

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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