



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### SW 29<sup>TH</sup> Street:

### From SW Urish Road to SW Wanamaker Road

City of Topeka Trafficway Improvement Project 70204-01

**PROJECT BACKGROUND AND FUNDING:** The SW 29th Street improvement project was approved by the citizens of Topeka and Shawnee County in 2004 when voters approved the countywide half-cent sales tax to finance economic development and road and bridge improvements. This project was specifically identified in the ballot question. There will be no special assessments, loans or bonds.

**ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST:** \$9,577,000

**PROJECT LIMITS:** The project will begin just west of the Intersection of SW 29th and Tallgrass Drive and extend easterly 6500 feet through the intersection of SW 29<sup>th</sup> & Wanamaker. SW Urish Road will also be improved about 600 feet to the north and south of SW 29<sup>th</sup>.

**INTERSECTIONS:** A new larger roundabout will be constructed to replace the existing roundabout at SW 29<sup>th</sup> & SW Urish. The intersection of SW 29<sup>th</sup> & SW Wanamaker will be reconstructed and updated traffic signals installed.

**ROADWAY CONFIGURATION:** From SW Urish to SW Wanamaker, SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street will be five lanes wide with two through lanes in each direction and a center left turn lane. West of Urish Road, SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street will be four lanes wide with one west bound lane, a left turn lane and two east bound lanes. SW Urish Road will be three lanes wide with one through lane in each direction and a center turn lane.

The project will include curbs, storm sewer, street lighting, and sidewalks on both sides. The pavement will be asphalt.

**PROPERTY ACQUISITION:** In order to construct the project, the City will need to acquire additional road right-of-way and easements. The City is in the process of contacting the property owners involved. There are no plans to acquire any homes or businesses.



**UTILITY RELOCATIONS:** Several existing utility lines need to be relocated in order to build the new road. Some of this work is already underway and will continue through the winter of 2009 - 2010. Utilities to be relocated include water, gas, power, cable television, and telecommunication services. The respective utility companies are responsible for this work – not the City’s roadway contractor.

**CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:** Bidding of the Project is scheduled in January 2010. Due to the size of the project, it will be necessary to construct the project over the course of two years. Construction of the west half of the project between Tallgrass Drive and Kingsrow Road is expected to start in March of 2010 and continue until winter shutdown. Work on the east half of the project between Kingsrow Road and SW Wanamaker is planned to begin in the early Spring of 2011 and be completed in late 2011.

**ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION:** All properties adjacent to the project will have at least one point of access to them at all times during construction. Access to properties may require the use of detour routes or temporary roads and driveways. Some entrances and side roads will need to be constructed one-half at a time.

**Year 2010 Phase I.** In order to build the roundabout and the new small bridge and culverts between Urish Road and Kingsrow Road, it will be necessary to make full roadway closures. The intersection of SW 29<sup>th</sup> and Urish will be closed first for about four months. Through SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street and SW Urish Road traffic will be carried on detours. Local traffic will be carried on Temporary Access Roads.

**Year 2010 Phase II.** After the intersection of SW 29<sup>th</sup> & Urish is completed and opened to traffic, SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed to all traffic between SW Kingsrow Road and SW Mission View Drive. Through SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street traffic will be carried on a detour. Local access will be by existing roads and drives.

**Year 2011.** SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street between SW Kingsrow Road and SW Wanamaker Road will be constructed one-half at a time. It is anticipated that traffic will be carried through construction adjacent to the work zone.

**PROJECT ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING.** This joint City – County project is being administered by the City of Topeka. The City’s contact person is City Engineer Shawn Bruns. Ms. Bruns may be contacted at 368-3842 or [sbruns@topeka.org](mailto:sbruns@topeka.org). The project is being designed by Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC). PEC’s project manager is Terry Coder. Mr. Coder may be contacted at 233-8300 or [terry.coder@pec1.com](mailto:terry.coder@pec1.com).