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From Councilwoman Jeanne Faatz

Here's what the Better Denver Bond projects have been up to

In 2007, citizens voted for a \$550 million bond package for capital construction improvements. In southwest Denver, most projects are finished except for work at Hadley Library and the widening and leveling of Quincy Avenue between Sheridan Boulevard and Pierce Street. Completed projects are:

- Outdoor pool shade structures at Harvey Park and Southwest rec centers
- Harvey Park Rec Center HVAC system and flooring replacement
- Renovations to Fire Station No. 25
- Trail improvements at Wagon, Bear Creek, Lake of Lakes and Sanderson Gulch
- Reconstruction of Yale Avenue from Federal to Sheridan
- Bear Valley Library renovations

Completed projects citywide are:

- Renovation of the former Permit Center (200 W. 14th Ave.) now used for the Elections and Environmental Health departments
- New greenhouse complex at Denver Botanic Gardens
- Sprinkler system upgrades at various parks
- Civic Center restoration of the Greek theater and Voorhies memorial
- Firing range and police traffic operations facility
- Renovations to the Phipps Auditorium exhibit space and a new elevator at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Major citywide projects still under design or in construction are:

- Branch libraries at Green Valley, Stapleton and West Denver at Avondale
- New animal shelter, Lowry fire station and police crime lab
- Stapleton rec center
- Land and design for Central Denver rec center.
- New storage and education center at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Maintenance on the Boettcher Concert Hall is complete, but the redesign is still awaiting matching funds from the symphony. Please also note that bonds will not be issued nor money spent for projects not on the ballot proposals that voters approved. And while in some cases the city paid less for construction due to the economic downturn, it will incur new operating expenses of about \$6 million a year.

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