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Virginia Avenue Sidewalk

It has been a long wait for a sidewalk on Virginia Avenue from Perkins Road to Main Street, but the wait is almost over. Cobb Engineering Company is under contract for design of an ADA compliant sidewalk with two pedestrian bridges to be constructed from Perkins Road to Main Street along Virginia Avenue and through Strickland Park.

A sidewalk along Virginia Avenue has been requested by the community for several years. A report in 1998 referenced a sidewalk along Virginia and Miller from Lowry to the bridge over West Boomer Creek and then from that bridge to the bridge over East Boomer Creek. A review of potential projects for the 2000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities program identified a need not only for the sidewalk, but for two pedestrian bridges over West and East Boomer Creek. There were several engineering and financial matters to resolve but finally the sidewalk, including pedestrian bridges, was included in the 2003 CDBG Small Cities grant application. Unfortunately, that application was not approved by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC). Construction of the sidewalk and bridges was again submitted in the 2005 CDBG Small Cities grant application and this time the application received approval from ODOC.

Construction is scheduled to begin in May, 2007. Once completed, the sidewalk and bridges will provide a safe and ADA compliant pedestrian connection between Perkins Road and Main Street along with additional pedestrian access to Strickland Park. The wait for the sidewalk has been a long one, but the benefit to the citizens of Stillwater will be long lasting.

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