# *Public Informational Meeting*

**159th Street Widening from Quivira Road to Antioch Road**

## Overland Park, Kansas

### April 26, 2011

#### Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to present the design for improvements to 159th Street from Quivira Road to Antioch Road. This meeting provides an opportunity for interested persons to discuss their questions and concerns with representatives of the design team and to express their comments about the project.

This meeting is an open-house style. We will not have a formal presentation. Instead, you will have the opportunity to visit one-on-one with the consulting engineers and staff from the City of Overland Park regarding the project details, right-of-way requirements, and project schedule.

Members of the design team directly responsible for the project are:

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#### Project Background

159th Street between Quivira Road and Antioch Road has been identified by the City of Overland Park as a corridor which will require improvements to safely accommodate future traffic needs in this growing area. 159th Street is designated on the Overland Park Master Plan as a thoroughfare street and conforms to the standard one mile spacing recommended for thoroughfare-level streets based on local and national planning experience. Thoroughfares provide mobility and are designated to carry large volumes of traffic across the community.

***Project Description***

* Widen 159th Street to a 4-lane roadway from Quivira Road to Antioch Road. Widen Quivira Road and Switzer Road intersections to a 4-lane roadway approximately 600 feet north and south of 159th Street with left turn lanes.
* The new roadway will have a raised median with curbs and gutters.
* A new underground drainage system will be added to collect storm water runoff, including storm water quality treatment units.
* Concrete box extensions or replacements will be made for major storm drainage crossings
* New sidewalk will be constructed on the south side of the road and a new bike/hike trail on the north side of the road.

#### Right-of-Way Acquisition

Right-of-way, sidewalk, drainage, utility, and temporary construction easements of varying degree will be required to construct the project improvements. Proposed easement limits are shown on the plans on display. The City will acquire the needed rights-of-way and easements in accordance with federal required acquisition procedures. The property will be appraised and the City will attempt to buy the necessary easements through negotiation. Failing that, the City intends to pursue the eminent domain process to acquire right-of-way and easements for this project. This process consists of court appointed appraisers determining the fair-market value for each easement. Compensation to the property owner is based upon those determinations. The process includes an appeal procedure if the property owner is not satisfied with the compensation award.

Donoho Appraisals is conducting the appraisal and acquisition process. If you have any questions regarding this process you may contact Al Donoho (913) 814-7800.

#### Future Steps to Complete the Project

1. Right of Way plan public meeting (April 26, 2011)
2. Right of Way acquisition (April - June 2011)
3. Utility Relocations (Summer/Fall 2011)
4. Complete final plans and bid package (Fall 2011)
5. Open Bids (early 2012)
6. Pre-Construction Public Meeting (Spring 2012)
7. Construct the Project (Spring 2012 through Fall 2013).

#### Funding

The project funding sources include City funds, Federal funds, and funds from the Johnson County CARS program. No direct assessments to property owners will be made to fund this project.

***Citizen Participation Process***

Public involvement is an integral part of the project development process. At public meetings such as this, you have an opportunity to comment, ask questions, and offer suggestions on the design of the improvement. You may also submit written statements or comments concerning the proposed project on the comment form provided at this meeting.

We want to thank you for taking time to come to this meeting and hope that you will participate 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.