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City Wins Funding for Bikeways Phase III Project and Phase 2 Safe Routes to School Program for Quincy Elementary

TOPEKA, Kan.- The City of Topeka has received \$803,820 from the Kansas Department of Transportation to fund a Bikeways Phase III project to create an innovative design on 8th avenue and several other Bikeways Phase III projects in the Bikeways Master Plan. This project will make significant progress on Topeka's effort to make the City even more bike friendly.

A grant of \$280,000 was awarded to complete a Phase II Safe Routes to School Program for Quincy Elementary. This project will ensure that complete streets are available for students and families to walk or bike to school. It will also promote pedestrian and bicycle safety programs, educating parents and students about leading healthy lifestyles. The City of Topeka is excited to promote Safe Routes to School and hopes that this project will spur others like it throughout the City.

"We are excited for the city of Topeka to continue to expand our Bikeways system as a recognized Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community," said Interim City Manager Doug Gerber. "The Safe Routes to School Program for Quincy Elementary is also integral to providing safe streets for Topeka's children to walk or bike to school."

Both grants are through the Kansas Department of Transportation Alternatives Program, which provides funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

The award from KDOT provides 80 percent of the funding for both projects. The remaining 20 percent will be from City funds. This funding is critical to achieving goals outlined in the comprehensive plans developed by Topeka and Shawnee County for the Bikeways Master Plan, Pedestrian Plan and recently adopted Futures 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

More information on the Bikeways project can be found online at
<https://www.topeka.org/planning/Pages/Bikeways.aspx>

Many community organization and stakeholders provided support for these applications including the Shawnee County Health Agency, Topeka Bikeways, Topeka Metro, USD 501 and others.