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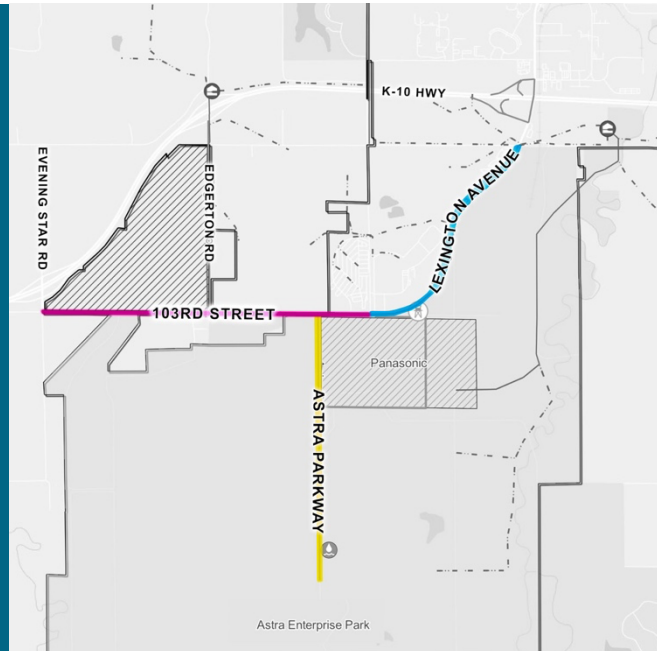
## INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT)

### ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – 3 Stages

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2. Astra Parkway
3. Lexington Avenue

Reconstruction of current two-lane asphalt roads to new divided 4-lane roadway with curb & gutter, bike lanes and sidewalks along 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lexington Avenue and Astra Parkway.



### WHY?

The purpose of the project is to provide an improved roadway for development and growth in De Soto. Expanding the current 2-lane road to a new divided four-lane roadway with curb & gutter, bike lanes and sidewalks.

Benefits of improving the roadway include:

- ✓ Increased safety for vehicles and pedestrians.
- ✓ Improved travel times for commuters.
- ✓ A transportation system designed to service new businesses and future growth.
- ✓ Improved response times for emergency services.

### WHAT?

Expanding 2-lane road to a 4-lane divided corridor with sidewalks and bike lanes. Curbs and gutters are also included in the roadway improvements. The cost of the roadway project is estimated at approximately \$40 Million.

### WHERE?

- 103<sup>rd</sup> Street from Evening Star Road on the west to Lexington Avenue on the east.
- Astra Parkway (formerly Main Street) from 103<sup>rd</sup> Street south through Astra Enterprise Park.
- Lexington Avenue from 103<sup>rd</sup> Street to 95<sup>th</sup> Street.

### WHEN?

The improvements are underway and expected to be completed in stages: 103<sup>rd</sup> Street by Summer 2023, Astra Parkway Fall 2024, and Lexington Avenue Fall 2024.

### WHO?

- **Owner:** City of De Soto
- **Project Manager:** KDOT
- **Engineer:** HDR
- **Contractor:** Clarkson Construction

The City of De Soto is committed to informing residents and businesses about what they can expect and how they can provide input into infrastructure improvement projects.

Check out the interactive map that details major infrastructure projects online. Residents can find detailed information about each city infrastructure project – including contact information. Go to: [desotoks.us/projects](https://desotoks.us/projects).

### QUESTIONS?

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## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Community infrastructure projects such as roads, sewers, water lines, storm drainage, energy, and communications can be disruptive during the planning and construction period. Once complete, the community benefits from the infrastructure needed to support a high quality of life and growth for the future.

**FIELD INVESTIGATION PHASE:** You may see surveyors, large equipment, and field personnel collecting information, locating utilities, and taking soil borings to design of the infrastructure project. Roads may be temporarily closed, and flags or stakes may be placed in the area.

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE:** You can expect heavy equipment and trucks, travel delays, and nuisance dust and noise during construction and installation. Generally, hours of operation for construction are limited to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. M-F and other times with special permission. Roads may be temporarily closed, and utility services shut off for short periods of time. Delays and changes in travel routes can be expected throughout construction. There may be reduced access to property, sidewalks, and driveways.



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### How will I know what is happening, when? And will they need access to my property?

Any access or service interruption to property along the construction route is given in advance. We'll do our best to notify everyone impacted by infrastructure project work, especially if there are closures or disruption in service. We use door hangers, mail letters,

post information on the City's website, and use Notify Jo Co (please sign up for it at left).

### What will be restored following construction?

Trees, walls, sidewalks, fences, grass, plantings, monument signs, etc. will be restored if damaged due to construction activities.

## Understanding Property Access via Easement & Property Ownership of Right of Way

**Property Access via Easement:** Generally, existing utilities are located within the road right-of-way or within an easement across privately held land.

- You still own that property but there is a legal agreement between you as the property owner, and the holder of the easement (usually a public utility or agency). The right to access your property where the easement is located may have been given long ago and is documented on your property record at the Johnson County: <https://aims.jocogov.org/>

- An easement allows access to your property to install or maintain infrastructure including utilities and roads as well as to be used by public safety vehicles for the good of the community. This access is typically for a short duration during field investigation and for the duration of the construction work and restoration of the site.
- Field investigators, contractors, and surveyors should be easily identifiable, and should carry official identification. They shouldn't need access to your home, just the part of the property where an easement was previously granted.

**Property Ownership of Right of Way:** Typically, there is a strip of land adjacent to the edge of the roadway that is owned by a governmental entity (City, County, or State) This strip is called a public right-of-way.

- You likely do not own the property all the way to the street in front of your home or business. Public right-of-way is owned by the governmental entity for the benefit of the public. Check with Johnson County here: <https://aims.jocogov.org/> to review your property lines to determine the general extent of the right-of-way adjacent to the street.
- Field and construction workers can access right-of-way because the governmental entity owns the property. There is no requirement to ask permission of the adjacent property owners. If there is a need to access your property outside of the right-of-way a Right of Entry (ROE) agreement will be requested.

## SCHEDULE

103 <sup>rd</sup> Street Widening	Astra Parkway	Lexington Avenue
Pre-Construction/Field Investigations: Completed	Pre-Construction/Field Investigations: Ongoing	Pre-Construction/Field Investigations: Underway
Final Design: Completed	Final Design: Summer 2023	Final Design: Underway
Construction: Underway to Fall 2023	Construction: Fall 2023 to Fall 2024	Construction: Fall 2023 to Fall 2024

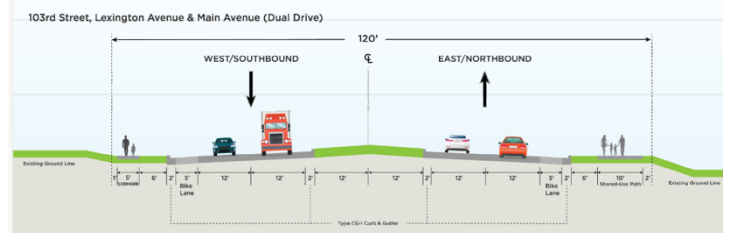


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### Proposed Typical Section



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