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PRESS RELEASE

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City Receives Transportation Alternative Funds

McPherson – The City of McPherson has been awarded state funds to extend the sidewalk that will be under construction this summer along Avenue A. The project will be funded by the Transportation Alternative program with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and is one of 25 selected in the state.

“We are very excited about being able to extend the 10-foot sidewalk from Thunderbird Street east to the Dog Park then north to Frontage Road,” said Jeff Woodward, Director of Public Works. “This will make pedestrian and bicycle travel much safer in the southeast part of the City.”

According to KDOT, eligible projects included facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, scenic or historical highway programs, landscaping and scenic beautification, historic preservation of transportation facilities, conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails, control or removal of outdoor advertising, archaeological planning and research related to transportation, and the Safe Routes to School program.

“We received 48 applications and chose projects that would best strengthen non-motorized transportation for Kansans of all ages and abilities,” said Mike Spadafore, KDOT coordinator for the Transportation Alternatives program. “We were pleased to see a wide variety of applications, and so many that used local collaboration that showed public support of their projects.” Each sponsor, including the City of McPherson, must commit to a minimum 20 percent match.

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