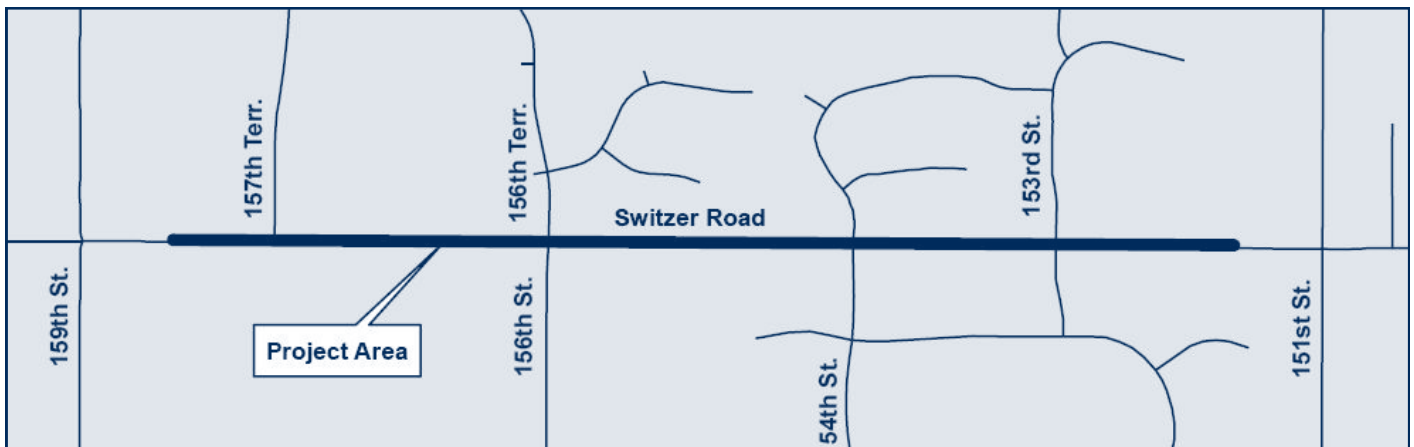


SWITZER ROAD BETWEEN 151ST AND 159TH STREETS

Public Information Meeting

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to present the preliminary design for the widening of Switzer Road, between 151st Street and 159th Street. The meeting allows you the opportunity to discuss questions or concerns one-on-one with a member of the design team. There will be comment forms for you to fill out and leave for the design team or mail in at a later date.

At this time, the layout of the widening has been selected. However, the design is still in the preliminary stages and the extent of the project's impact is not yet fully identified. It is important that we minimize impacts to residents as much as possible.



Project Background

Switzer Road is designated on the Overland Park Future Development Plan as a major north-south thoroughfare that provides mobility, as well as carry large volumes of traffic across the community.

Besides widening of the existing road, a raised median with left turn lanes will be added. A sidewalk and hike/bike trail will be constructed to meet current American Disability Act (ADA) requirements. Street lighting, pavement markings and signs will also be upgraded. Utility relocations are scheduled to begin in the summer of 2013. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2014 and be completed by the fall of 2014.

Project Issues

The design and construction of improvements along Switzer Road considers the following major issues:

1. Safety for the traveling public, local property owners, and pedestrians in the vicinity of the work.
2. Access for local users during construction.
3. Impacts to adjacent property.
4. Impacts to existing utilities.
5. Storm sewer modifications.
6. Current and potential future traffic volumes and capacity requirements.
7. Construction schedule.
8. Construction cost.
9. Other specific public concerns and issues.

Funding

This project will be partially funded with county funds as allocated by the Johnson County CARS program. The remaining funding will be provided by the City of Overland Park.

Project Schedule

	2012				2013				2014			
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Preliminary plans			●									
Identify and acquire right-of-way and easements				■								
Utility relocations					■							
Complete final design plans						●						
Award project for construction							●					
Construct the project										■		

Right-of-Way Acquisition

To permit the construction of the street improvements, additional right-of-way and easements may be required. The City will retain the services of a real estate appraiser to appraise the value of any additional right-of-way and easements required for the widening.

Citizen Engagement

The widening of Switzer Road may cause some increased delays during construction; however, in the long run, it will benefit the community and the traveling public. The City of Overland Park is committed to keeping you informed and listening to your concerns throughout the process. Your input at tonight's meeting is very important.

We want to thank you for taking the time to come to this meeting and hope that you will give full participation by discussing your ideas, so that the individuals making the decisions will have the benefit of your thinking. We also hope you learned more about the project and had your questions answered.

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There will be additional public meetings to keep you informed about the project.

- Public Information Meeting #2 (anticipated date early 2013) – At this stage, more specific impacts will be identified. The project's impact on adjacent properties will be discussed. A real estate appraiser will be on hand to answer questions about the process.
- Public Information Meeting #3 (anticipated date early 2014) – This meeting will introduce the contractor and construction schedule for the project.

At these public information meetings, you will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions. You may also submit written statements or comments concerning the proposed project. Please submit a comment form postmarked within fifteen (15) working days, following the meeting today, or no later than July 27, 2012.



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