

# ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

## 2013 Year End Report

Mr. President Pro Temp,  
Madam Clerk,  
Mr. City Attorney,  
Members of the Council,  
Members of the Media,  
Distinguished Guests,  
and Citizens of Jonesboro;

Thank you so much for allowing me this opportunity.

I continue to be humbled at the confidence and trust placed in me and my administration by the citizens of Jonesboro

in allowing me to serve as your Mayor. I am quick to realize that I need to take every opportunity afforded me to make this community an even better place to live, work and raise our families.

It is hard to believe that yet another year has passed, and it is time to reflect and give account for the State of our City. While this is a process that is mandated by state law, I don't look at this as a requirement; rather this is something I really look forward to doing.

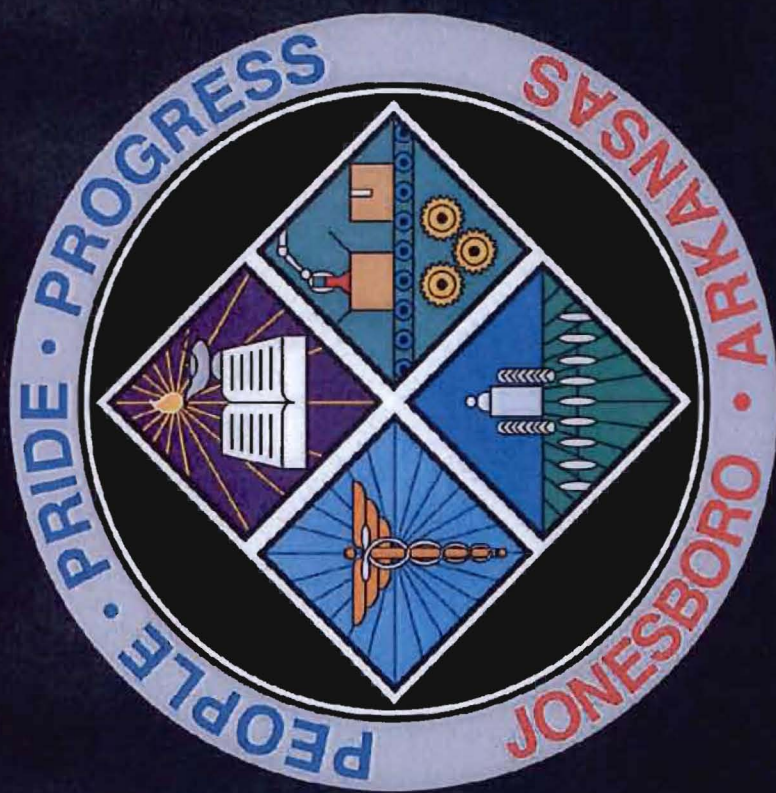
We are blessed in this city with a tremendous group of public servants who

are truly committed to making Jonesboro the best small city in America. We have over 500 employees who perform a variety of jobs and assignments, providing around the clock service for our citizens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. There is never a moment when someone is not charged with serving our community.

So often, we may overlook the contributions these incredible servants make to our quality of life; but this event every February gives me the chance to make sure we pause to reflect on our accomplishments

and refocus our energies on projects for the coming months.





# Leading the Way



# Quality of Life

In addition to physical and mental health, quality of life includes financial security, employment, education, recreation time, safety and ease of transportation

- 2013 Honorable Mention
- 62 Demolished Homes
- 97 People Non-Qualified for Government Housing
- Vision 2030
- HyettPalma
- Wallace Bajjali



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# Partnerships

- City Water and Light (CWL)
- Arkansas State University
- Chamber of Commerce
- Private Foundations
- Arkansas Highway Transportation Department
- Burlington Northern – Union Pacific Railroad



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# 2013 Completed Projects

- Right Turn Lanes
  - Highland Drive at Bittle Street
  - Nettleton Avenue at Bittle Street
  - East Johnson at Airport Road
  - Red Wolf Blvd at Nettleton Ave
  - Red Wolf Blvd at Highland Drive
  - Red Wolf Blvd at Mall Drive
- Overlay Projects - \$505,000
- Traffic Signal Coordination
- 911 Communications Tower
- New or Upgraded Traffic Signals
  - Highway 49 at Valley View Drive/Darr Hill
  - Highway 49 at Clinton School Rd
  - Matthews Avenue at Kitchen



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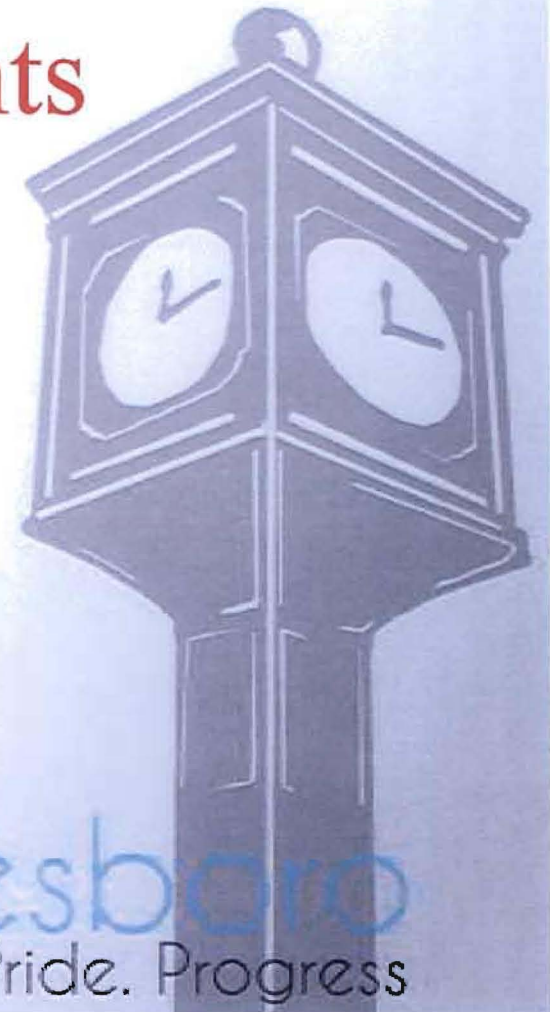
# Safety Improvements

## Main Street at Jonesboro High School

- 13% of children walk to school
- Radar Speed Signs – effective and affordable traffic-calming
- Typical Speed Reductions 10-20%
- Tests show 80% Compliant

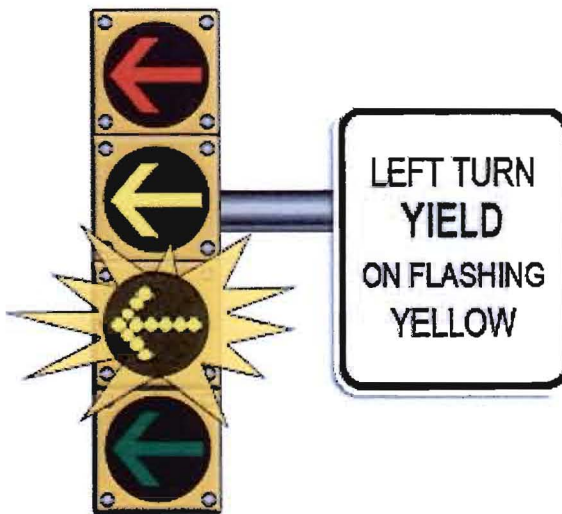


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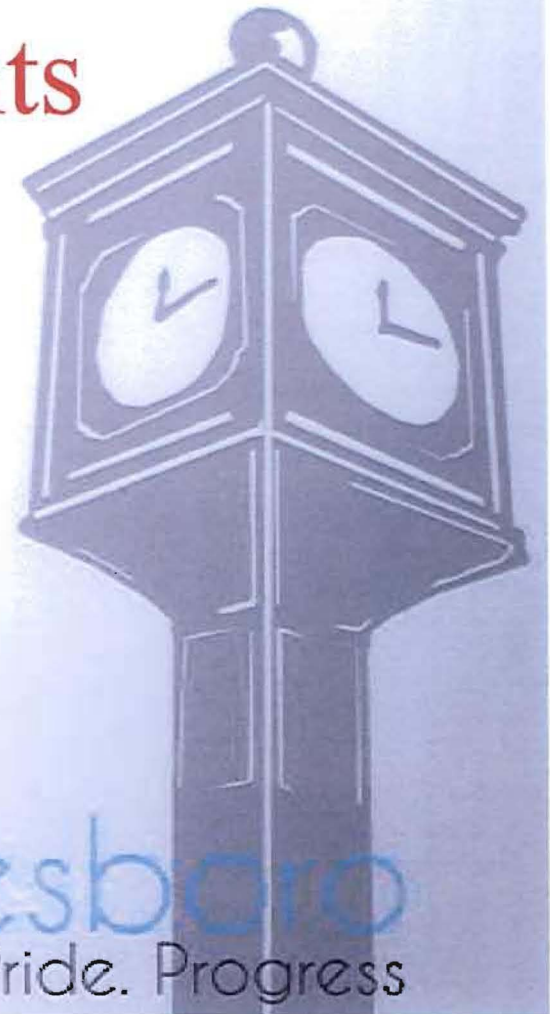
# Safety Improvements

## Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) Traffic Signals



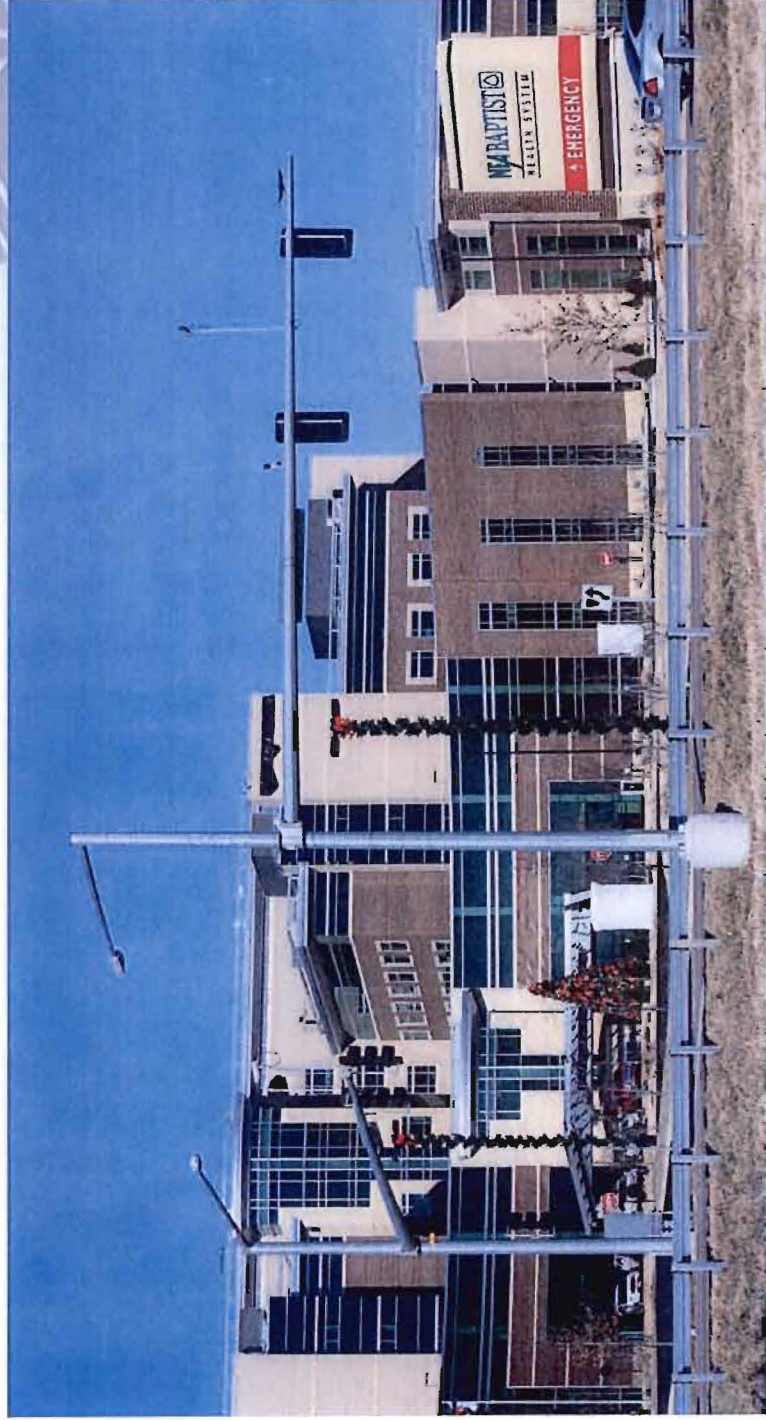
- Installed at Seven Locations
- FYA is More Intuitive for Drivers Than A Green Ball
- Increases Safety

