

PBPN receives grant for road repairs

**(KNZA)--The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was recently awarded a more than \$17 million federal grant for road improvements on the reservation.**

**The funding is through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program or RAISE, which is managed by the U.S Department of Transportation.**

**According to the federal agency, the project on the reservation includes “ patching, repairing and overlaying about 27 miles of roadway pavement.”**

**The scope of the project also includes “ cleaning and regrading ditches, replacing culverts, adding shoulders to existing roads, re-seeding and adding new signage”**

**In addition, about three miles of existing multi-use paths will be repaired.**

**The release says the repair and rehabilitation project will “ improve safe driving conditions and reduce the opportunity for crashes”**

**Tribal Chairman Joseph Rupnick said the federally financed work will be part of a four-phase infrastructure project by the tribe that will "positively impact the lives of its residents for years to come"**

**According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the goal of RAISE is to “ invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives.”**

**Congress has dedicated about \$14.3 billion to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.**

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