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City receives grant for South Kansas bike path

The City of Newton has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Sunflower Foundation to help construct a section of bike path along South Kansas Avenue.

The grant will provide funds for a 10-foot-wide paved path from Southeast 24th Street to Autumn Glen. The project dovetails with another grant the City is seeking from KDOT's Safe Routes to Schools program, which would fund the bike path from Southeast 24th Street North to Southeast 14th.

"We're very pleased to receive this grant funding," said Suzanne Loomis, city engineer/director of public works. "Pathway along South Kansas is something that will benefit the entire community."

Because of the different funding cycles of the grant programs, the full path will not be completed all at once. The southern section from 24th Street to Autumn Glen will likely be completed before the northern portion has been started.

"We know it seems strange to do the small southern portion first," Loomis said. "But in order to take advantage of the grant funding, this is how we have to do it."

Construction of the southern section of bike path is expected to begin this spring.

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