

Grant To Extend Atchison Riverfront Trail

(KAIR)--The city of Atchison has been awarded a quarter-of-a-million dollar grant that will help extend the trail at the Atchison Riverfront.

According to a press release from Atchison Public Works and Utility Director Justin Pregont, the city received a letter from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism informing them of the 250,000 grant submitted through the federal Recreational Trails Program.

The grant will be used for the Riverfront Trail Extension Project that will more than double the distance of the current trail to the north. When fully constructed, the Riverfront Trail Extension will be an eight-foot-wide, concrete, multi-use trail spanning just under 0.5 miles along the west side of River Road from the southern boat ramp to just north of the City's Raw Water Intake Pump Station.

The release states the grant will be supplemented with funding from the Atchison Riverfront Foundation and the city of Atchison. The city's 2017 Capital Improvement Program includes a \$60,000 contribution to the trail project.

The City expects the project to be built sometime in 2018. A full reconstruction of River Road from the north boat ramp to the City Limits, is expected to begin in the next few weeks. The River Road Reconstruction Project will be completed well before any work on the trail gets underway.

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