

# CONTRACTING UPDATE

## FUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FUEL THE TRINITY RIVER VISION PROJECT ENGINE FOR 2012



Look for these signs indicating work in progress on the TRV project

As 2011 winds down, activity with the Trinity River Vision (TRV) project is ramping up. The project continues to make progress in every area -- from funding to contracting. Congresswoman Kay Granger has been able to secure \$23 million in federal funds for two Trinity Uptown bridges. (Henderson Street and North Main Street) In addition, on October 21st the Regional Transportation Council part of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), lead by Chair, Jungus Jordan announced the ability to secure an additional \$15 million through another federal source. When combined, these two sources were able to meet the \$38 million necessary to complete the two bridges. The Henderson Street and North Main Street bridges are two of the three new bridges that will cross over the flood control bypass channel. Construction remains

on schedule.

The demolition phase of the project continues to move forward with contractors demolishing approximately one-quarter of the structures needed. This work clears the way for the bridges and bypass channel – critical elements of the flood control project. The City of Fort Worth has retained Conatser Construction to relocate water and sanitary sewer lines, work necessary to construct the Henderson Street Bridge. That work began in November 2011.

With 2012 just around the corner, watch for additional bidding opportunities in areas like demolition, design, utility relocation (municipal and franchise), excavation, and environmental clean-up and assessment. Go to [www.trinityrivervision.org/](http://www.trinityrivervision.org/) contracting for more information.

## CONTRACTOR HIGHLIGHT

### Garrett Demolition, Inc.

TRVA is highlighting Garrett Demolition, Inc. for winning their first contract on the TRV project. Garrett Demolition provided demolition and remediation services for the Southwestern Brass Parcel previously located on Throckmorton Street.

Opening in 2005 with four full-time employees, Garrett Demolition, Inc. has evolved as a local leader in demolition and construction activity within the last six years. Today, Garrett Demolition, Inc.'s staff has grown to 10 employees, quadrupled in revenue and serves as local experts in structural demolition ranging from residential and commercial to industrial and metal building dismantling. They are a local firm based out of Burleson, Texas.

"Garrett Demolition was a great contractor to work with", said Lexi McCalip TRVA Construction Manager. "The project was completed on time and the quality of work was excellent."



*Talk about hands on, Garrett Demolition, Inc.'s President Brad Garrett can always be seen on*

*project job sites operating equipment. He enjoys seeing the beginning and end of all projects and ensures Garrett Demolition, Inc.'s work speaks for itself, "Tearing it down Texas style."*



## SIGN UP TO BE ON OUR VENDOR DATABASE!

Visit [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) and click on the Online Vendor Registration link to sign up to receive notifications for bid opportunities, educational workshops and networking events by email.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

To learn more about doing business on the Trinity River Vision project attend an event that TRVA is participating in. Check [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) for more information.

### NOVEMBER 12, 2011

Tarrant County Small Business Conference

For more information go to: [www.fwbac.com](http://www.fwbac.com)

### NOVEMBER 17 AND 18, 2011

Primavera Workshop

More details to come.

For more information go to:

[www.trinityrivervision.org/contracting](http://www.trinityrivervision.org/contracting)

### DECEMBER 1, 2011

NCTRCA Gala

Keynote Speaker - JD Granger, TRVA Executive Director

For more information go to: [www.nctrca.org](http://www.nctrca.org)

For more information on these events go to

[www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) or call TRVA at 817-698-0700.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Fort Worth Trinity River Vision will deliver an innovative new flood control system that will provide public safety as well as important quality of life elements including: recreational opportunities, ecosystem restoration, and urban revitalization. Central to the plan is to create 12 miles of public access along the river's edge and a 33-acre town lake.

For more information about the project or TRVA, please call 817-698-0700, go to [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org), or visit the TRVA Education Center located in downtown Fort Worth at 307 W. Seventh Street.



## VENDOR DATABASE

Take advantage of the online vendor database. Vendors are finding it to be a very helpful networking tool. We now have approximately 850 registered vendors who are signed up and interested in working on this project. Go online and search by industry to find other interested prime and sub contractors to partner with on contracts.

Go to [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) and click on the Vendor Search and Registration link to access the database. By registering, you will receive notification for all Trinity River Vision bid opportunities and educational workshops.

## UPCOMING BID OPPORTUNITIES

### Attention ALL Interested Bidders

Demolition and Asbestos Abatement

Trinity River Vision Authority – November 2011

Engineering Design and Oversight of Structure Demolition

Trinity River Vision Authority – Winter 2011

1.5 – 1.7 Million Cubic Yards of Dirt Excavation

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Fall 2012

Water and Sanitary Sewer Relocations

City of Fort Worth – Winter/Spring 2012

Environmental Remediation

Trinity River Vision Authority – Spring/Summer 2012

Franchise Utility Relocations

Oncor, AT&T, Charter, Atmos – Spring/Summer 2012

Henderson Street Bridge Construction

City of Fort Worth – Summer 2012

All projects are subject to change due to scope of work and timing. For current information please review bid opportunities at [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org).

## Highlight on Design – The Modern Roundabout



Pictured above is an example of a roundabout in Addison, Texas similar to what is being designed for Trinity Uptown.

Design of the new Henderson Street Bridge prompted the City of Fort Worth and the TRV design team to take a close look at the associated intersection which will one day be part of a dense, urban, pedestrian-friendly environment. Original design concepts called for a wide, traditional 4-way intersection. Careful value engineering and application of overarching sustainable design principles prompted the team to rethink the design and

ultimately recommend the modern roundabout for this intersection.

A modern roundabout is similar to a traffic circle, in that it allows traffic to flow counter-clockwise around a center island. However, modern roundabouts function much differently. Traffic circles have high speed entries, low capacity and are prone to crashes. In contrast, roundabouts require motorists to yield on entry, eliminate weaving, and keep speeds low. Roundabouts handle 20% more traffic than traditional intersections, cut traffic speed by 1/3, reduce average delay time by 1/2, promote pedestrian friendly design, and proved to be more cost effective for the project. The roundabout also provides a great location for a public art element, adding character to Trinity Uptown.

“The modern roundabout not only meets traffic capacity and safety standards but ultimately adds value to the neighboring properties and development potential for Trinity Uptown,” said Trinity River Vision Authority (TRVA) Executive Director, J.D. Granger. “This type of design is pedestrian friendly and will promote the active, urban lifestyle that the community desires for this area.”