Project Description: In order to improve access and encourage redevelopment, the City of Knoxville is proposing to extend Blackstock Avenue approximately 1,100 feet from W. Fifth Avenue to Bernard Avenue. The project will extend approximately 1,600 feet north along Marion Street to Baxter Avenue and approximately 325 feet east and 325 feet west along Baxter Avenue. The proposed improvements will include a new two-lane road consisting of 11-foot travel lanes, curb and gutter, a five-foot sidewalk, and a 10-foot multipurpose trail from W. Fifth Avenue to Bernard Avenue. Improvements will also be made to Marion Street from Bernard Avenue to Baxter Avenue, including the addition of curb and gutter, sidewalk and greenway and the realignment of Marion Street from Dameron Avenue to Baxter Avenue. Minor intersection improvements are proposed for Fifth Avenue & Blackstock Avenue; Blackstock Avenue at Bernard Avenue & Marion Street; and Marion Street at Baxter Avenue.

Schedule:
Bid Opening: October 23, 2019
Notice to Proceed: July 6, 2020
Contract Completion Date: November 27, 2021

Current Contract Price: $5,481,102

Engineering Department September 2021 Status: The new section of Blackstock Avenue has been constructed. Work is ongoing. The contract time was extended 60 days due to utility conflicts.

Project Designer: CDM Smith
Construction Contractor: Jones Bros Contractors, LLC

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