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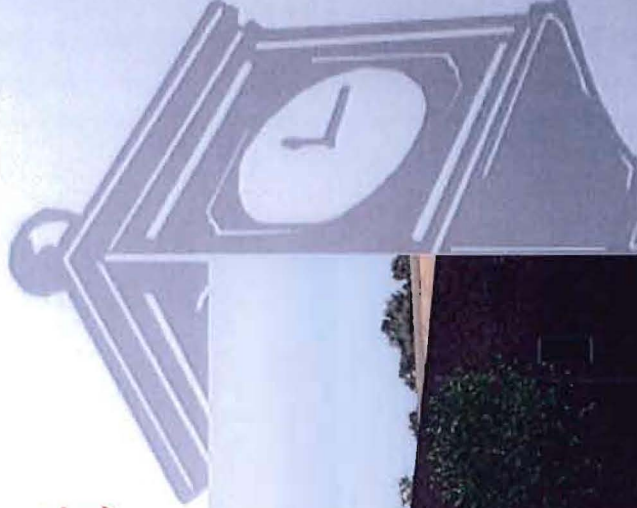
# New Signal at Johnson and NEA Baptist Blvd





# Police Department

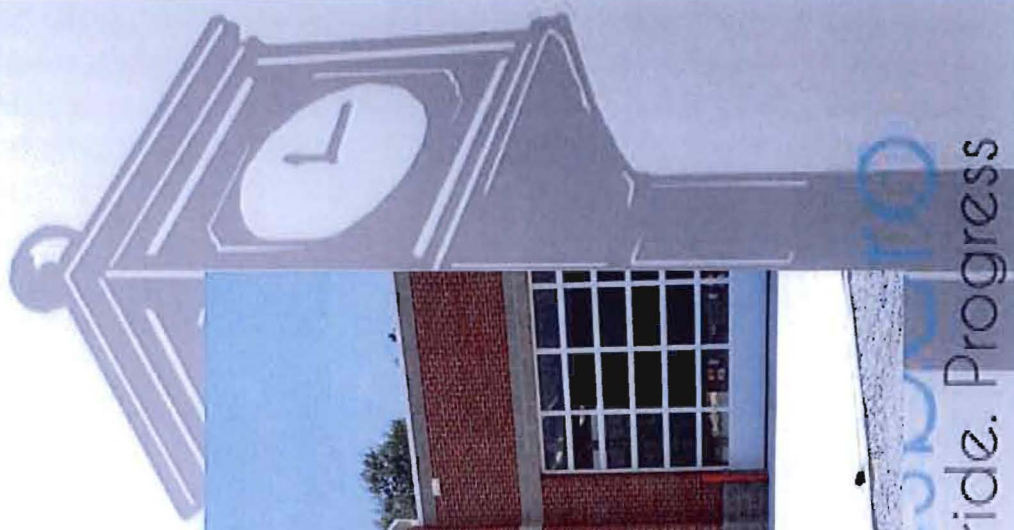
1001 South Caraway



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# Fire Station #4

3909 Harrisburg Road



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# Fire Station #5

2525 Neely Road



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# Miracle League

5000 South Caraway

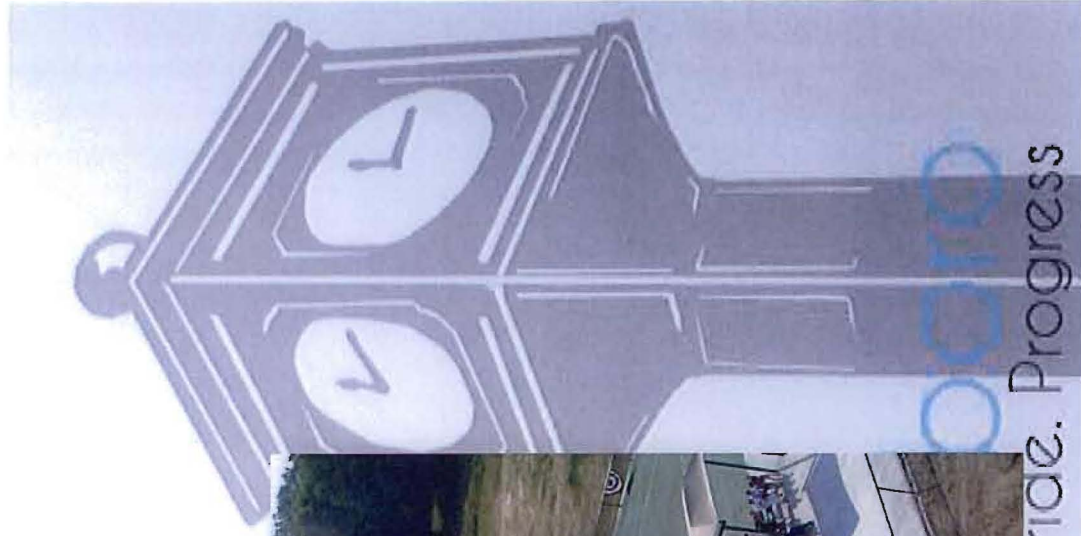


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Jonesboro Miracle League Park

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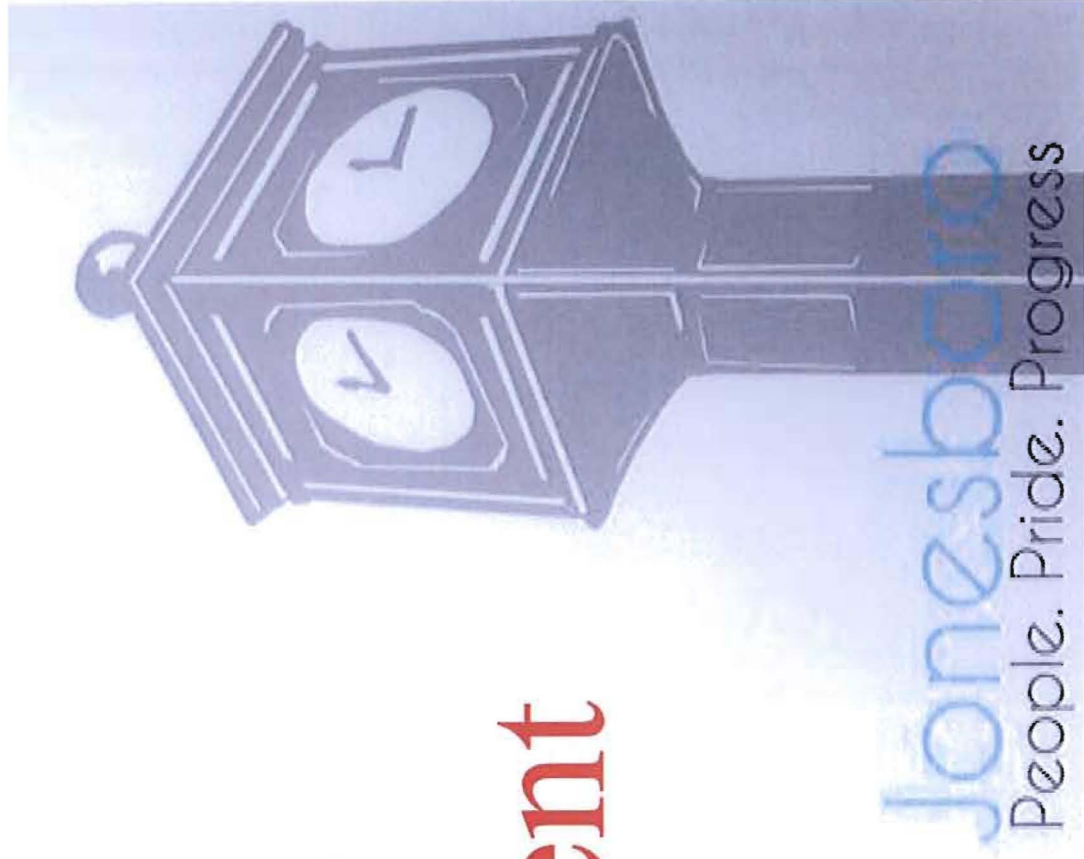


