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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **KDOT AWARDS COST SHARE GRANT TO CITY OF HUTCHINSON AND RENO COUNTY**

**Reno County, Kansas** - The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) announced today that a joint application between the City of Hutchinson and Reno County has been selected for funding in the Fall 2022 KDOT Cost Share grant cycle. The \$1.5 million award will cover approximately 42% of a \$3.6 million dollar project that will assist in the repair and preservation of the Woodie Seat corridor including the County owned bridge over the Arkansas River and the City owned infrastructure located north of the bridge and south of Avenue C.

The bridge and roadway represent a critical infrastructure investment in Reno County and serves as a vital 4-lane connector between South Hutchinson and Hutchinson, the two largest cities in Reno County. This corridor acts as the most-used gateway into Hutchinson and improvements to the roadway will benefit the continued revitalization of the historic downtown and the city's commitment to investment in the surrounding community.

Reno County Commission Chairperson Daniel Friesen said, "These Cost Share Program funds will improve travel and safety conditions for city and county residents, business owners and travelers, promoting regional connectivity in Reno County."

"We are excited for what these funds mean for the continued economic growth and connectivity of our region," said Hutchinson Mayor Jade Piros de Carvalho. "This award is a great reminder of what we can accomplish when we look for ways to collaborate."