

City Applies For Funds To Improve Atchison Transportation

(KAIR)--Following Atchison City Commissions approval, the city of Atchison will apply for two grants both geared toward improving Atchison transpiration.

According to a press release from Atchison Public Works and Utilities Director Justin Pregont, both grants are being sought from the Kansas Department of Transportation through the federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

The first, is for the Second Street Corridor Project. This aims to improve sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, intersection crossings, and pedestrian lighting along Second Street from Commercial Street to Division Street.

In the amount of \$525,000, the grant would also seek to repair or replace the entire Amelia Earhart Historic District with fully restored brick sidewalks.

Pregont said this project is a high priority in the city's 2016 comprehensive plan by better connecting Benedictine College campus to downtown Atchison and the new YMCA and Holiday Inn Express.

The second application, is intended for the Atchison Middle School Safe Routes To Schools Stage 1 Project.

This is a collaborative project between the city, USD 409 and Live Well, Live Atchison among others.

Stage 1 seeks to make improvements to crosswalks surrounding Atchison Middle School, as well as sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, and intersection crossings along the Fifth Street corridor in south Atchison.

The release says grant award announcements from KDOT won't be announced until November of this year.

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