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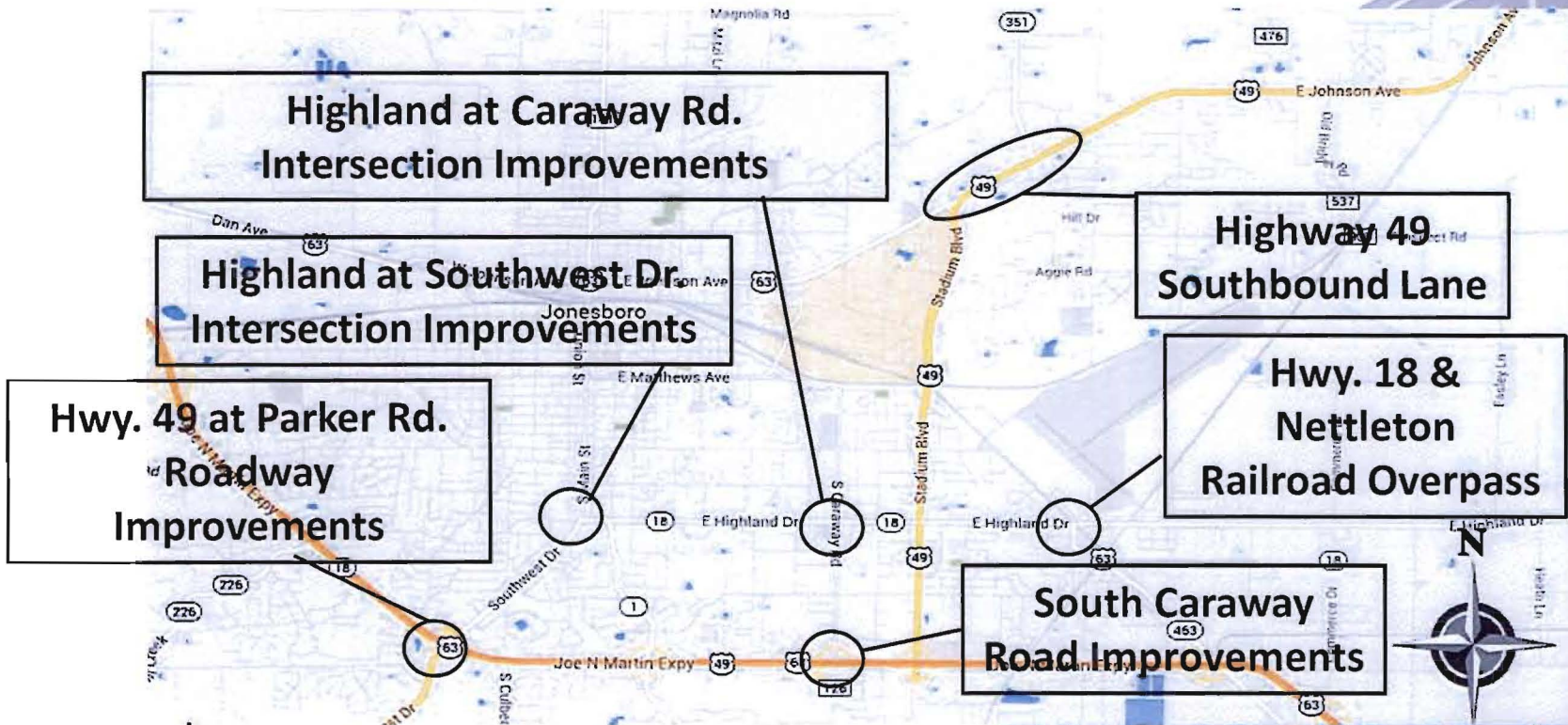
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# Capacity Improvement Projects





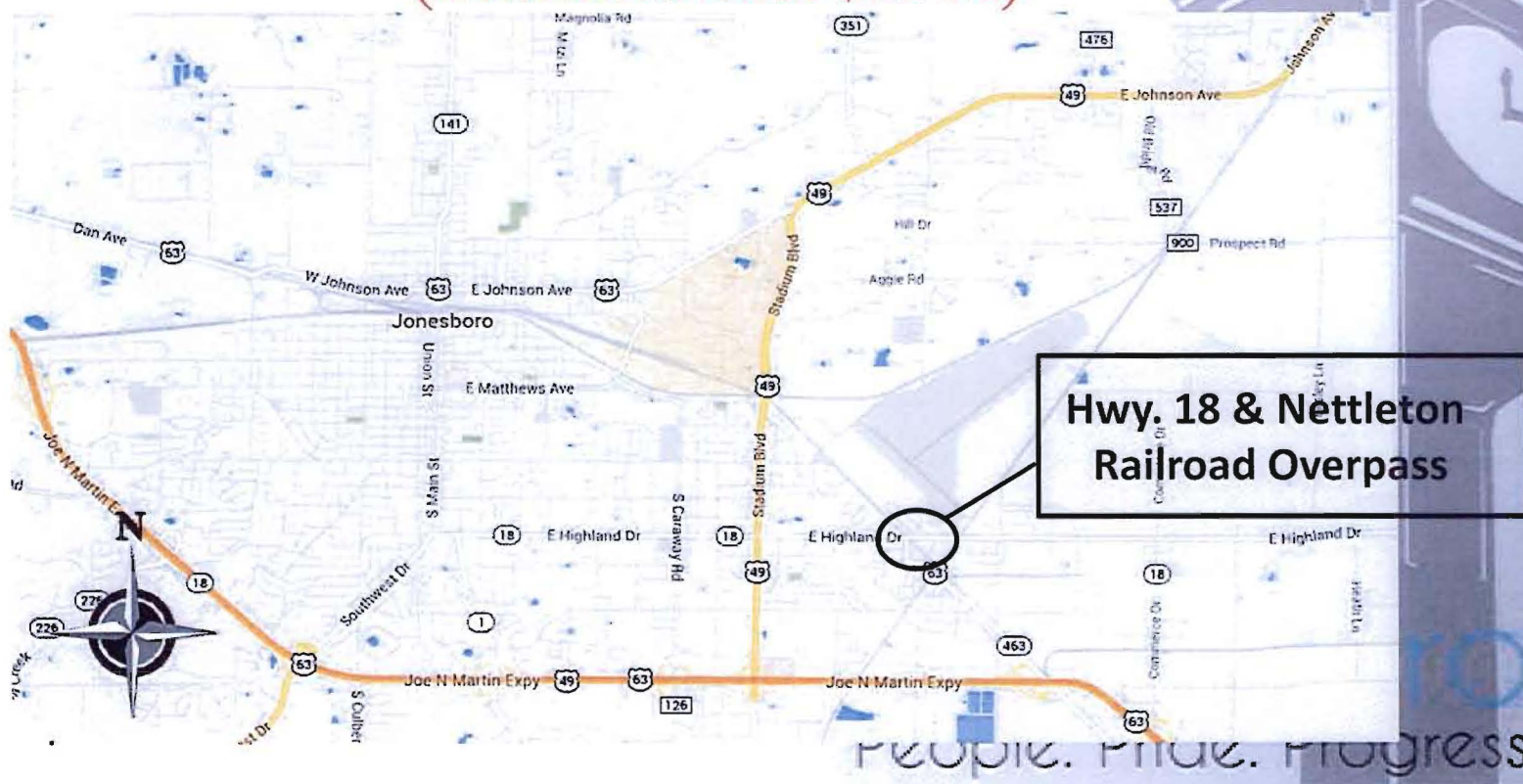
# Project Locations



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# HWY 18 at Nettleton Avenue Railroad Overpass (Estimated Cost \$12 M)



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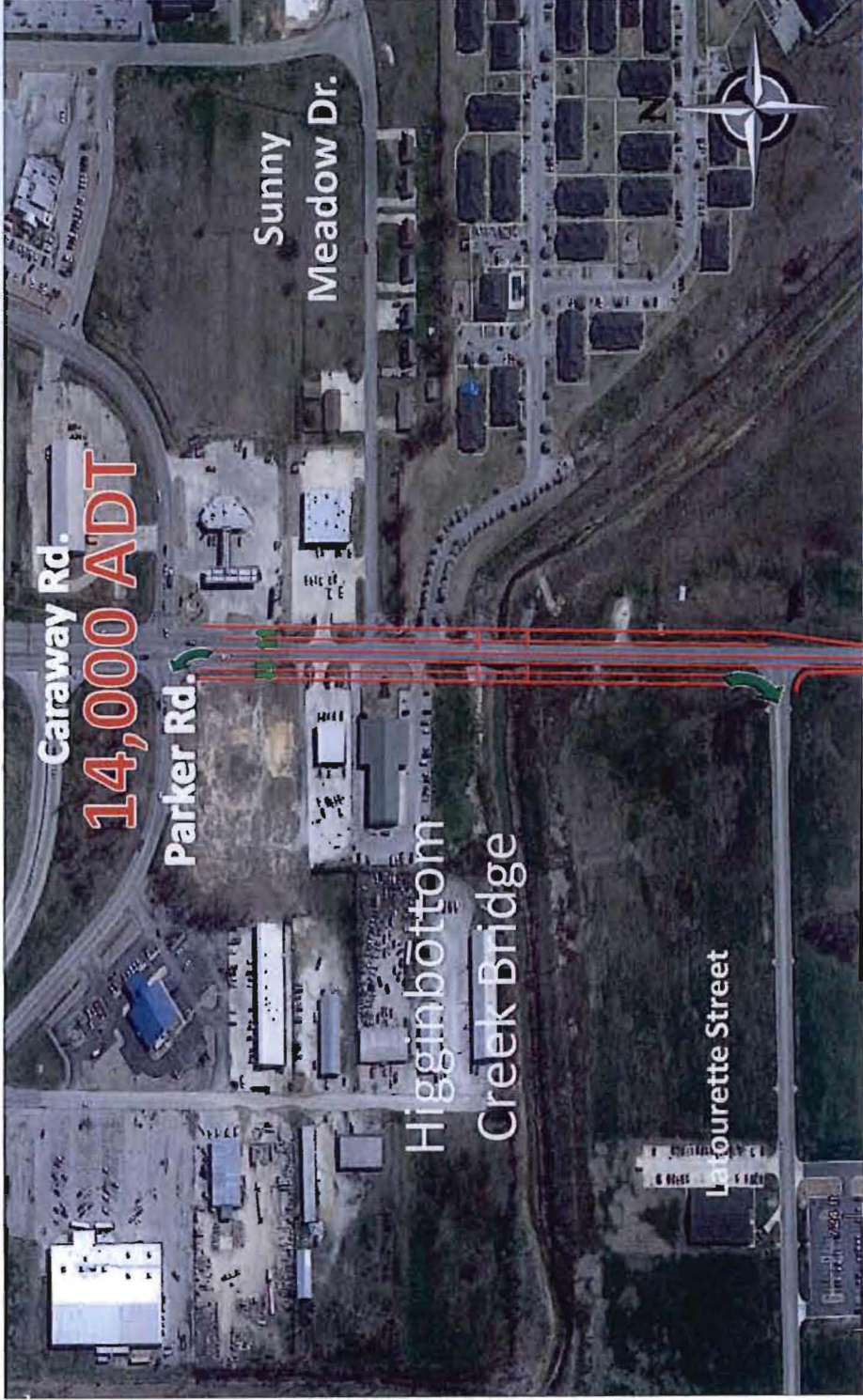
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# South Caraway Road Improvements (Estimated Cost \$1.75 M)



