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**Tulsa**  
CITY OF  
*A New Kind of Energy.*

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# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



**\$944.9M**

**MOST COMPREHENSIVE  
BUDGET PASSED IN CITY  
OF TULSA HISTORY**

**\$500M**

**COMMUNITY HOUSING  
INITIATIVE ANNOUNCED TO  
HELP CLOSE HOUSING GAPS**

**\$132M**

**COMMITMENT FROM  
SCHEELS TO BUILD THEIR  
FIRST STORE IN OKLAHOMA**

- + Passed the most comprehensive budget in City of Tulsa history that totaled \$944.9 million — a budget that resulted in pay raises for all non-sworn City of Tulsa employees, the establishment of a Real Time Information Center, a fully-staffed Tulsa Fire Department, and much more
- + Announced the largest housing endeavor in City history — a half-billion-dollar housing initiative that seeks \$500 million in community investment over the next two years for direct housing investments, incentives for private-sector investors, and anything else that expedites the closure of housing gaps that exist in Tulsa
- + Celebrated a \$132 million commitment from Scheels to build a sporting goods store in the former Sears space at Woodland Hills Mall — a huge commitment expected to bring in hundreds of jobs and visitors to Tulsa as well as the first Scheels location to the state of Oklahoma



## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



# \$46M

**REALIZED INVESTMENTS  
IN ARTERIAL AND  
NON-ARTERIAL STREETS**

# \$39M

**GRANT AWARDED FOR  
TULSA'S ADVANCED  
MOBILITY CLUSTER**

# \$150M

**ESTIMATED ECONOMIC  
IMPACT FROM HOSTING  
THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

- + Realized \$46 million in investments to Tulsa's arterial and non-arterial streets, completing six major street projects within the past year
- + Received a \$39 million Build Back Better Grant for the Tulsa region's Advanced Mobility Cluster, which is expected to create numerous jobs and build out Tulsa's drone and mobility infrastructure for years to come
- + Hosted Tulsa's fifth PGA Championship, bringing in an estimated \$150 million in economic impact for our city





# PUBLIC SAFETY

- + Worked to implement a Real Time Information Center at Tulsa City Hall — a move that allows the Tulsa Police Department to leverage technology to better respond to, and solve, crimes within the city
- + Responded heroically to the shooting at Saint Francis Health System and honored the lives lost in the tragedy
- + Approved the largest pay increase in City of Tulsa history for the Tulsa Fire Department — an increase that will help retain great firefighters and attract the next generation of firefighters to our city
- + Approved a \$15,000 stipend for Tulsa Police Officers who graduate from the next several academies — a move that will help immediately with recruitment as TPD attracts the next generation of police officers to our city
- + Opened Tulsa Fire Station 33 – a new fire station that supports our ongoing efforts to ensure Tulsans receive timely service, keeping with TFD’s Insurance Services Offices Rating of No. 1





# INSIDE CITY HALL

- + Held the City of Tulsa Career Expo – the City’s first career fair in more than 20 years that saw more than 500 attend, resulting in numerous new hires that have helped boost staffing levels across the City
- + Welcomed Chief Administrative Officer Keri Fothergill, Chief of Staff Blake Ewing, and Housing Director Travis Hulse to the Mayor’s Office — additions that strengthen the City and help provide the highest quality service to the citizens of Tulsa
- + Named Jack Blair as Tulsa City Attorney following the retirement of former City Attorney David O’Meilia
- + Named former Finance Director James Wagner as the City’s new Director of Working in Neighborhoods, and named Tammy Pitts as the new Finance Director for the City of Tulsa
- + Celebrated the life and accomplishments of longtime City of Tulsa employee Dwain Midget who tirelessly served Tulsa for more than 50 years before passing away in August
- + Awarded a Key to the City to Gary Brooks who heroically saved the life of a Tulsa Transit Bus Driver







- + Completed the second full excavation at Oaklawn Cemetery as part of the City's search for victims from the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre — a move that further moves the needle on the City's search and one that solidifies the City's commitment to find answers from more than 100 years ago
- + Celebrated Tulsa's Equipment Management Division after they were designated for the fifth time by Government Fleet Magazine as an Elite Fleet





