

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report* DATE: March 4, 2021

Status Report

1. Update - Race Track Road/Pedestrian Improvements Project

On February 24th, the City Planning staff attended a virtual meeting regarding an update of the Race Track Road Improvement Plan. This County CIP project proposes roadway, signalization and pedestrian improvements along Race Track Road, from the Idlewild Drive/Marquette Lane intersection to Clearfield Drive. The project also includes the repaving of Race Track Road, from Clearfield Drive to MD Route 450. At this point, the plans are at 30% design, with no hard date for the submission of the 65% drawings. The project concept has been refined to include a trail on both sides of Race Track Road, several retaining walls on the west side of the roadway, a relocated driveway ingress/egress for the Yorktown Elementary School that will align with the driveway exit from the Grace Baptist Church site, and a new traffic signal at that intersection. The timing of the existing traffic signal at the Race Track Road/Idlewild Drive/Marquette Lane intersection may have to be adjusted, as needed. A project starting date has been tentatively set for FY2024.

2. New Residential Construction 2020

Attached please find a copy of the New Residential Construction handout prepared by the Planning Department. The information shows total dwelling units by type, as well as City building permit activity authorizing construction of new residential units within the City from 1990- 2020. As can be seen from the bar graph on the second page, 2020 was another year of very low activity. The only large-scale residential development constructed within the City in the last decade was the 286-unit Bowen apartments on Health Center Drive in 2012. The levels of new residential construction are set to rise significantly as Melford Town Center and South Lake begin construction and the Sears parcel redevelopment moves forward.

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Attachment

New Housing Construction - 2020

Housing Type	Single-family	Townhouses	Multi-family	Subtotal	Total
As of 1990	10,488	2,286	529	13,303	13,303
1991	159	75	0	234	13,537
1992	369	131	0	500	14,037
1993	432	299	0	731	14,768
1994	225	126	110	461	15,229
1995	293	122	0	415	15,644
1996	238	77	124	439	16,083
1997	123	86	566	775	16,858
1998	157	72	398	627	17,485
1999	153	128	215	496	17,981
2000	169	102	38	309	18,290
2001	143	12	0	155	18,445
2002	24	0	0	24	18,469
2003	18	0	71	89	18,558
2004	44	0	0	44	18,602
2005	65	0	0	65	18,667
2006	40	0	0	40	18,707
2007	53	0	0	53	18,760
2008	24	0	0	24	18,784
2009	23	0	0	23	18,807
2010	11	0	0	11	18,818
2011	21	0	0	21	18,839
2012	24	0	286	310	19,149
2013	17	0	0	17	19,166
2014	4	0	0	4	19,170
2015	2	0	0	2	19,172
2016	2	0	0	2	19,174
2017	3	0	0	3	19,177
2018	7	0	0	7	19,184
2019	0	0	0	0	19,184
2020	3	0	0	3	19,187

Housing Type	Existing Units as of 12/31/90	Percent of Total	Permitted Units as of 12/31/20	Percent of Total	Percent Change 1990-2020
Single-family	10,488	85%	13,334	70%	27%
Townhouse	2,286	14%	3,516	18%	54%
Multifamily	529	1%	2,337	12%	342%
Total	13,303	100%	19,187	100%	44%

All Figures estimated by the City of Bowie Planning & Community Development Department

Source: City of Bowie Department of Community Services

Prepared by the City of Bowie Planning Department data ending 12/31/20

2020 BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW

