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**Governor Laura Kelly Congratulates City of Garden Plain for Receiving
\$139,750 in Cost Share Funds**

~Garden Plain receives funds to replace sidewalks on North Main Street~

GARDEN PLAIN – Today, Governor Laura Kelly congratulated the City of Garden Plain for receiving \$139,750 in Cost Share funds as administered through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The North Main Street Sidewalk Improvement Project will replace sidewalks that currently are not ADA compliant.

“Congratulations to Garden Plain for receiving \$139,750 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 city of Garden Plain was among 20 transportation construction projects selected for the Fall 2021 Cost Share recipients.

“The city was very excited to have the opportunity to complete this project,” **said Kimberly McCormick, Garden Plain City Clerk**. “Our sidewalks in the downtown district are older and are starting to settle and crumble in some spots. This project will help us eliminate tripping hazards and make it more enjoyable to come walk and shop downtown.”

The estimated total cost of the project is \$225,000, with the City of Garden Plain contributing 35%.

“This is another step in the process of completing our Bike/Pedestrian plan and it will help bring people walking downtown to shop our new stores,” **said McCormick**. “This project would not have been able to proceed at this time without KDOT’s 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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