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City completes Pavement Management Plan

The Engineering Department recently presented the City's 2030 Pavement Management Plan. The plan ensures the City's 250.2 lane miles of roadway remain safe, functional and cost-efficient.

This plan explains how streets are evaluated and prioritized over the next five years using a Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) score, combined with traffic levels and street type to determine the greatest overall benefit to the street network. The PASER system is a visual inspection method used to classify pavement conditions and determine appropriate maintenance strategies.

This is part of the Public Street Condition Dashboard, which integrates AI-driven assessments, GIS mapping and PASER ratings to plan for future improvements. The City consulted with Professional Engineering Consultants to create the Dashboard, which can be found on the City's Website at eldoks.gov/StreetCondition. The process included automated cameras and sensors mounted on municipal vehicles to scan road surfaces; machine learning algorithms to analyze cracks, potholes and pavement distress; and AI-powered detection for early identification of problem areas.

The plan also includes information on treatment types and cost analysis, as well as a five-year capital improvement

By the Numbers

Roadway Types

- 214.9** lane miles of Asphalt
- 1.4** lane miles of Brick
- 7.7** lane miles of Concrete
- 32.6** miles of Unimproved streets

Street Classifications

- 192** miles of Local Roads
- 44.5** lane miles of Collector Roads
- 58.2** lane miles of Arterial Roads

Funding Sources

- \$700,000** from local sales tax
- \$355,870** from Special City/County Highway Fund and Gas Tax Refund in 2025
- \$137,710** annually from the Kansas Department of Transportation to maintain K-254, U.S. 54 and U.S. 77

program. This plan can be found at eldoks.gov/PavementManagementPlan.

Community Events

- **April 3**
Music Bingo @ Senior Center
 - **April 6 & 20**
City Commission Meetings
 - **April 6**
Potluck @ Senior Center
 - **April 8**
Chamber Chat
Teen Manga Club @ Library
 - **April 10**
Coffee and Collections @ Oil Museum
 - **April 11**
Pancake Feed @ American Legion
 - **April 11-12**
Grow and Bloom in Butler County
Lawn and Garden Show
 - **April 13**
Crafty Senior Society @ Senior Center
 - **April 17**
Music Bingo @ Senior Center
Homeschool Days @ Oil Museum
 - **April 21**
Coutts Brown Bag Program
Book Club @ Bradford Library
 - **April 22-25**
Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale
 - **April 24**
Live Band @ Senior Center
 - **April 25**
Priscilla's Pet Pantry @ 400 W. Ash
Elks Lodge Steak Feed
 - **April 27**
Heritage/Gordy Page Turners Book Club
 - **April 28**
Rosie's Readers @ Equality El Dorado
- Reoccurring events:**
- Wednesdays
Little Historians @ KS Oil Museum
 - Thursdays
Elks Bingo @ Elks Lodge
Toddler Time & Builder's Club @ Library
Coffee Group @ Equality El Dorado
 - Fridays
Preschool Story Time @ Library
 - Saturdays
Drop-In Activities @ KS Oil Museum



DID YOU KNOW?

The Engineering Department completed street rehabilitation work on 55 blocks of City streets in 2025 for a total investment of \$944,525.71. (This does not include the Central Avenue Improvement Project.)

Commission Action

February meetings

- Representatives from the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt gave an update about the event.
- The Commission approved a resolution for paving improvements for the Adlesperger Smith Addition Phase III.
- The Commission set a public hearing for March 2 to consider proposed special assessments for the costs of paving and sanitary sewer improvements for Adlesperger Smith Addition Phase III.
- The Commission approved a contract with KDOT for the High Risk Urban Roads Program, Project No. U-2613-01.

What's happening in the City...

ELDO^{KS} Department Updates

Parks and Recreation

- Parks and Rec accepted applications for seasonal positions through Feb. 28. Interviews will be held on March 13 from 9:00-11:30 and 1:00-3:00 at the Civic Center.
- Park staff have completed the bridge plank replacement project on all three bridges along the bicycle/pedestrian path.
- T-Ball registrations are open until April 13. A discount for early registration is offered until March 30.

Engineering

- Staff continued work on the FEMA reimbursement coordination for June 2025 flood projects.
- Advanced pavement management public rollout efforts got underway, including the Street Condition Index.
- Staff continued Safe Streets for All outreach.
- Staff advanced the 12th Avenue bike path concept submittal to KDOT.

Get your questions answered with 'Ask El Dorado'

If you have questions about City services, events or more, you can now find answers with a new program called "Ask El Dorado" on our website.

Ask El Dorado allows residents to ask questions of the City. In response, residents will receive either an instant AI-generated answer or a short video response from a member of City staff. Residents are invited to join the discussion at www.eldoks.gov.



Administration

- Planning began on the 2027 Budget for the City by seeking input from the public through the Balancing Act software, which allowed people to give input on income and expenses in the City's Mill Levy Fund.

Experience El Dorado

- Gold Fest is growing! Email events@eldoks.gov if your business or organization would like to host bingo, a contest, a variety/talent show, or anything else fun and family-friendly.
- Apply today to be an Artisan Market or Food Court vendor at Gold Fest. Registration is open at experienceeldo.com.

Public Utilities

- The Department completed the 2025 stormwater annual report submittal to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- River Road Lift Station and force main bids were received, with Nowak Construction as low bidder at \$872,376.00 compared to the engineer's estimate of \$1,173,970.00.

Public Works

- The Department held a CDL class, with employees recently completing testing.
- Phase 2 of the state-mandated upgrades for the Animal Shelter were completed, including new epoxy flake floor coating and new cat cages.
- Plans are underway for Runway 15-33 at the airport to get a much-needed rehab late fall of 2026 or early 2027. This rehab project is a little over \$2 million, with the city share being less than \$100,000. Airport Manager Larry Arnold worked tirelessly getting paperwork together for this project at the 95/5 cost share.

Fire Dept.

- In February, firefighters not certified completed a two-week Hazmat Technician Training through a partnership with the Butler Fire & EMS Education Program and took the certification test. This will bring the total up to 16 techs, the most techs the department has had at one time.

BY THE Numbers

252.441 MG Total raw water drawn from El Dorado Lake in January

88.934 MG Water treated in January

87.235 MG Water pumped in January

1,780 Approximate number of tests performed in January at Water Treatment