

Frequently Asked Questions

If you removed the bike lanes, would less right-of-way be needed?

The bike lanes are part of the City's recommended policy along 127th Street and will remain. To avoid needing to acquire more right-of-way the city reduced travel lane widths.

If you reduced the width of the grass strip, would less r/w be needed?

The width of the grass strip has already been reduced from the arterial design guidelines (14 feet – to accommodate right turn lanes). It cannot be reduced further because of the width needed to accommodate utility services.

Why do some medians restrict access to right-in right-out?

Medians will only restrict access points in a handful of locations. In each case alternate routes are provided.

Why isn't landscaping being shown at this time?

This is something staff is going to be looking at through the spring. You will be given a chance to see the final construction plans which will include landscaping prior to construction taking place.

What will the city do about my fence during construction? I have a pet/child so I need a secure yard?

Temporary Fencing – Before any construction occurs, the city will hire a contractor to come remove any fence in the construction limits and install a temporary chain link fence to secure the yard throughout construction. Once construction is complete, the city will install a new wood fence to replace the fence removed and then remove the temporary fencing.

What is it I'm hearing about my gas getting shut off?

There are approximately 44 properties where the gas meter needs to be moved as part of construction. By Kansas Law, once the gas is turned off while moving the meter, Atmos Energy can't turn back on the gas if there are any code violations inside the house regarding natural gas. Please see handout of what the city is doing to help prevent any residents from having gas service interrupted as a result of this project. We can check to see if you are on the preliminary list of affected property owners.

What is going to happen to my subdivision's monument sign?

The city is going to negotiate with any active Home Owner Association for the cost of building a new monument. If there isn't an active Home Owner Association, the city will negotiate with the property owner on whose lot the monument sits. It will be up to the property owner or Home Owners Association to use the money received to build a new monument.

How am I supposed to mow below the wall that is shown on the plans?

The City will work with Home Owner Association and/or residents regarding mowing along 127th Street where there is a retaining wall. The city is still exploring options to find the best solution for this situation.

I have sprinklers which I think the road improvement will damage. How is this being handled?

The City will have John Amrien, the right of way specialist, ask each resident about sprinkle systems that may be impacted along 127th Street while negotiating easements. Property owners that have sprinkler systems will be given a check to cover the cost of hiring a contractor to remove and replace their affected sprinkler system. With the funds received, it is expected that the property owner would hire a landscape architect to do the following work:

- 1. Before construction, cut and cap your sprinkler system to isolate the sprinklers in part of yard not disturbed from that being disturbed in the construction zone.*
- 2. After construction is complete, the property owner can then hire the landscape contractor to reinstall / repair any sprinkler system removed or damaged.*

It will not be the city's responsibility to fix and damaged sprinkler system or pay for any water used due to damage. It is the homeowner's responsibility to mention that you have a sprinkler system during negotiations. Any sprinkler systems damaged which the city isn't informed about will not be repaired.

There is so much traffic that it is already hard to turn onto 127th Street. Won't widening the road make it worse?

Widening the roadway will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. With the reduced congestion and new signals at Arapaho and the Jr. High Exit, additional "gaps" will be created to improve turning movements onto 127th Street.

My children attend <blank> school. They have to cross 127th Street to get to and from school. How can they cross safely?

The upgrading and/or installation of traffic signals at Arapaho, Jr. High Exit and Black Bob should enhance safety and mobility. Each signal will have pedestrian-actuated crossings.

Will the pool be open during construction?

The construction of 127th will be phased so that the pool will be accessible during the summer break.

How will I be able to take my child to and from school during construction?

The construction of 127th Street will be phased so that construction in front of the school takes place during the summer break.

I live on the next mile of 127th Street (Black Bob to Pflumm) Why are you doing this part first? Ours is much more dangerous stretch of 127th Street.

A large portion of the 2nd mile of 127th Street's funding is tied revenue from sales at the new retail center located at 119th and Black Bob. With the slow down in the economy, the revenue hasn't been as high as anticipated. The project will proceed as soon as funds are available. Its construction is currently anticipated in 2011.



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