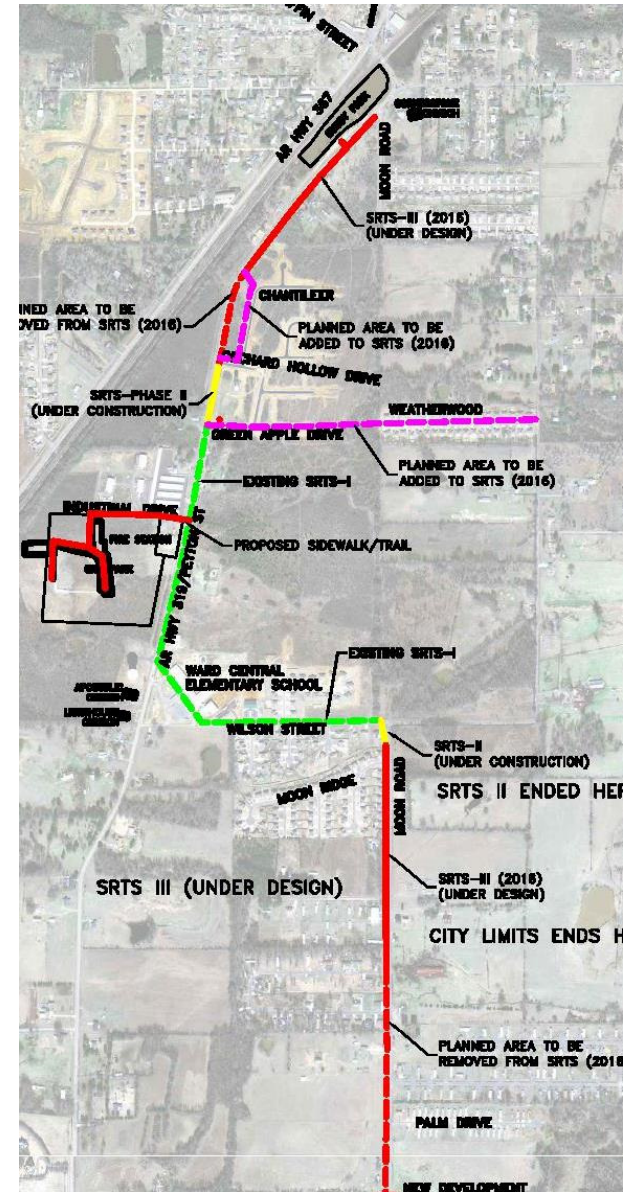
Street Aid Committee Overlay Project

- 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

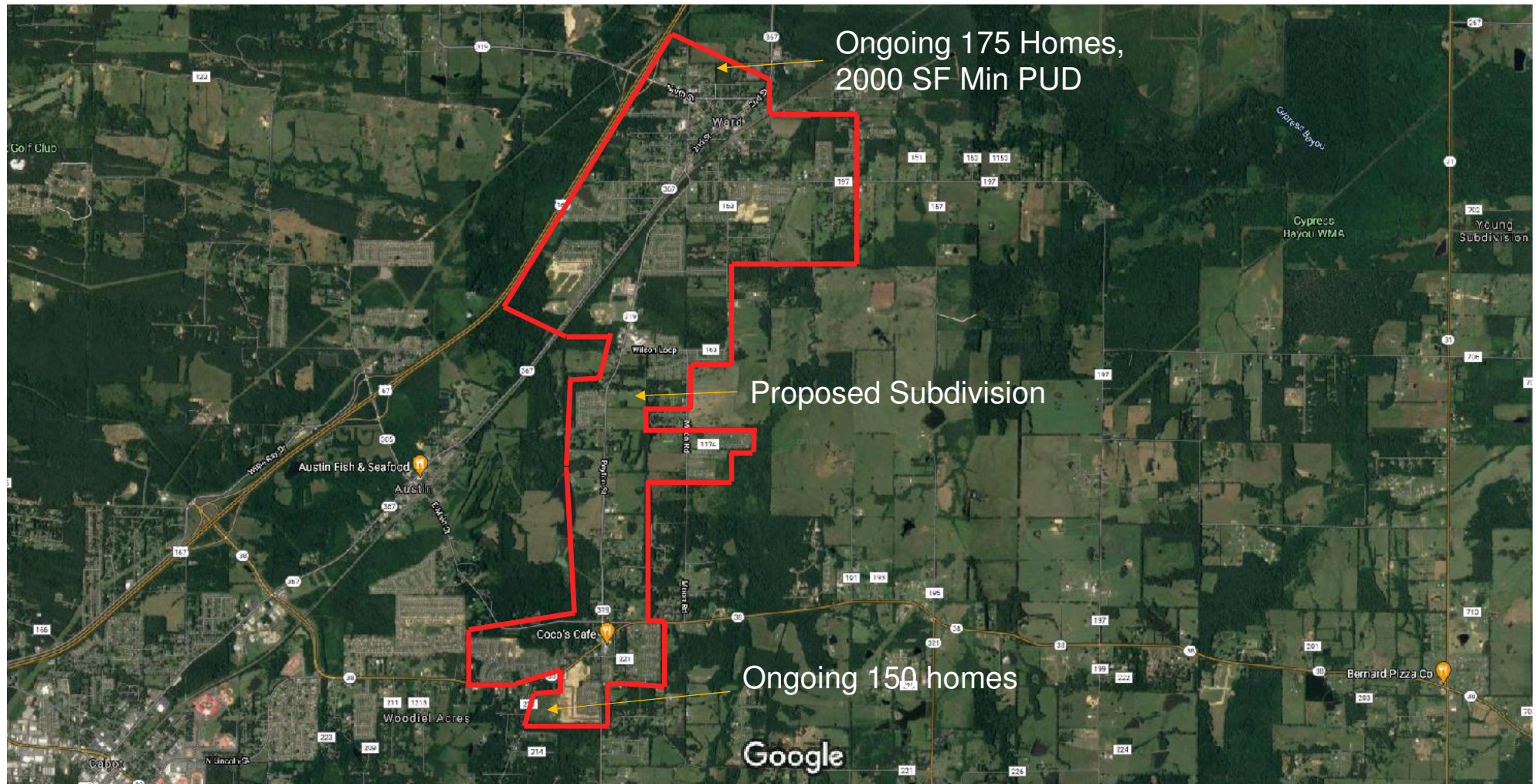
- Project to remove 17 home off existing “vacuum sewer system” and replace it with a forced main system.
- Funded in June 2019 with a \$200,000 CDBG from AEDC
- Est Cost: \$227,710
- Low Bid: \$244,015
- Project has started



Subdivisions



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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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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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THANK YOU!

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