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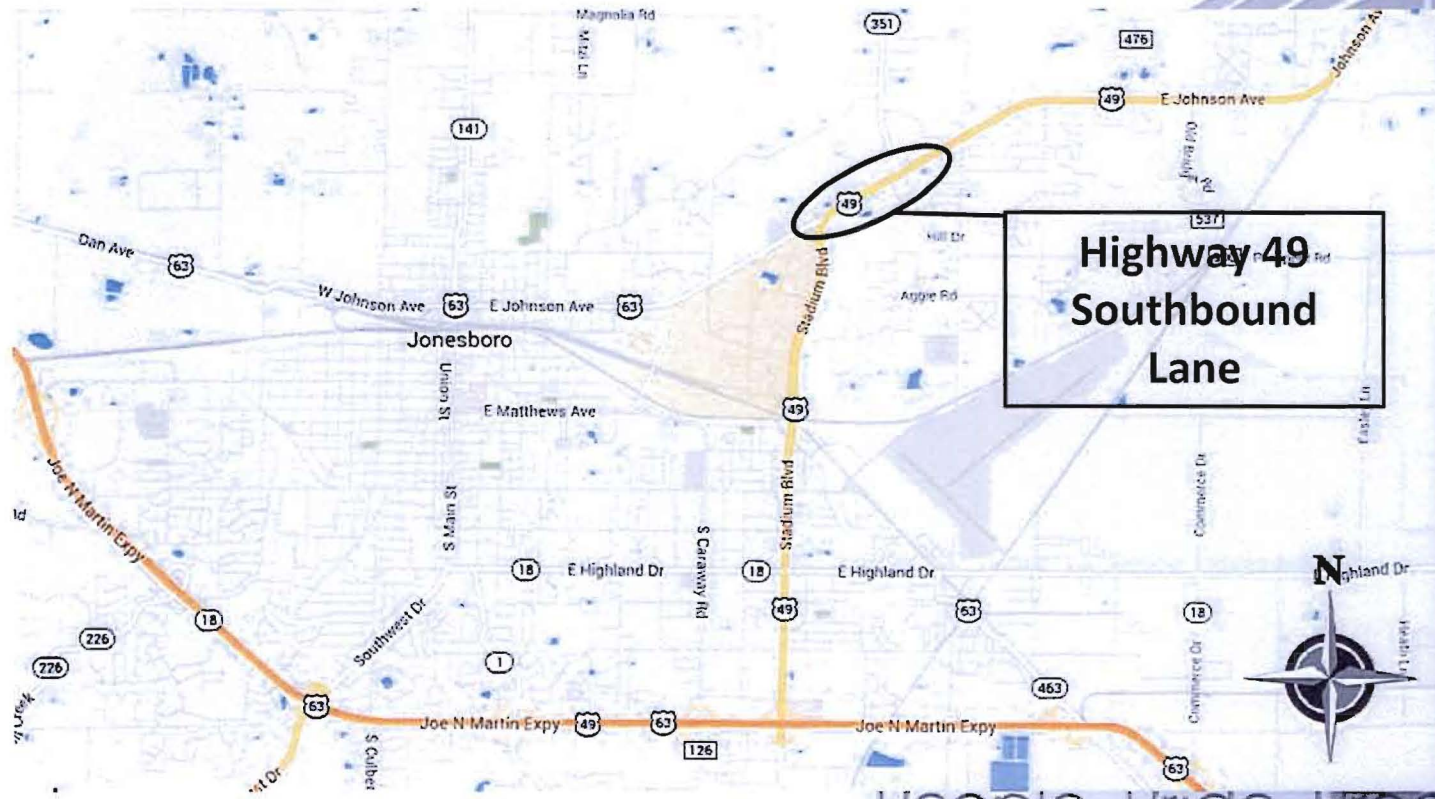


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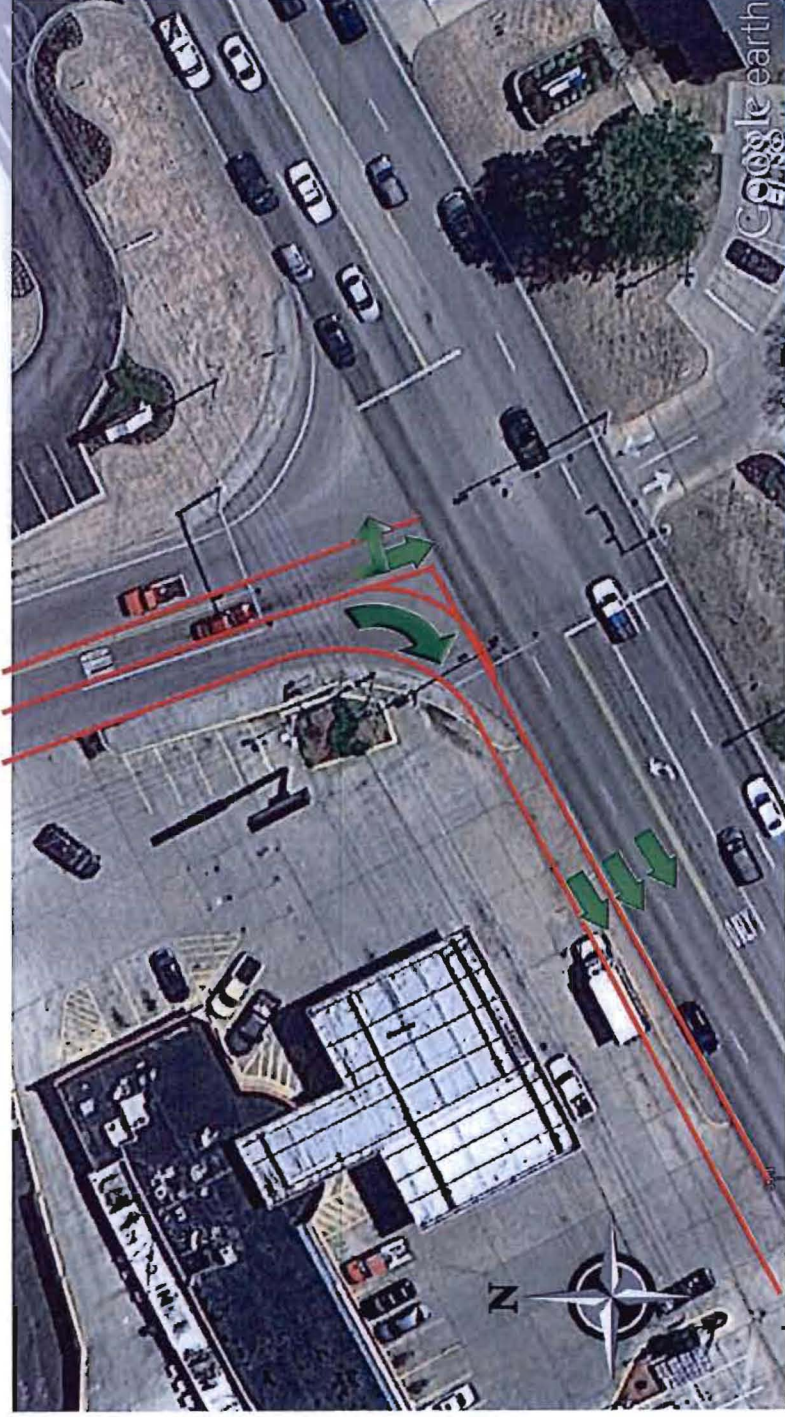
# HWY 49 Southbound Lane

(Estimated Cost \$1.75 M)



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# Add Lane at HWY 49 at HWY 351

