

127th Street

Improvements

Mur-Len to Black Bob | Black Bob to Pflumm



Save the date ... for the next public meeting!

Thursday, September 27

7 - 9 p.m.

(A short presentation will be given at 7:00 p.m.)

Santa Fe Trail Junior High School

1100 North Ridgeview

Olathe, KS 66061



Please plan to attend and share your feedback, ask questions, and learn about the process for finalizing the design for the 127th Street improvements.

What can I expect to see at the next public meeting?

At 7 p.m., representatives from the City of Olathe will give a short presentation explaining the status and timeline of the two projects. The remainder of the meeting will be an open house forum and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and obtain information from the design team. The engineering consultant, TranSystems, will have for your review maps of the preliminary design.

I'm not an engineer – explain the process to me in lay terms.

Preliminary design plans are the first step in the roadway design plan process. After review and approval of preliminary plans, right-of-way plans are developed, followed by final design plans which are used by the selected contractor to construct the project. Preliminary plans address basic horizontal and vertical design elements. Horizontal design elements include items such as the number of travel lanes, median widths, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, etc. Vertical design elements include roadway grades and slopes to match side streets and provide adequate drainage. Combined, the horizontal and vertical design elements determine impacts to abutting properties beyond the existing roadway right-of-way. A proposed right-of-way and construction easement (as needed for this project) will be shown. The right-of-way and easements shown should be considered preliminary and are subject to change following public comment.

What is the next step after this meeting?

Following the meeting on September 27, the City of Olathe and TranSystems will review input from the public and continue incorporating feedback and ideas as the final design and right-of-way plans are refined. Updates will be made available via the website.

I heard this project has been delayed. What is the current timeline?

Construction of improvements for 127th Street has been delayed a year. A source of funding for this project is the Olathe Point Transportation Development District (TDD). It was reported to the Olathe City Council the week of July 9 that the Olathe Pointe TDD has not generated the revenue needed to construct this project as expected; therefore, construction of the 127th Street project will not begin as scheduled. Construction was scheduled to begin in the spring of 2008, but has been moved to the spring of 2009. Construction of each phase (WEST - Mur-Len to Black Bob, and EAST - Black Bob to Pflumm) is expected to take about a year. Initially, the Mur-Len to Black Bob segment was going to be completed first, but the Olathe City Council is considering plans to reverse the order of construction and begin on the Black Bob to Pflumm segment. A final decision is expected before the end of 2007.

Completion of the design is in progress and will continue as originally planned. Preliminary plans are complete (with the exception of public comment), and right-of-way acquisition is anticipated to begin later this year.

As the study and design project progress, please visit the website for more information:

www.improve127th.com