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**Governor Laura Kelly Congratulates City of Chanute for Receiving  
\$474,000 in Cost Share Funds**

*~Chanute receives funds for intersection improvement project at Plummer and 21st~*

**CHANUTE** – Today, Governor Laura Kelly congratulated the City of Chanute for receiving \$474,000 in Cost Share funds as administered through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The funds will be used to add turning lanes, a signal and concrete pavement at the intersection of Plummer and 21<sup>st</sup> streets.

“Congratulations to the City of Chanute for receiving \$474,000 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 Plummer and 21<sup>st</sup> intersection improvement in Chanute is among 20 transportation construction projects selected for the Fall 2021 Cost Share recipients.

“We are obviously very excited” about this improvement at the busy intersection, **said Chanute City Manager Todd Newman**. “This is a huge addition to this intersection.”

Newman said construction will begin in the summer or early fall of 2022 with expectation the project will be completed by the end of the year. The estimated cost of the project is \$632,000. The City of Chanute is providing a 25% funding match to KDOT’s contribution.

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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