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**Governor Laura Kelly Congratulates Rooks County for Receiving \$1 Million in Cost Share Funds**

*~Rooks County receives funds for improvement to County Road 10~*

**STOCKTON** – Today, Governor Laura Kelly congratulated Rooks County for receiving \$1 million in Cost Share funds as administered through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The funds will be used for improvements to County Road 10.

“Congratulations to Rooks County for receiving \$1 million 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 Rooks County project was among 20 transportation construction projects selected for the Fall 2021 Cost Share recipients.

“This is a heavily utilized road that many in the county use,” **said Rooks County Commissioner John Ruder**. “It’s the only paved route between K-18 and U.S. 24 and a way into Webster State Park, so improving it will be a great benefit for both local residents and visitors to the lake.”

Ruder said the project likely could not have been completed without KDOT funding. The total construction cost is estimated at \$1.5 million, with Rooks County providing approximately 33% of the funding.

Project work will include a “profile mill” to smooth out the current surface, followed by application of a 2-inch asphalt overlay. The project will cover approximately 10 miles, starting at the K-18 junction and ending near K-258.

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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