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CITY AWARDED GRANT FOR NORTHVIEW PROJECT

McPHERSON — The City of McPherson is excited to announce it has received a fifth Transportation Alternative grant for completion of Phase II of the Northview 10-foot trail project.

The grant award — in the amount of \$856,351 — was announced Thursday by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly. The grant is administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation and provides funding for a variety of projects. It was one of 32 grants awarded Thursday across the state.

“This funding will make it easier for Kansas to get outside and get moving no matter where they live,” Kelly said in a statement. “By investing in our infrastructure, we are making our communities safer, stronger and more attractive for generations to come.”

Phase I of the Northview project, which already is completed, was partially funded through a separate award from the program.

“We are extremely excited that the Kansas Department of Transportation has chosen to fund the East Northview Phase II Trail Project as part of the Transportation Alternative program,” City Administrator Nick Gregory said. “This goes a long way to assuring accessibility for biking, hiking and walking opportunities in and around the East Northview neighborhood and providing connectivity to rest of our trail system. It will be a great addition to our network of sidewalks and trails across the community.”

“I want to thank Jeff Woodward (Public Works Director) and McPherson Public Works Department for their efforts obtain this grant and the many other related trail grants that the City of McPherson has successfully received,” Gregory added.

The grant will be used to complete the 10-foot hiking, biking and walking trail from Main Street to East Veranda Circle along Northview Road. It will tie into Phase I, which was constructed from Meadowlark Trail to Main. The TA Grant covers 80 percent of the total construction cost.

In May, McPherson Mayor Tom Brown, Commissioner Larry Wiens and Commissioner Gary Mehl unanimously adopted a resolution of support and administration for the grant application and agreed to match the 20-percent requirement, showing a continued willingness to prioritize these valuable projects.

“These grants provide an excellent opportunity to provide walking, jogging and biking trails that fit into the City’s master plan,” Woodward said.

It’s the fifth TA Grant awarded to the City of McPherson.

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