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In this annual State of the City address Thursday, Jonesboro Mayor Harold Perrin said over 90-million dollars in state money from the Arkansas Department of Transportation is coming to the Jonesboro area over the next couple of years. That is possible through the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Perrin says the money will go help relieve congestion and keep traffic moving through the city.

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“...is our infrastructure.”

Perrin says out of the four projects that are set to go this year, the largest is a 25-million-dollar railroad overpass at the intersection of Highland Drive and Matthews Avenue. A smaller bridge will be built first at Watt Street to divert traffic while the much larger bridge will be built. The project should be complete in 2022. Other projects include widening intersections and adding turning lanes at Highland Drive and Caraway Road, and Main Street and Highland Drive, and improvement work on Highway 1B.

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Construction continues on the new Embassy Suites and Red Wolf Convention Center on the campus of Arkansas State University. The hotel will have 203 beds and will have a 40-thousand square foot convention center, as well as a restaurant. In his State of the City Address Thursday (yesterday), Jonesboro Mayor Harold Perrin says the city's Advertising and Promotion Commission will add a new branch to help promote Jonesboro:

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“...while they are here.”

The hotel and convention center is expected to open in August. That is when Perrin says he will invite 90 mayors from across the state to Jonesboro. Several large conventions are already being booked for use in the hotel and convention center. He also stated that several traffic improvement projects are getting underway this year, including the construction of a 25-million dollar railroad overpass at Highland Drive and Matthews Avenue in Jonesboro.