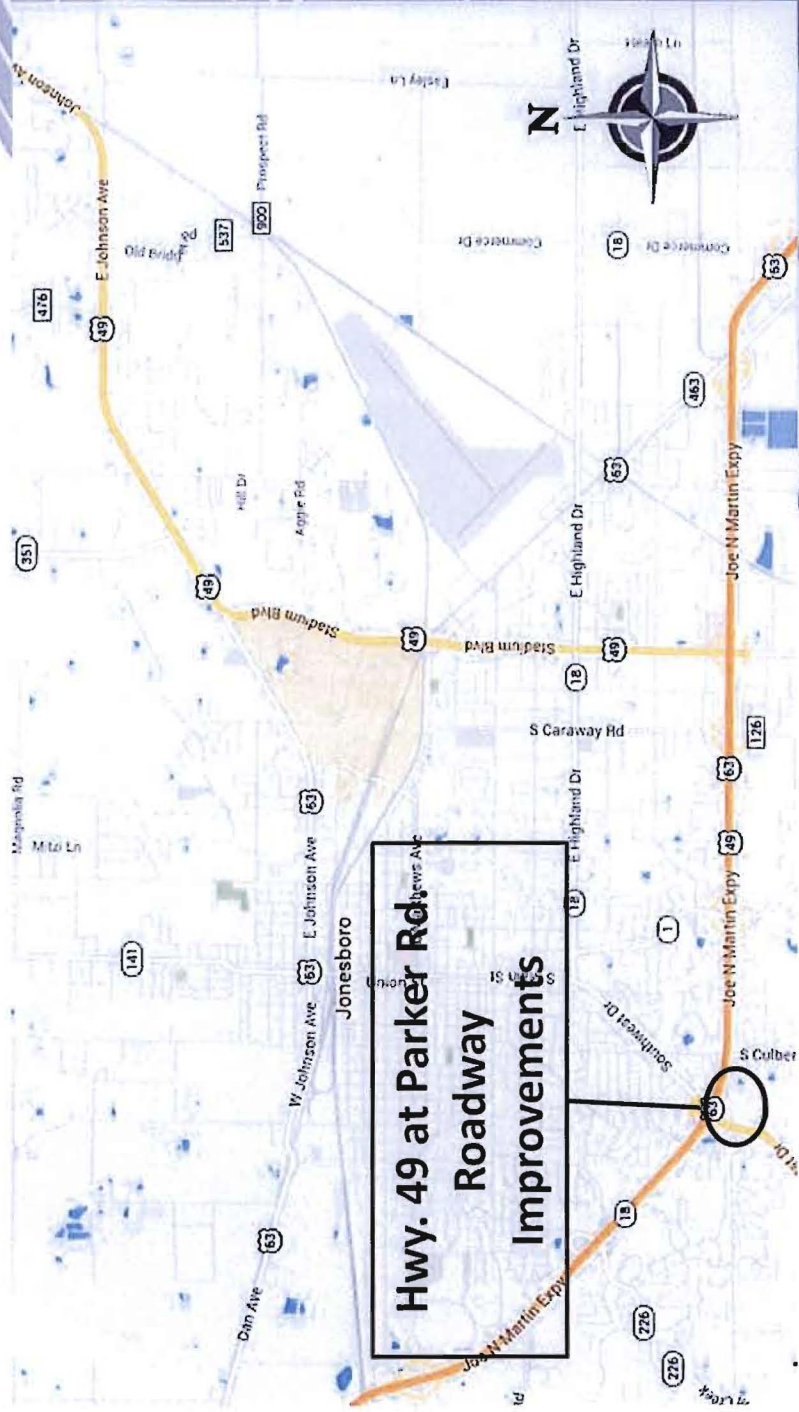


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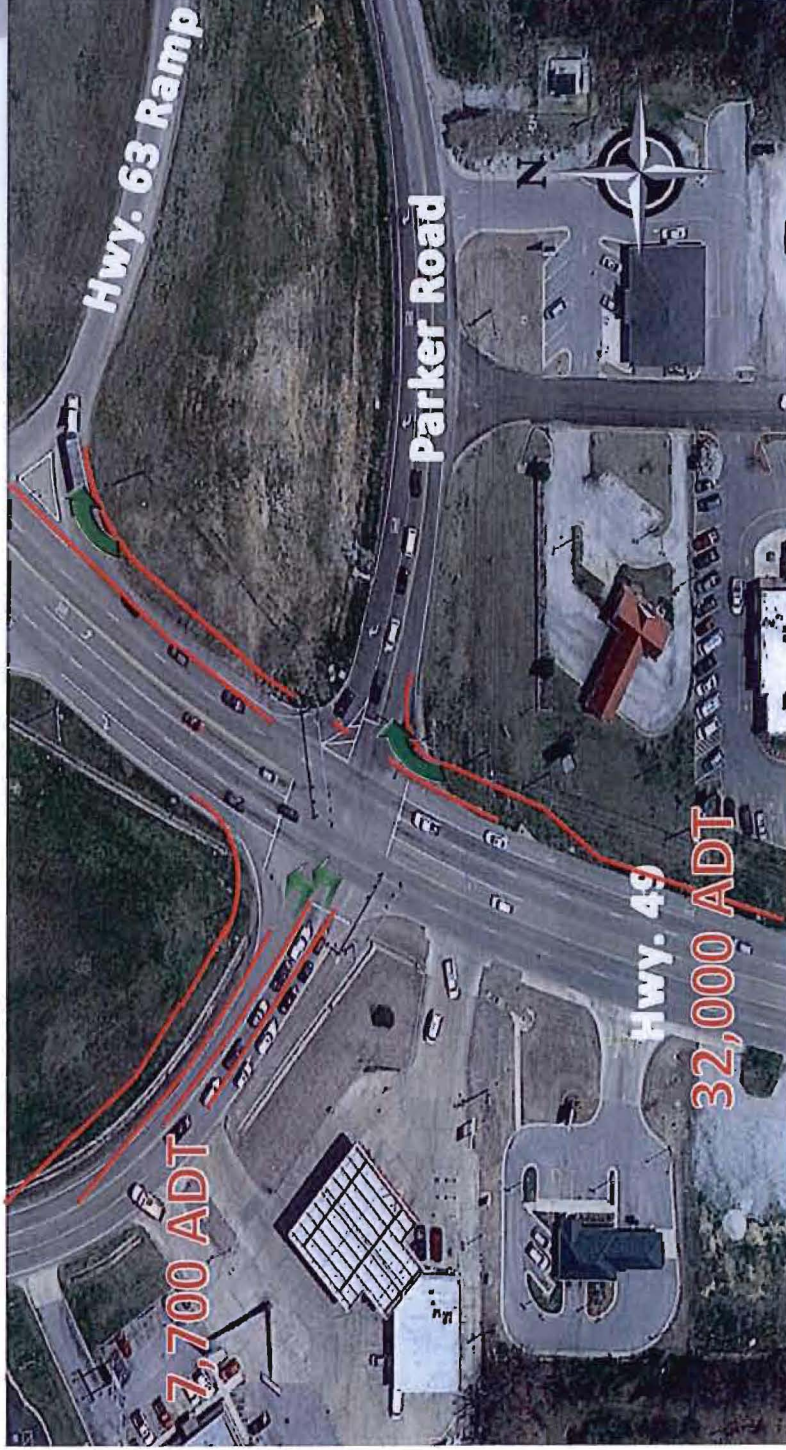
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# HWY 49 at Parker Road



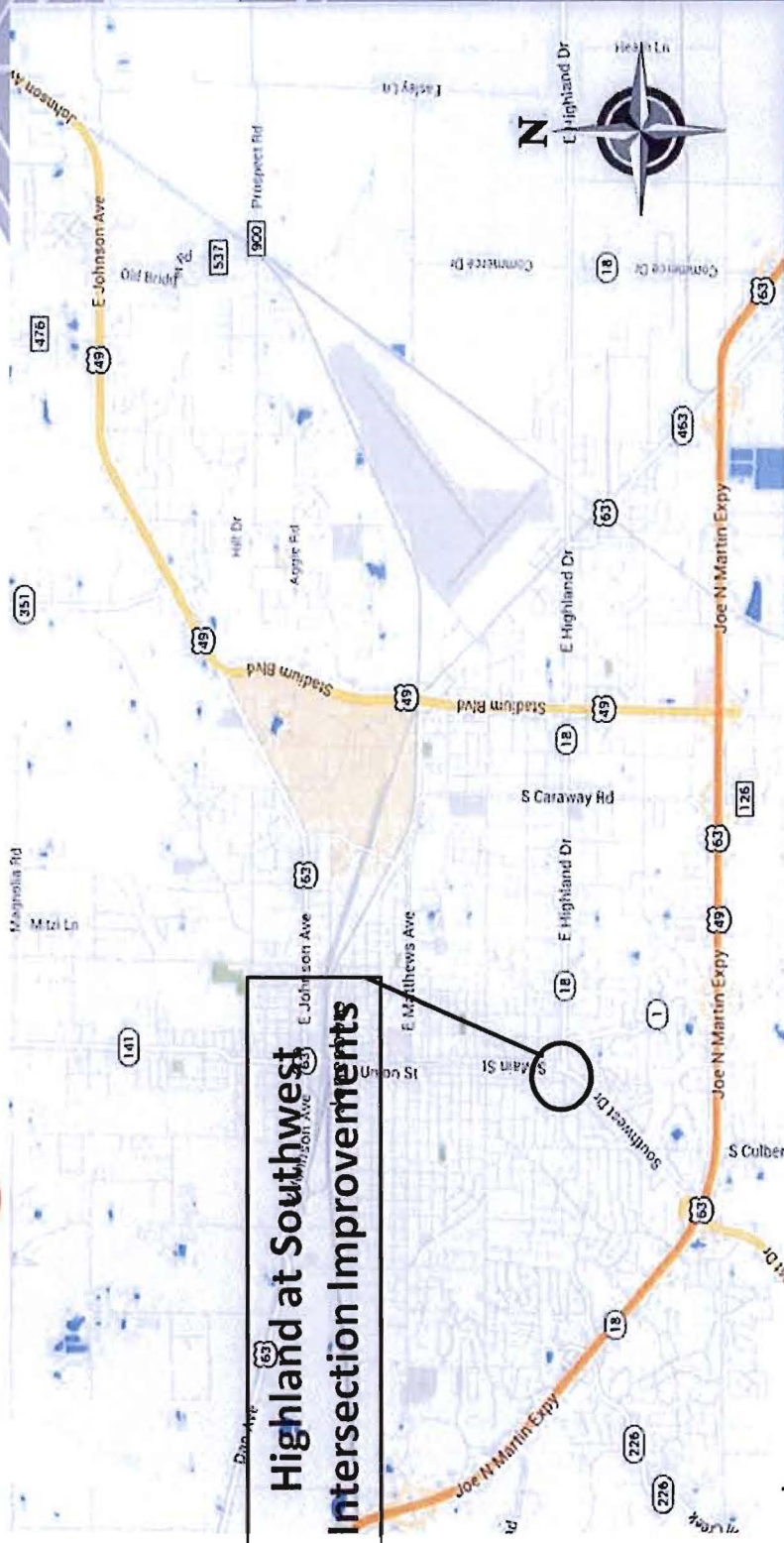
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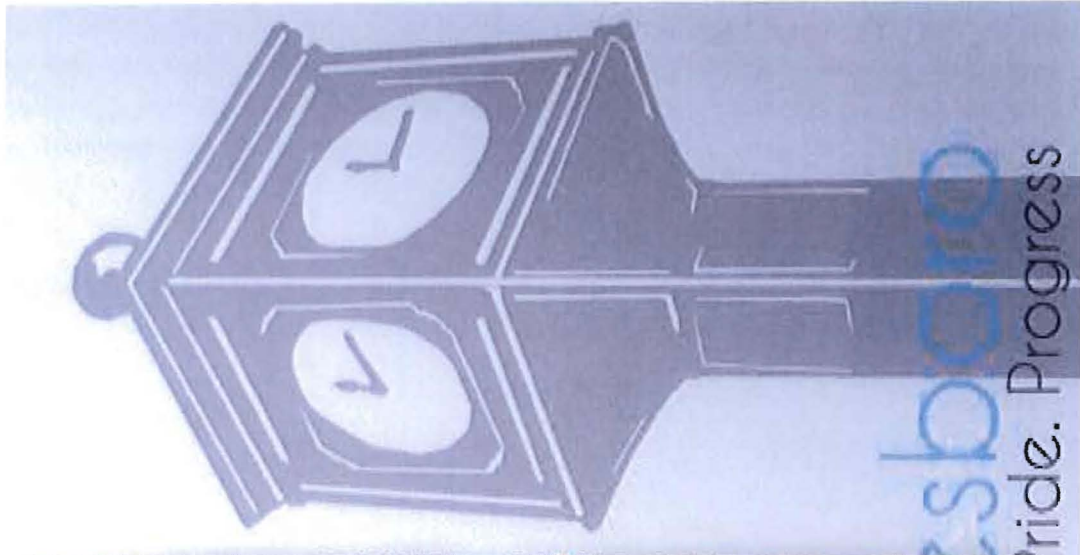
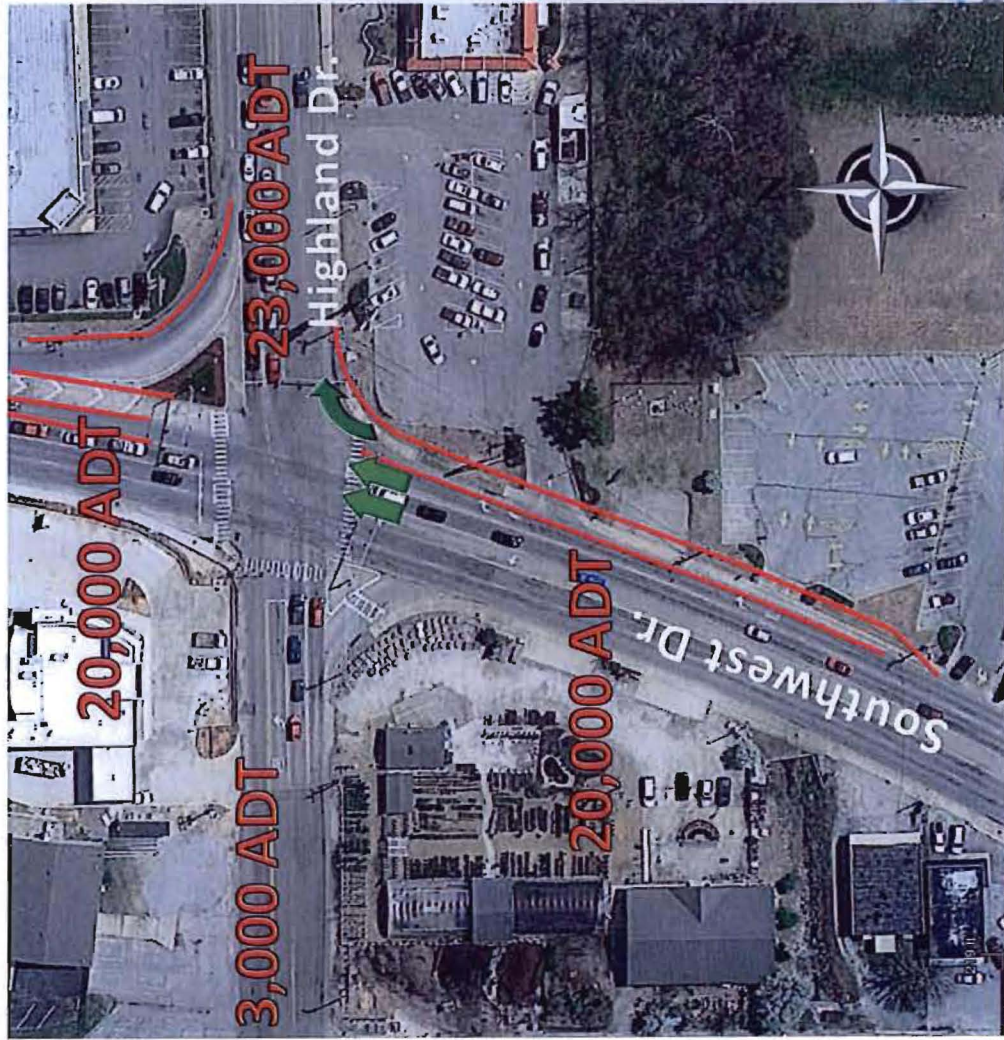
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# Highland at Southwest



