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**Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for City of Chattanooga
*Grant to Fund Manufacturers Road/Hamm Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Phase One***

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$1,080,148 transportation enhancement grant to the city of Chattanooga for Phase One of the Manufacturers Road/Hamm Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities.

The project will install 5,130 linear feet of 12 foot pedestrian sidewalk and multimodal bike path running east and west on the south side of Manufacturers Road/Hamm Road beginning at the U.S. Hwy. 27 interchange and future TDOT widening project, west to Hamm Road at the Moccasin Bend National Park and Visitor's Center. The work will also include new bike parking and streetscape improvements such as pedestrian lighting, landscaping and bus shelters.

"Projects like this allow citizens to have healthy transportation options, like biking or walking, that improve the quality of life in a community," said Bredesen. "I am pleased the state is helping with this important transportation link."

"This project will allow connectivity with the Moccasin Bend National Park and future Visitor's Center," added Senator Andy Berke. "I thank Governor Bredesen and TDOT for providing these funds."

"The inclusion of bus shelters with this project will encourage more people to consider mass transit, thereby reducing congestion on our roadways," said Representative JoAnne Favors. "I am very pleased to have helped secure funding for this important project."

The grant is made possible through a federally funded program administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

"Through Transportation Enhancement grants, TDOT has funded approximately \$223 million in non-traditional transportation projects," said Nicely. "Established by Congress in the early 1990's, the program supports activities designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the nation's transportation system."

A variety of activities such as the restoration of historic facilities, bike and pedestrian trails, landscaping and other non-traditional transportation projects are eligible for grant funds under the federal program.

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