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



- + Broke ground on Tulsa's new Gilcrease Museum — a space worthy of one of the greatest collections of American art and history that meets contemporary standards of care for Gilcrease's extensive collection and will create touring exhibitions and world-class community spaces
- + Hosted Tulsa's fifth PGA Championship, bringing in an estimated \$150 million in economic impact for our city
- + Celebrated the opening of the Bob Dylan Center in the Tulsa Arts District – a move that establishes Tulsa as the home for Dylan's collection of more than 100,000 items that will bring tourists to our city for years to come

**\$150M**

**ESTIMATED ECONOMIC  
IMPACT FROM HOSTING  
THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

**100,000+**

**ITEMS IN THE NEWLY  
OPENED BOB DYLAN  
CENTER'S COLLECTION**



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- + Hosted the second-of-three IRONMAN competitions, further solidifying Tulsa and our region as a destination of choice at the national stage for outdoor recreation and competitions at the highest level
- + Selected Team Alchemy as a master developer for the Evans-Fintube redevelopment project – a major project that will be a mixed-use destination in the Greenwood District
- + Completed the community-led Greenwood/ Kirkpatrick Heights Master Planning process, further laying the groundwork for what will happen with 56-acres of City-owned land in Greenwood and North Tulsa
- + Opened Tulsa's new children's museum, Discovery Lab — a Vision Tulsa project which provided \$8 million for land acquisition and public improvements for one of Tulsa's most unique destinations and educational resources
- + Celebrated nearly \$5 million in investments from Navistar into its IT Bus Plant manufacturing facility following Navistar's recommitment to Tulsa last year



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



- + Celebrated the opening of the 222 N. Detroit Building — an 11-story building with world-class space that will attract the next generation of employers to our city
- + Opened Hardesty National BMX Stadium, a successful redevelopment of a brownfield site in the Greenwood District supported by \$15 million in Vision Tulsa funds and supplemented by \$6.5 million in other City funds — a project that now makes Tulsa home to an Olympic sport
- + Celebrated nearly \$5 million in investments from Navistar into its IT Bus Plant manufacturing facility following Navistar's recommitment to Tulsa last year
- + Selected Sharp Development to lead the development of a new Route 66 mixed-use project that will be built on two acres of City-owned land at 815 S. Riverside Drive across the street from the Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza
- + Celebrated \$275 million in new investments that were made in Tulsa during the first year of operation of the City's new economic development arm, PartnerTulsa

# \$21.5M

**COMBINATION OF VISION  
TULSA AND CITY OF TULSA  
FUNDS SUPPORTING THE  
OPENING OF HARDESTY  
NATIONAL BMX STADIUM**

# \$275M

**IN NEW INVESTMENTS MADE  
DURING PARTNERTULSA'S  
FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION**







# MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- + Celebrated the \$137.4 million federal allocation to the Tulsa-West Tulsa Levees Project – a funding source that will be used to modernize and upgrade Tulsa’s levee system to better protect the Tulsa area community from flooding events for generations to come
- + Awarded \$50 million in ARPA funds for a large-scale wastewater infrastructure project in east Tulsa – a massive investment that will be used to build enhanced wastewater services for a new industrial park and accompanying urban center
- + Received a \$39 million Build Back Better Grant for the Tulsa region’s Advanced Mobility Cluster, which is expected to create numerous jobs and build out Tulsa’s drone and mobility infrastructure for years to come
- + Celebrated a \$10 million RAISE Grant that will be used to reconnect West 51st Street under U.S. 75, which will ultimately connect Tulsans to the world-class work happening along the Arkansas River as it becomes a premier regional destination
- + Completed construction of the Crow Creek Bridge at 32nd and Peoria – a \$2.3 million bridge that allows for enhanced pedestrian accessibility and is built with a larger stormwater capacity to handle flooding events

**\$137.4M**

**FEDERAL ALLOCATION  
TO THE TULSA-WEST  
TULSA LEVEES PROJECT**

**\$50M**

**ARPA FUNDS AWARDED FOR  
LARGE-SCALE WASTEWATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**\$39M**

**BUILD BACK BETTER  
GRANT FOR THE TULSA  
REGION’S ADVANCED  
MOBILITY CLUSTER**



## MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



- + Developed the fourth and final bid package for improvements to make students' routes to school safer through the Vision Tulsa Public Schools Safety First Initiative, with the final contract completing the funding allocated for adding signs, pavement markings, sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, drainage improvements, lighting, traffic signal improvements and bus shelters
- + Announced Tulsa as a finalist for a nearly \$20 million FEMA BRIC Grant — a grant that if awarded, will result in drainage improvements along Fulton Creek that will allow for quicker response times for the Tulsa Fire Department in times of heavy rainfall
- + Announced the name of Tulsa's new pedestrian bridge as "Williams Crossing" as it continues to be built, with bridge infrastructure now spanning the entire width of the Arkansas River







## MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- + Celebrated the completion of the Gilcrease Expressway Extension, a significant milestone for west Tulsa development and a representation of the collaborative work among City, county, state, federal and other agencies
- + Delivered safe, reliable drinking water to more than 500,000 northeast Oklahoma residents during the 2022 flash drought, with pumpage levels expected to be the third highest on record behind 2012 and 2011
- + Cleaned 413 miles of sanitary sewer lines and video-inspected 153 miles
- + Received National Association for Clean Water Agencies awards for the following wastewater treatment plants:
  - Lower Bird Creek – Platinum Award for 12 years
  - Northside – Silver Award
  - Southside – Silver Award
- + Earned the partnership for Safe Water President’s Award, which is awarded to “Fully Optimized Systems” meeting stringent water quality guidelines, for the third year in a row
- + Won the Top Ops Competition at the 2022 SWAWWA conference, a competition between operators testing their knowledge of water treatment, distribution and testing
- + Received the Sustainable Tulsa Scor3card Gold Award for the Water Quality Assurance facility at 48th & Elwood



# STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION



## COMPLETED:

4

ARTERIAL AND NON-ARTERIAL  
ASPHALT MILL, PATCH AND  
OVERLAY PROJECTS

23

LANE MILES OF ARTERIAL  
AND NON-ARTERIAL ASPHALT  
MILL, PATCH AND OVERLAY  
PROJECTS

70

LANE MILES OF ARTERIAL  
AND NON-ARTERIAL  
MICROSURFACING PROJECTS

\$46M

TOTAL AMOUNT INVESTED IN  
ARTERIAL AND NONARTERIAL  
STREET PROJECTS

22

LANE MILES FOR COMPLETED  
MAJOR STREET PROJECTS

3.5

LANE MILES OF CONCRETE  
STREET MAINTENANCE  
PROJECTS

36

LANE MILES OF ARTERIAL  
AND NON-ARTERIAL  
CRACK-SEALING PROJECTS

26,000

SQUARE YARDS OF  
SIDEWALKS

527

ADA RAMP INSTALLATIONS





## MAJOR STREET PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2022

- + East Admiral Place, North Harvard Avenue to North Yale Avenue
- + East Pine Street, North Yale Avenue to North Sheridan Road; Pine and Yale Intersection
- + East 21st Street, South Garnett Road to South 129th East Avenue; 21st and 129th Intersection
- + East 41st Street, South Lewis Avenue to South Harvard Avenue; 41st and Lewis Intersection
- + East 11th Street, South Sheridan Road to South Memorial Drive
- + Crow Creek Bridge at 3200 S. Peoria Ave.



# TULSA PARKS



- + Announced plans to build the most inclusive play space in the state of Oklahoma at Whiteside Park — an inclusive playground that will accommodate children of all abilities
- + Opened the trails at Bales Park, a more than three-mile-long trail system of varying levels that provides additional opportunities for the surrounding community and positions Tulsa as a regional leader in its bike trail system
- + Received a \$250,000 donation from PGA Reach Foundation to help improve municipal golf courses
- + Recognized two Tulsa Parks lifeguards with CityStar awards for their life-saving efforts during an incident at McClure Park









# HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH



- + Awarded a \$50 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant in partnership with the Tulsa Housing Authority that will go toward the Envision Comanche Project – a project that is a multi-year investment that will transform the 36th Street North corridor into a mixed-use, mixed-income community while providing economic opportunity and prosperity for North Tulsa
- + Announced the largest housing endeavor in City history — a half-billion-dollar housing initiative that seeks \$500 million in community investments over the next two years for things like direct housing investments, incentives for private-sector investors, and anything else that expedites the closure of housing gaps that exist in Tulsa

