

Four local cities awarded funding for highway projects

(KAIR)--Four local cities are among thirty-six Kansas cities that will receive what a release from Governor Laura Kelly calls “a combined total of \$23 million to improve highways and intersections as part of the Kansas Department of Transportation’s City Connecting Link Improvement Program,” commonly referred to as CCLIP.

Funded projects fall into one of three categories: Surface Preservation, Pavement Restoration, and Geometric Improvement.

Both Fairview and Centralia are awarded funding for geometric improvement projects, with Fairview receiving \$2 million for a project on U.S. Highway 36 and Centralia receiving \$1 million for a project on K-9.

The City of Horton is awarded \$300,000 for a surface preservation project on U.S. Highway 73, while Atchison is awarded \$300,000 for a surface preservation project on K-7 Highway.

According to a release from the City of Atchison, the city’s 17th Street, or Main Street to Country Club Road, “which is also on the route of K-7 Highway through the City,” will benefit from the funds, with “a mill and overlay project to be built in 2022 or 2023,” with the project “likely to be built in tandem with a mill and overlay of Main Street, from 10th Street to 17th Street, which was previously awarded a \$300,000 grant through the same Kansas Department of Transportation program.”

Assistant Atchison City Manager Justin Pregont, in the City’s release, says the awarded work “fits together nicely with other recently built projects as well as other planned improvements that are coming over the next couple years.”

According to Kelly’s release, “Highway Infrastructure Program funds coming to Kansas enabled this round of CCLIP funds to increase from \$18 million to \$23 million for use in fiscal years 2022-2024.” KDOT received 61 applications requesting \$37 million in funding towards \$47 million in total construction.

According to the release, a city, under the program, “is required to contribute up to 25 percent of the project cost based on its population, though some cities contribute significantly more. Cities under 2,500 in population are not required to provide a match.”

