

## New Atchison Trail Opens With Ceremony



**(KAIR)--A crowd of around 100 gathered at the Atchison Santa Fe Depot Sunday afternoon, as a ribbon cutting was held for the official opening of the South Atchison Walking and Biking Trail.**

**Among the featured guests of the day was Atchison Mayor Allen Reavis.**

**He addressed the crowd, thanking the community partners who helped make the trail a reality. "The total amount the City actually spent on this is going to end up being a little bit under \$125,000. The other money came, \$1.2 million from KDOT, \$55,000 from the Sunflower Foundation, \$25,000 from Westar, and \$15,000 from Live Well. Blue Cross Blue Shield gave us \$25,000 with the Pathways grant."**

**Also in attendance was Andrea Clements, the Director of Live Well, Live Atchison, the organization that works to see an increase in local, healthy attitudes. "It's a visible indicator that our citizens in Atchison County, and the City of**

**Atchison, are committed to healthier living, a healthier lifestyle, for themselves now and for generations to come."**

**Once the formalities were complete, and the ribbon cut, residents of Atchison began to officially use the trail, with walkers and bicyclists both seen utilizing the new attraction.**

**Construction of the near mile and a-half long trail trail began in late February.**

**It stretches from the intersection of U.S. Highway's 59 and 73 to Raven Hill Road, near the Atchison Hospital.**

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