

## Project Information

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### Jennie Barker Road

- Jennie Barker Road is the City/County “bypass to the bypass” and is heavily traveled as a result.
- The project would transition Jennie Barker Road between Schulman Avenue and K-156 from a two-lane rural road to a three-lane urban road with a left turn lane and sidewalks.
- The sales tax would provide funding for signalization at the K156 intersection to enhance safety for residents and visitors.
- The project would combine road improvements with planned drainage projects in the area.
- Use of this roadway has increased as Garden City has developed/expanded and will increase further with continued development. The planned changes will improve the safety and usability of the roadway, accommodating future economic development.
- The improvements will enhance public safety response in anticipation of the Fire Station/Police/EMS complex at Jennie Barker/Schulman Ave.

### Third Fire Station

- With continued growth in Garden City and Finney County, the demand for emergency services continues to increase throughout the community.
- The risk is changing within the community due to higher levels of commercialization and the influx of high-risk structures.
- Additional personnel is needed to meet the increasing demand on the fire department.
- With the continued development of residential and industrial sites on the east side of Garden City, the addition of a third fire station would improve coverage throughout the city and county.
- The third station would be located on four acres of land owned by the City at the northwest corner of Schulman Avenue and Jennie Barker Road.
- The third fire station would be used primarily by the Garden City Fire Department and the Finney County Emergency Medical Services with additional office space for a substation for the Garden City Police Department.
- The facility would include classrooms and offices for Fire, Police, and EMS, with living quarters for Fire personnel and an apparatus bay for emergency equipment.
- The third fire station would enhance the deployment of resources and personnel to mitigate all emergency responses for all hazards.
- The third station would be scheduled to open in 2024.

- The Insurance Service Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) is used to establish fire insurance premiums. The program includes ten classifications, with “1” being the highest and “10” being the lowest. Garden City’s ISO rating is a class 2 within the city and a class 4 within five miles of a Garden City fire station. Property outside of Garden City that is within five miles of a Garden City fire station is a 10. The location of the third fire station could improve the ISO rating of some properties in the county.

### **Indoor Gun Range and Training Facility**

- The current indoor gun range is becoming dilapidated as it was built in 1967.
- The air filtration system and structure at the current indoor range are inadequate and could lead to overexposure to lead for officers who are at the range for extended periods of time.
- The new indoor gun range will have eight shooting lanes, classrooms, restrooms, office space, quality filtration system, showers, and a parking lot.
- The new indoor range will provide a versatile environment for tactical training for law enforcement.
- The new range would allow for the use of a single facility to train with multiple caliber weapons versus the current range, which only accommodates handguns and .22 caliber rifles, increasing the usefulness of the range and the effectiveness of the training.
- The range will provide public access to a safe facility for firearm safety training classes, and a safe environment to shoot firearms.
- The facility may also be used by other private and public entities to include Garden City Community College criminal justice classes, Sand and Sage Rifle and Pistol Club, and JROTC.
- The new range is the first phase a three-phase project that would make Garden City a regional training facility for First Responders.

### **Zoo Improvements**

- The zoo contributes to the quality of life of those who live in and visit Garden City.
- The zoo also contributes to the economy as it draws guests and tourism dollars from outside the city and county. The zoo regularly draws guests from approximately 40 states. Annual attendance is estimated at over 200,000. Additionally, 47% of those who make purchases at the Safari Shoppe are from outside Finney County.
- Lee Richardson Zoo meets the highest standards there are for zoos and aquariums. There are less than 230 other zoos and aquariums in the country that meet the standards to be accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.
- All projects that would be funded were mentioned in the AZA’s accreditation inspection of Lee Richardson Zoo.
- Deteriorating facilities negatively affect guest experience and animal welfare and care, thereby affecting the zoos impact/contribution to the community.
- All projects that would be funded are part of the Zoo’s master plan which was approved by the City Commission.

### **Animal Health Facility**

- During the zoo's recent AZA accreditation inspection, the animal clinic was cited as "small." An expansion was recommended to keep up with the increasing requirements of veterinary care for the resident animals and to facilitate the care of larger animals in the clinic.
- The quarantine facility was also cited as "small" and not well suited for larger animals. It was recommended that the quarantine space is expanded to accommodate larger specimens, so they don't have to be quarantined in their future living spaces, and expose current zoo residents to issues brought in by the newcomer.
- Zoo veterinary care needs and standards have outgrown the current facility which was built in 1980
- With the current facility, there is no sterile surgery room, so procedures are done in the treatment room or the animal area. The new facility will add more space dedicated for quarantine of newly arrived animals, more off-exhibit treatment space, and a sterile surgery room.
- The dedicated surgery room in the new facility will allow zoo veterinary staff to perform more complicated procedures under sterile operating conditions to reduce potential complications like infections.
- The current space used for quarantine of smaller animals new to the zoo is also used for housing some zoo residents during the year for other reasons (i.e. holding cold sensitive birds from the outdoor aviary indoors during the winter.) This drastically limits when the zoo can bring in new animals.
- Developing plans for this facility expansion was a top-rated zoo project during the community committee review of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects. It tied with building the third fire station as top rated project overall for 2018.
- Expansion has been part of zoo master plan since 2008 and on the CIP list since 2012.

### **Flamingo Habitat**

- During the zoo's recent AZA accreditation inspection the flamingo exhibit was cited as "small and outdated." AZA recommended that the flamingo living space is replaced with a larger, more modern facility in accordance with the zoo's master plan to keep up with current professional standards.
- Current flamingo habitat was built in 1987 and is deteriorating.
- The new habitat would improve year-round viewing and sidewalk access for zoo guests while creating a colorful, eye-catching animal habitat at the entry/exit area of the zoo for guests to enjoy.
- The new larger barn will include an indoor wading area for the flamingos which will facilitate improved foot health over the winter.
- The new habitat would also improve the work environment for animal care staff.
- Replacing this exhibit has been in the master plan since at least 2001. It has been a part of the CIP discussions since 2008.

## **Primate Habitat**

- During the zoo's recent AZA accreditation inspection the primate exhibit was cited as "small and outdated." AZA recommended that the primate living space is replaced with larger, more modern facility in accordance with the zoo's master plan to keep up with current professional standards.
- The current habitat was built in 1982 and is deteriorating.
- The new habitat will be larger and more natural, echoing the change from Cats of the Americas to Cat Canyon.
- The new habitat would offer year-round viewing of the tropical primates. Currently, on cold/bad weather days, they are inside where people can't see them.
- Plans include a primate-inspired playground for young visitors.
- New habitat will provide a safe working environment to prevent staff from being grabbed by primates.
- Replacing this exhibit has been in the master plan since at least 2001. It has been a part of the CIP discussions since 2008.