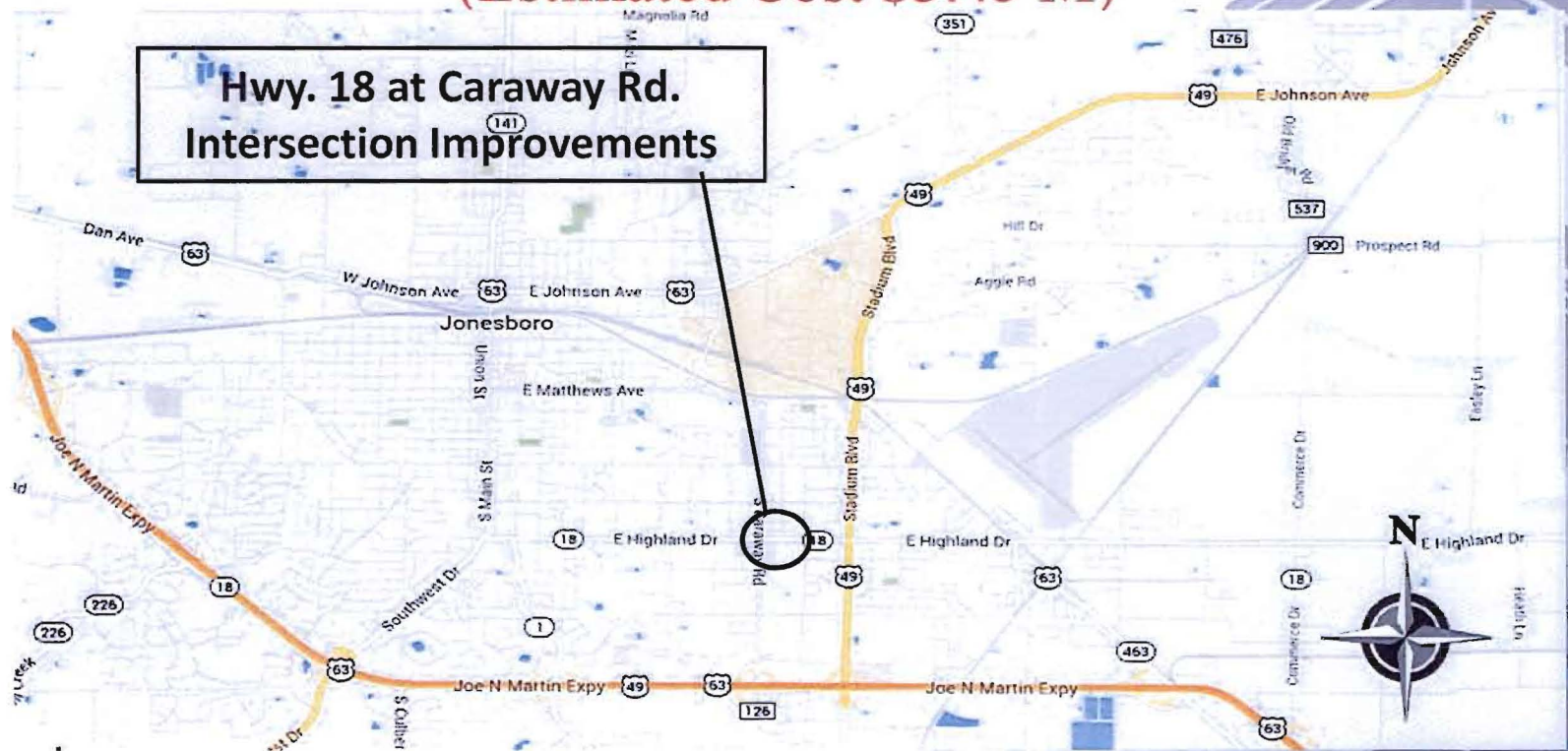
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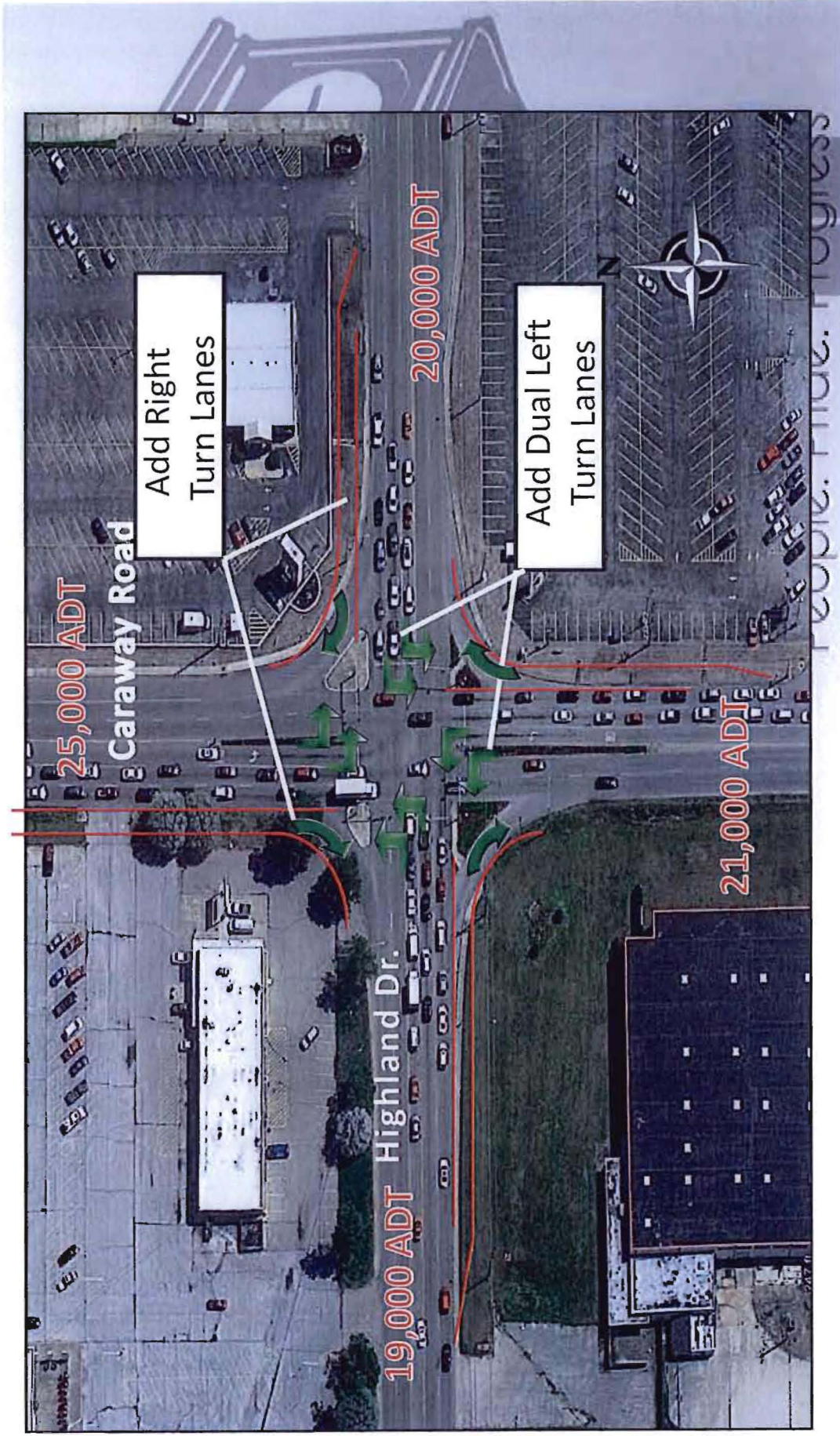
# Highland at Caraway Road

(Estimated Cost \$3.45 M)



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25,000 ADT

Caraway Road

Add Right Turn Lanes

19,000 ADT Highland Dr.

