

Project: First Street Reconstruction Project

Funding Agency: Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)

Project Description: Reconstruction of approximately 725 linear feet of First Street from A Street to C Street. Work includes removal of existing concrete panels, storm drainage improvements, cement concrete curbs and gutters, asphalt paving, traffic control and other related work.

Total Project Cost: \$575,354.00

Completion Date: Summer of 2025

Project: 2025 Red Town Initiative

Funding Agency: Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)

Project Description: Contract provides for the City-wide pavement preservation of approximately 10 total miles of various roadways throughout the City. Improvements include pulverization, grading, subgrade repair, bituminous surface treatments, pavement markings, traffic control and other related work items.

Total Project Cost: \$2,105,263.00

Completion Date: Summer of 2025

Project: 2025 RRFB's (Central Avenue to Reid Street)

Funding Agency: Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)

Project Description: Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) at 3 locations along the Hwy 101 corridor in the central downtown South Bend businesses district at; Central Ave., Willapa Ave., and Reid St. New and/or modified ADA ramps will be required as a result of this project.

Total Project Cost: \$533,767.00

Completion Date: Spring of 2026

Project: Cheney Ball Field Sports Court Maintenance Project

Funding Agency: Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

Project Description: The proposed project will refurbish the unusable sport court at the City of South Bend Cheney Ballfield by installing a new 1.5-inch-thick layer of asphalt over the existing sport court. The new overlay will cover the cracked existing asphalt surface and eliminate the low areas that retain water long after precipitation events. The new asphalt will include painted lines for the original two tennis/pickle ball courts. In addition, the existing fencing surrounding the court is no longer effective and in poor condition and will be removed and replaced with new chain-link fencing fabric. The existing fencing posts are in good condition and will be retained. The two original entrance gates will be replaced due to their poor condition as will the fencing top horizontal cross poles on the retained vertical posts.

Total Project Cost: \$107,431.78

Completion Date: June 2025

Project: Robert Bush Park Revitalization Project

Funding Agency: The Robert Bush Memorial Committee, The City of South Bend, RMSA, PCHS, CPHM, various other Donors and Stakeholders.

Project Description:

Landscaping and Green Spaces:

- Introduction of native trees, shrubs, and flower beds.
- Creation of new walking paths.
- Establishment of designated picnic areas with tables and benches.

Upgrading Infrastructure:

- Enhancement of park lighting for safety and nighttime use.
- Resurfacing of parking areas and walkways.
- Improving accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Additional Scope:

- Clean and re-stain the Robert Bush Memorial Statue and Pedestal.
- Add LED lighting to enhance the Robert Bush Statue and the WWII memorial.
- Relocate the world's largest oyster artwork.
- Remove the old footing for the totem pole.
- Relocate benches located in the grassed areas.
- Relocate the memorial plaque of Burke Welsch and regrade the surrounding area.
- Replace the white guardrail with new guardrail to match the existing decking rail.
- Addition of new informational boards to the gazebo informational center, along with a digital kiosk.
- Repair the easterly storm drainage system and regrade affected areas with new concrete walkways.
- Clean up flower beds and remove other debris not associated with Robert Bush Park.

Honoring Heroes:

- Robert Eugene Bush: At age 18, he became the youngest member of the United States Navy in World War II to receive the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the Battle of Okinawa.

Conclusion: The proposed revitalization project for Robert Bush Park, aims to transform the park into a vibrant community hub. This project not only enhances the park's aesthetic and functional value but also honors local heroes, making it a place of pride for the community.

Total Project Cost: \$90,000.00

Completion Date: Summer of 2025
