

South Atchison Trail Fence Issue Resolved

**(MSC News)--The recently opened South Atchison Trail has quickly become a well utilized attraction, with numerous walker, joggers, runners, and bicyclists seen at the site daily.**

**(KAIR)--A portion of the trail remains closed due to ongoing efforts to remedy a design issue with the fence that lines a portion of the trail.**

**However, Atchison's Director of Public Works, Justin Pregont, tells MSC News a solution has been reached with the contractor, Kansas Heavy Construction, to alleviate the gaps currently noticeable in the fencing. "The last month has been a little bit aggravating. It's been a complicated process to get everybody on the same page with this, but ultimately, just in the last few days, we have an agreement with the contractor to fix the fence with a complete welded solution, which is what we had been fighting for with them the entire time."**

**Pregont says the solution follows a back and forth in settling on a solution. "The old fence sub-contractor was pretty aggressive about trying to pursue some other solutions and alternatives...ultimately we declined to approve all of those alternatives. I think that the welded solution is going to be something that, unless you're a couple inches from the rail, most folks will never be able to tell there was an issue in the end."**

**If all goes as planned, Pregont expects the fence will be complete, and the "Sidewalk Closed" sign blocking the area of the trail affected by the fence, to be removed within two weeks.**

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