20,000 ADT

Add Dual Left Turn Lanes

21,000 ADT

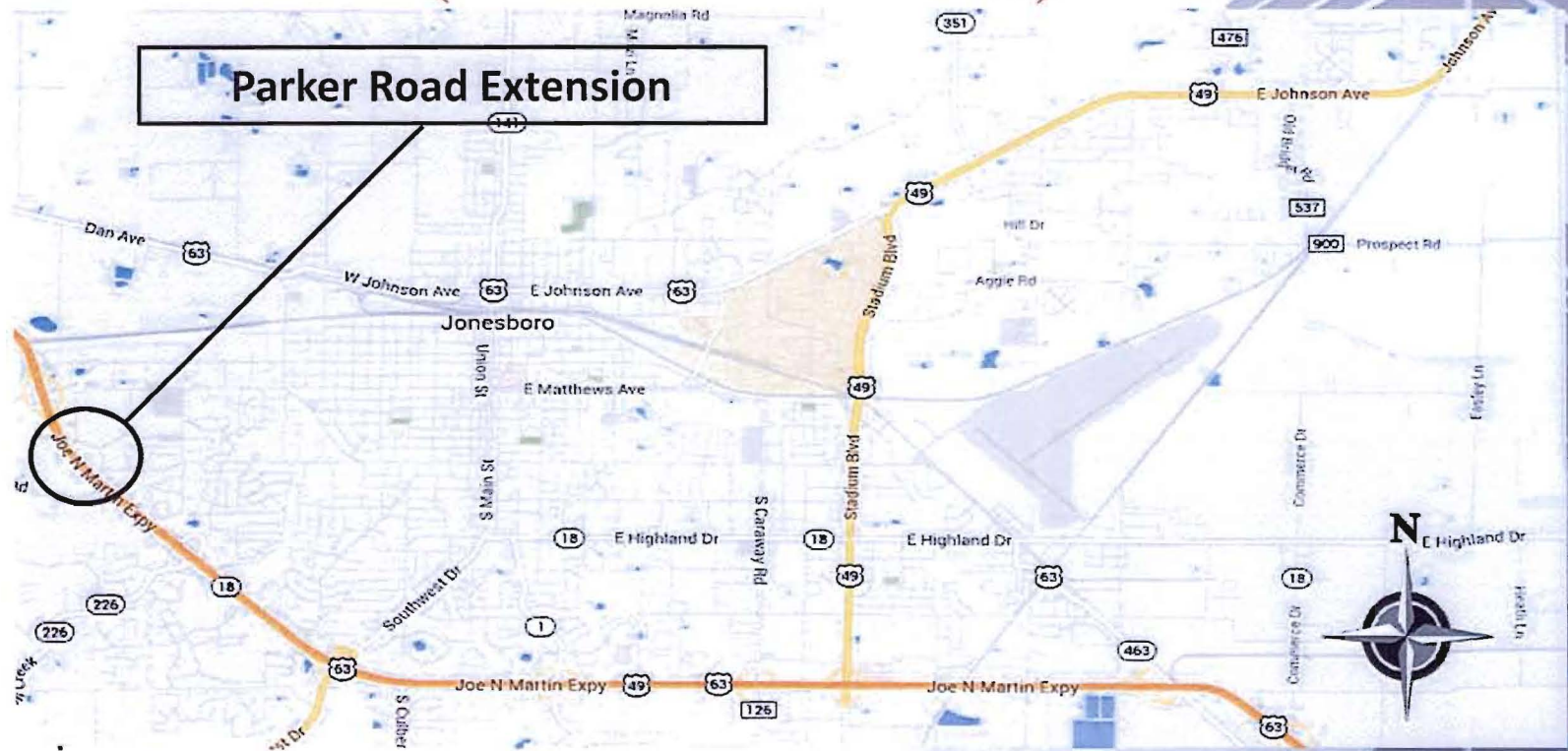


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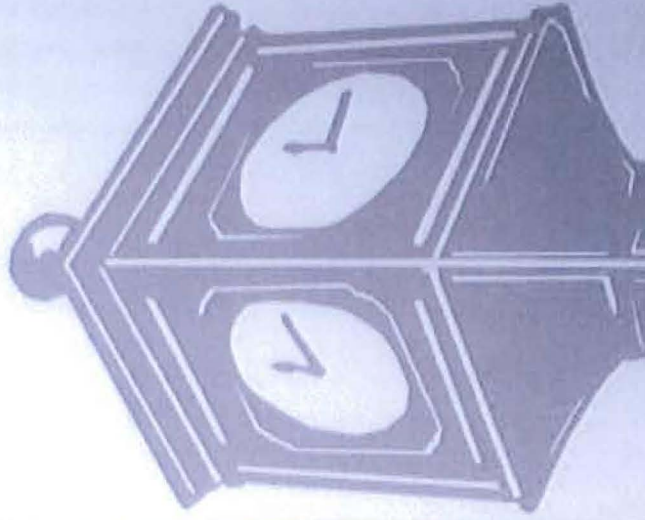
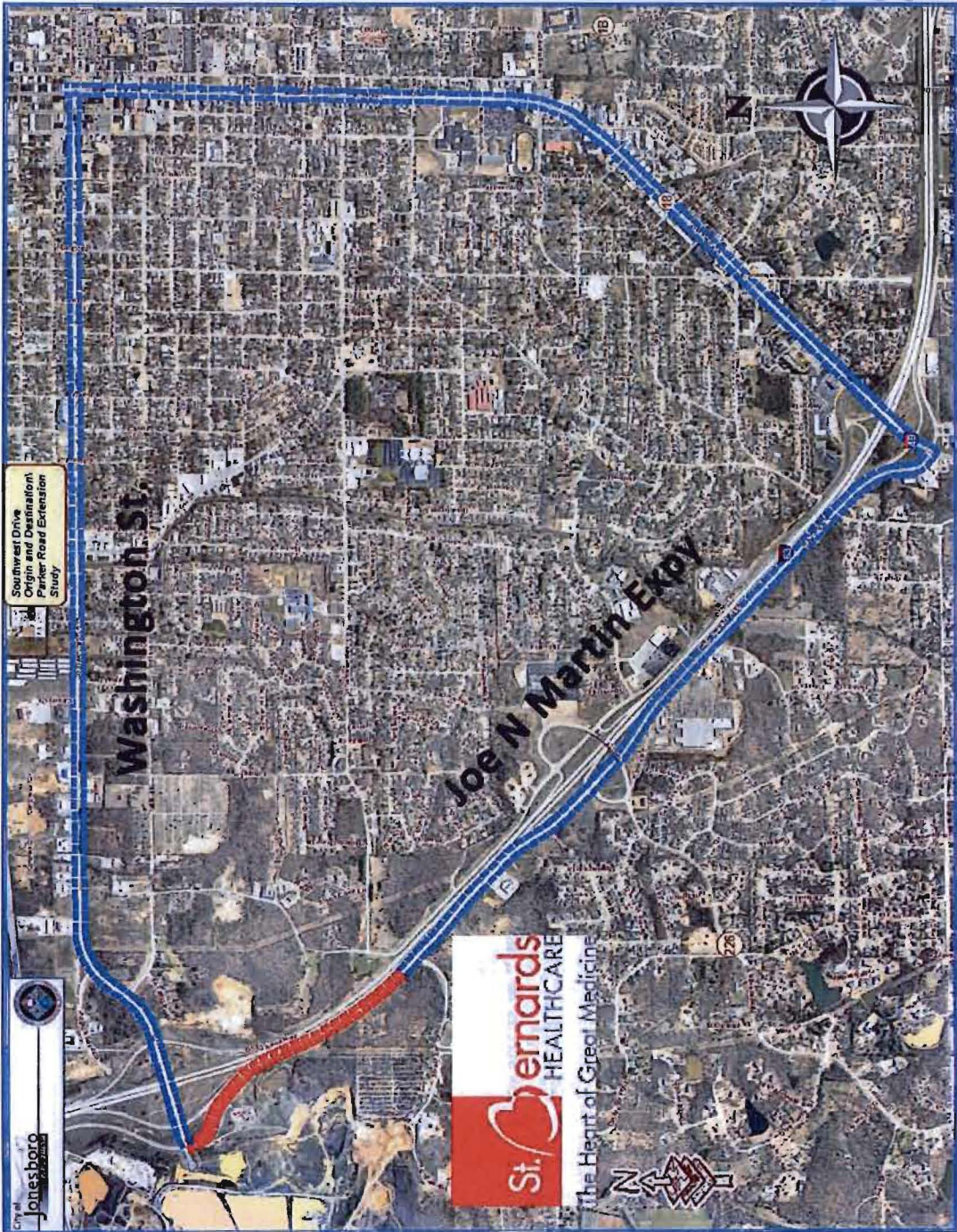
# Parker Road Extension

(Estimated Cost \$2.1 M)



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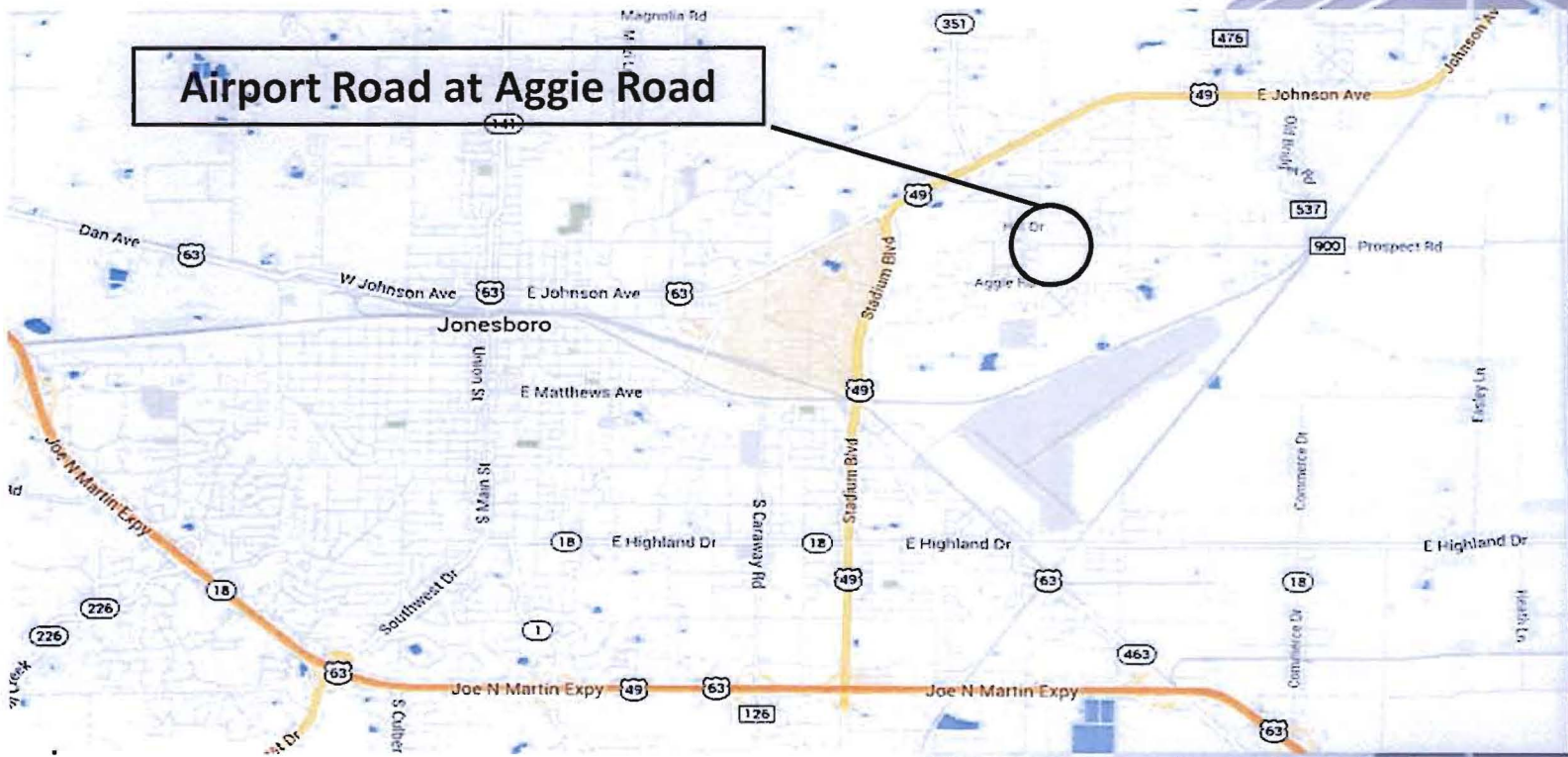