**\$50M**

**TOWARD THE ENVISION  
COMANCHE PROJECT TO  
TRANSFORM THE 36TH  
STREET NORTH CORRIDOR**

**\$500M**

**COMMUNITY HOUSING  
INITIATIVE ANNOUNCED TO  
HELP CLOSE HOUSING GAPS**



## HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH

- + Further committed an enhanced focus on policy work and joint response through the creation of a new working group focused on combatting homelessness after celebrating the City's historic commitment of more than \$14 million in City dollars that was dedicated on homeless initiatives over the past two years
- + Announced the City's intent to identify \$1 million to fund and create Tulsa's first "mental health urgent recovery center" dedicated entirely to serving children and families in crisis 24/7
- + Announced the City's plans to open a low-barrier shelter in 2023 for those who cannot utilize existing homeless shelter facilities
- + Announced a new partnership with the faith community — a partnership that will help increase supplemental shelter capacity to ensure everyone who needs shelter in extreme weather can access it
- + Celebrated the selection of the Tulsa Police Department for receiving a \$550,000 Protect and Connect Grant that will be used to embed a Community Outreach Psychiatric Emergency Services (COPES) clinician at every patrol division on weekday evenings — a move that will benefit the department and the residents it serves



# RESILIENCE AND EQUITY

900

**PERMANENT RESIDENTS  
WHO BECAME CITIZENS  
AT CEREMONIES HOSTED  
BY THE CITY OF TULSA**

\$150,000

**OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS  
GRANT TO HELP ALLEVIATE  
TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS  
FACED BY AFGHAN REFUGEES**

70

**TULSANS TRAINED  
TO FACILITATE EQUITY  
DIALOGUES**

- + Celebrated the more than 900 legal permanent residents who have become U.S. citizens at ceremonies hosted by the City of Tulsa — in 2022, the City hosted eight naturalization ceremonies, including our biggest citizenship ceremony with 100 people becoming U.S. citizens at the Cox Business Center in March 2022
- + Received a \$150,000 grant from Open Society Foundations (OSF) to help alleviate the transportation barriers Afghan refugees face, which helped fund multiple activities for 50 Afghan refugees
- + Trained more than 70 Tulsans to facilitate equity dialogues, hosting more than 50 dialogues and reaching nearly 400 people since 2020
- + Signed an executive order adopting the Citywide Language Access Policy as the City seeks to provide enhanced and more streamlined access to City programs and services for those with limited English proficiency
- + Hosted the City's first Myanmar Career Fair to support both the larger Tulsa community's hiring needs, and our Myanmar youth as they seek good-paying, competitive, and stable jobs









## RESILIENCE AND EQUITY



- + Celebrated Tulsa's biggest Welcoming Week to date, where multiple agencies and organizations came together to celebrate Tulsans from all backgrounds as work continues to build strong connections and affirm the importance of the city becoming a more welcoming and inclusive place
- + Piloted "City Hall on the Go" in District 3 to bring City services to neighborhoods
- + Conducted Equality Indicators Report presentations throughout the year and hosted a second learning series to find ways the report can be used to advance equity in Tulsa
- + Continued work with Flourish Tulsa to support internationally trained immigrants, publishing a Hiring Guide and building out three career pathways guides to help immigrants navigate the recertification process and bring awareness to the various pathways available in the fields of behavioral health, education and engineering
- + Continued work with Tulsa's Title V Commissions, welcoming in 22 new commissioners, streamlining more information about their work on the City's website, and championing their initiatives and work throughout the year
- + Allocated ARPA funds to establish a revolving loan fund to help legal permanent residents cover the cost of citizen application fees and create scholarship opportunities for underemployed internationally trained immigrants to have credentials evaluated and translated to English from their native language to aid in job placements





- + Received the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund's Financial Empowerment Cities grant that will allow the City to create an Office of Financial Empowerment in Tulsa in the coming year — a move that further strengthens the City's commitment to embed financial empowerment programs and policies into City services to improve individual and family financial stability

- + Participated in two panels to share about Tulsa's Afghan refugee resettlement efforts and the New Tulsans Initiative community engagement at the Welcoming Interactive, an annual conference
- + Continued work with the Tulsa Financial Empowerment Center, serving more than 550 clients since opening in December 2020, with 350 served in 2022 alone

