

Atchison earns state-awarded highway funding

(KAIR)--\$400,000 is awarded to the City of Atchison, which is one of 34 cities in Kansas selected to receive a portion of \$28.65 million for improvements to the State Highway Systems located within city boundaries.

According to a release from the office of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, Atchison's portion of the funding will be used for improvements to the City's stretch of U.S. Highway 59.

The release explains that funds will be directed to preserve and improve pavement, add turn lanes, and modify intersections along essential roadways in both rural and urban areas throughout the state. The Atchison work will entail pavement restoration, which the release says rehabilitates or replaces pavement.

The grants are administered through the Kansas Department of Transportation's City Connecting Link Improvement Program, which the release calls "an important component of the state's bipartisan transportation program, IKE, passed under the Kelly Administration." A City Connecting Link is defined as any routing of the State Highway System located within the corporate limits of a city, not including the Interstate System.

According to the release, KDOT was able to increase the CCLIP funding level for this latest selection cycle by more than \$10 million over previous years due to additional federal funds coming to Kansas as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation.

Both federal and state funds are designated for the CCLIP program and local matching funds are required based on city population.

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