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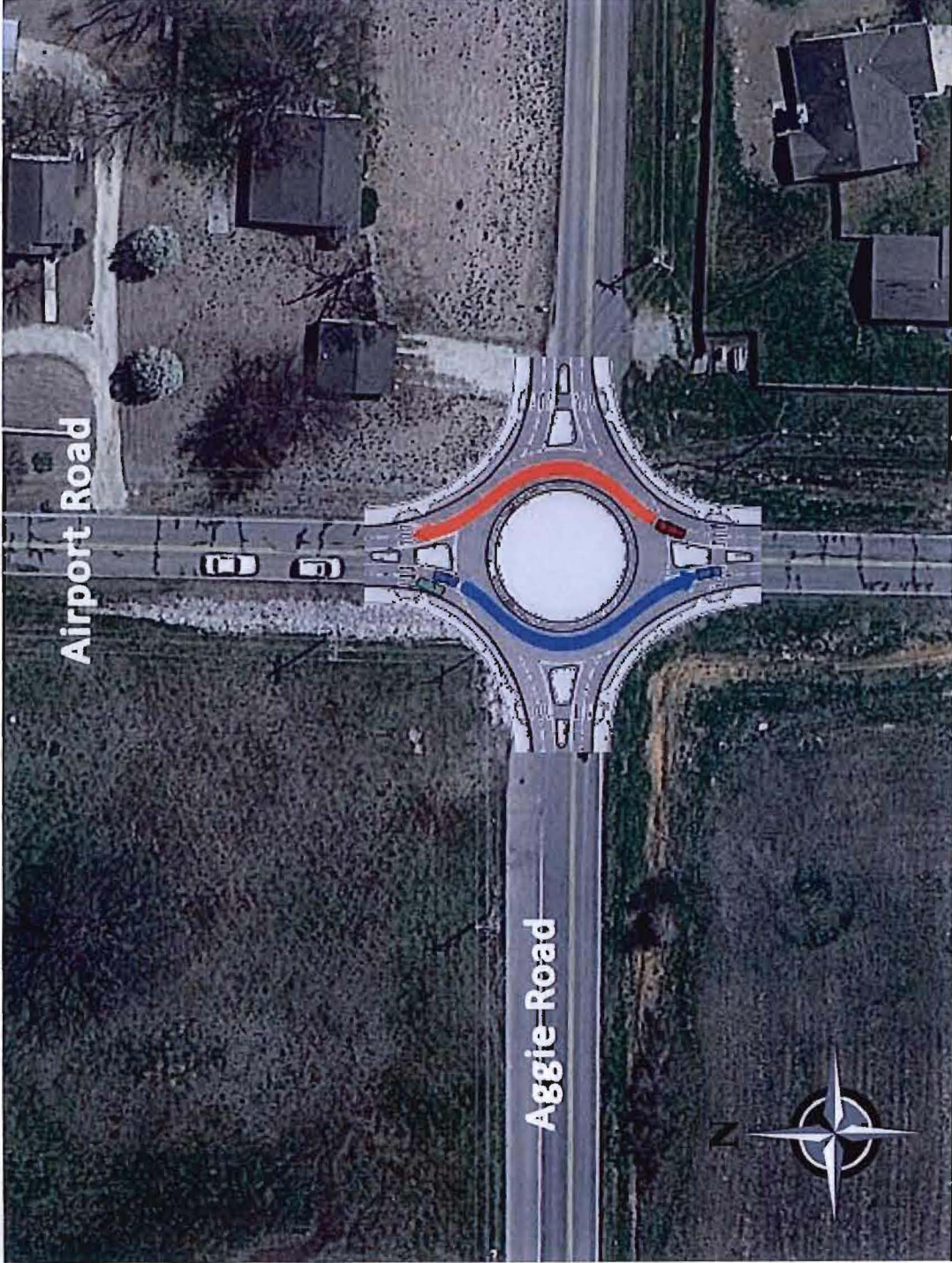


# Airport Road at Aggie Road Road Intersection Improvements



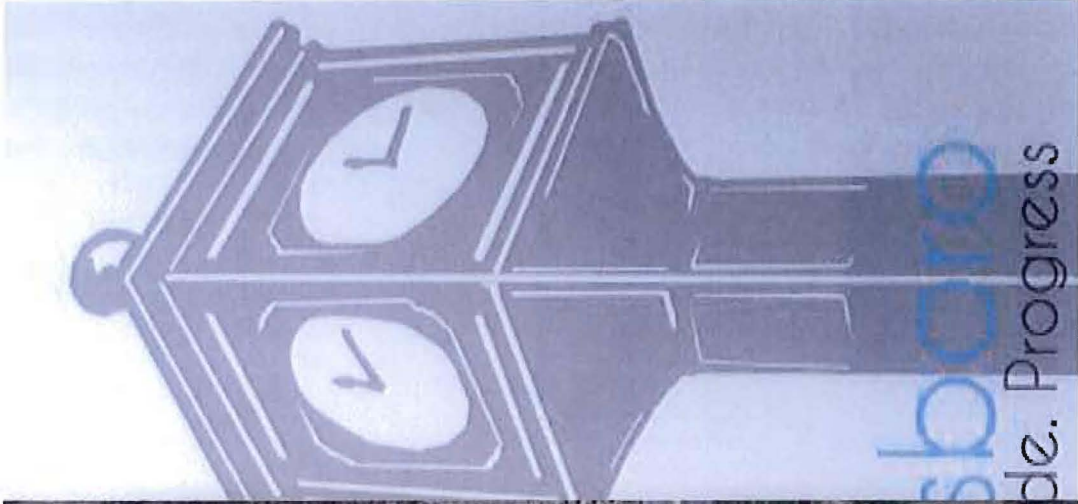
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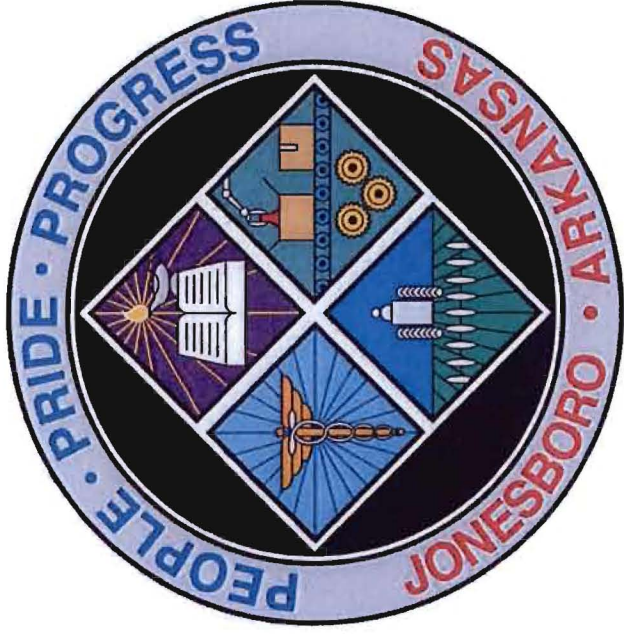


Airport Road

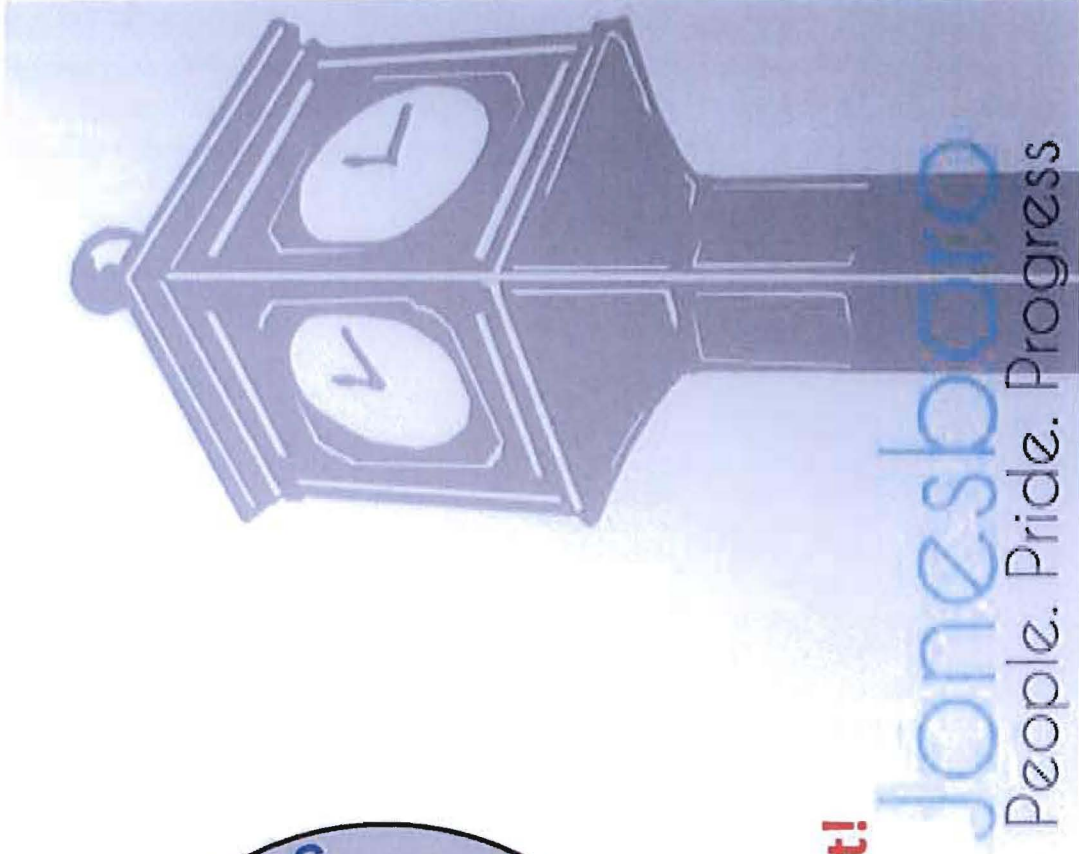
Aggie Road

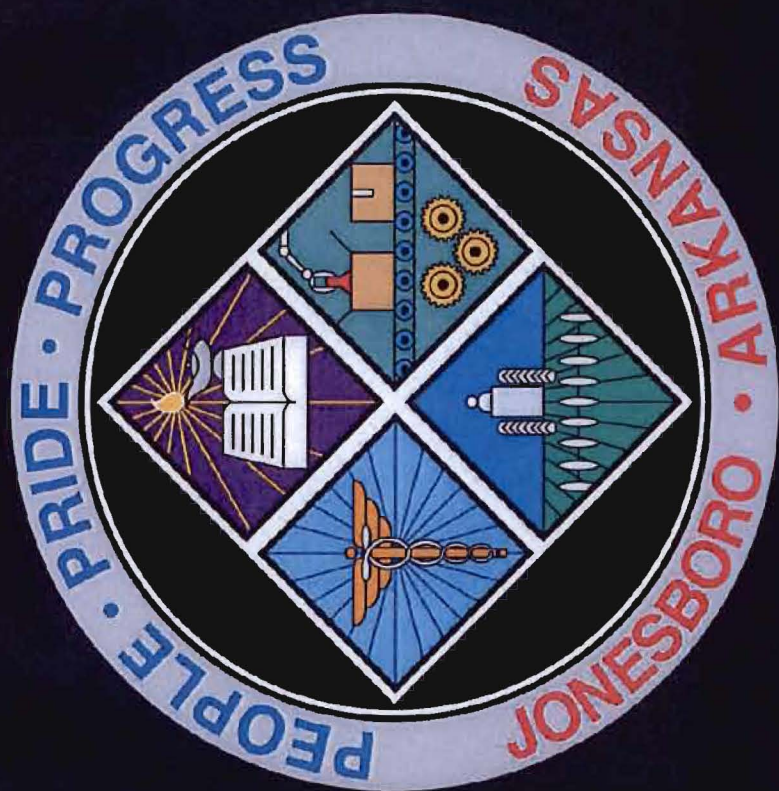






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I hope we have demonstrated to you we are continually working on your behalf; and the state of the city of Jonesboro is definitely good!

As always, I want to reiterate to you that while we have accomplished a lot, we have a lot left to accomplish!

We are constantly looking for new ways to challenge ourselves to do better; to become more efficient, to increase productivity and our level of service, to become more accountable and transparent, and to never stop working on your behalf.

I leave you with this directive; please continue to hold us accountable to the highest standards. Don't ever hesitate to ask questions and offer suggestions.

This is not my office, it's yours. I've said from the beginning I'm only getting to rent it for a little while, and for that opportunity I am eternally grateful.

I pray that God will continue to bless this city and each and every person who calls it home, does business in it, or just passes through it. May He protect our citizen soldiers who find themselves in harm's way.

Thank you and goodnight.