

Hiawatha Awarded Grant for Brick Street Project

(KNZA)--The city of Hiawatha has been awarded a \$785,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation for a brick street rehabilitation project.

The City Commission Monday evening accepted the grant through KDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program for the rehab of Utah Street between 6th and 7th Streets.

The city will provide a nearly \$295,000 local match, with the total project cost placed at more than one million dollars (\$1,079,600).

Mayor Dr. Steffen Shamburg noted the city's share is about what it would have cost to put the block into concrete.

Shamburg says a local group will continue to search for funding options to rehab the other two bricks streets surrounding the courthouse square.

The Commission earlier this year agreed to proceed with keeping the brick streets in some fashion after a majority of residents responding to a survey indicted their support for keeping them.

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