Project Background

THE OPPORTUNITY:
One of Leawood's last remaining undeveloped areas is along the 135th Street between Nall Avenue and State Line Road. To establish a vision for the continued development and completion of improvements along and near 135th Street, the City is taking on the 135th Street Community Plan process. The project, which will conclude in November, will result in a future land use plan for the study area and outline near-term and long-term transportation improvements, including roads and biking and pedestrian enhancements. The plan also will address park and open space connections as well as how the city can work with the private sector to create an aesthetically pleasing and well-designed area that serves as a strong front door to the community.

COMMUNITY PLAN OUTCOMES:
The plan for 135th Street will capture the vision of the community for this area over the next two to three decades and outline improvements that the city and property owners may make to the area over the short term and the long term. The plan will serve as a roadmap for the community to help transform 135th Street into a community that will serve as a central point of pride in Leawood for future generations. The planning effort will include recommendations for:

- Vehicular Transportation
- Mass Transit Enhancements
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
- Land Use
- Economic Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Aesthetic and Open Space Improvements

The 135th Street Community Plan will provide additional details concerning how developments and public improvements may proceed within the study area and provide the foundation for the City of Leawood to continue more detailed planning and construction of improvements at certain locations.

Today's public meeting will provide background information concerning this effort and the area, and allow you to provide input to the design team via interactive “keypad polling”. The various presentation boards located around the room provide background information on the area and this project.

THE TIMELINE:

- Project Start-up - June
- Data Collection and Analysis - June into August
- Initial Public Meeting - Visioning - August
- Second Public Meeting - Choosing Alternatives - September
- Third Public Meeting - Preferred Plan and Implementation - October
- Final Report and Recommendations - November
- Implementation of Improvements - TBD...

BE HEARD AND SPREAD THE WORD!

PUBLIC MEETINGS
1. Identifying Priorities! Keypad Polling - tell us what your concerns are with 135th Street community and help define the vision for the future. (August)
2. Zeroing In! Presentation of conceptual alternatives. Help select which alternatives move forward (September).
3. Moving Forward! Presentation of the preferred alternative. Weigh in on the final plan and learn how improvements will be implemented (October).

CHECK OUT THE PROJECT ONLINE:
For more information about the 135th Street Community Plan, please visit: http://www.leawood.org/135th/default.aspx
Or, join the conversation by visiting: www.leawood135thstreet.com for an interactive website, powered by MindMixer, where you can share your opinions, add new ideas and see what others are saying about how to develop the 135th Street Community.