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**Governor Laura Kelly Congratulates City of Atwood for Receiving
\$147,500 in Cost Share Funds**

~Atwood receives funds for street improvements in downtown business district~

ATWOOD – Today, Governor Laura Kelly congratulated the City of Atwood for receiving \$147,500 in Cost Share funds as administered through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The funds will be used for street improvements in the downtown business district.

“Congratulations to the City of Atwood for receiving \$147,500 in the latest round of Cost Share funding,” **said Governor Laura Kelly**. “By working with our local partners to invest in our communities, our Cost Share program is improving road safety, mobility, and helping recruit new families and businesses to our state. This project is proof that when we work together to make smart investments in our foundation, all Kansans see results.”

A component of the Kelly Administration’s 10-year, bipartisan Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program, or IKE, the Cost Share program is designed to help rural and urban areas advance transportation projects to improve safety, support job retention and growth, relieve congestion, and improve access and mobility. The Atwood project was among 20 transportation construction projects selected for the Fall 2021 Cost Share recipients.

Project work will include the removal and replacement of several sections of deteriorated concrete pavement in the downtown Atwood business district. **City Superintendent Rick Kramer** said this is a much-needed project for the community.

“We have been trying to get something done for several years,” **Kramer said**. “The concrete is broken up from years of freezing and thawing, so this will help make the streets easier to walk on, especially for our elderly population.”

The City of Atwood will contribute a 50% match towards the \$295,000 total project cost, which Kramer said would have been difficult to complete without KDOT support.

Demand is high for Cost Share transportation dollars. **Michelle Needham**, Economic Development Programs Manager for KDOT, said 84 communities requested more than \$54.5 million in funding for this, the fifth round of the Cost Share program.

“KDOT was impressed with how this round of Cost Share projects hit markers for economic development, safety and community support,” **said Needham**. “KDOT and our Cost Share partners are working collaboratively to expedite delivery on selected projects.”

KDOT is investing \$9.4 million in this cycle of Cost Share, leveraging more than \$5.3 million in community matching dollars, a total of \$14.8 million in funding through state and local partnerships. Over the initial five rounds of Cost Share, more than 100 projects have received more than \$96 million in state funding.

The entire list of Fall 2021 Cost Share projects and other information are available [HERE](#).

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