



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Council Session

## Item E-3

**Public Hearing on Dedication of Public Right-of-Way for Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-1 (Kaufman Retention Cell- North of Old Potash Highway, West of Diers Avenue)**

*Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-7.*

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Keith Kurz PE, Assistant Public Works Director

**Meeting:** May 12, 2020

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Dedication of Public Right-of-Way for Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-1 (Kaufman Retention Cell- North of Old Potash Highway, West of Diers Avenue)

**Presenter(s):** John Collins PE, Public Works Director

## **Background**

The Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-1 is for improvements to Old Potash Highway, as well as intersecting roadways from North Road to Webb Road. The interaction between the various traffic features is complex, so an overall master plan was created to ensure that the individual projects will function together and address other safety issues in these areas. This plan includes widening and reconfiguring Old Potash Highway, signal and geometric improvements at each intersection, access management throughout the corridor, and improvements to the north and south of the Old Potash Highway corridor. Improvements are needed to allow the corridor to safely handle the ever increasing traffic in this area.

The City of Grand Island is dedicating property as right-of-way to be used for connection from Claude Road to Kaufman Avenue, which will accommodate improvements connected to the Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-1 and the Kaufman Retention Cell.

Nebraska State Statutes stipulate that the acquisition of property requires a public hearing to be conducted with the acquisition approved by the City Council.

## **Discussion**

To allow for the connection from Claude Road to Kaufman Avenue, which will accommodate improvements to both Old Potash Highway and the Kaufman Retention Cell it is required that current City property be dedicated by the City of Grand Island as right-of-way. This area is north of Old Potash Highway, west of Diers Avenue as shown on the attached exhibit.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the dedication of public right-of-way.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the dedication of public right-of-way.



## RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

2019-P-1 OLD POTASH HIGHWAY & CLAUDE ROAD PAVING IMPROVMENTS  
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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**