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Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for Town of Clifton
Grant to Fund Downtown Streetscape Project

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$601,124 transportation enhancement grant to the town of Clifton for the Main Street Streetscape Project.

The improvements will be made along Main Street, which makes up the core of Clifton's downtown district. The primary focus of the project will be to enhance the existing sidewalks by adding pedestrian lighting along a 5,000 foot section of Main Street, connecting the Columbia State Community College campus to the downtown district. Crosswalks will also be accentuated with decorative bricked stamped and colored concrete

"As in many Tennessee communities, Clifton's downtown area serves as a central point of retail, government and professional services," said Bredesen. "This project will complement other improvements to Clifton's downtown district and will create a more pedestrian friendly environment."

"I fully support Clifton's efforts to build on the unique character of its downtown and also make it more accessible to its residents and visitors," said Representative Steve McDaniel.

"Projects like this can result in increased tourism and make the area more appealing for new businesses," added Senator Dolores Gresham. "I'm pleased the state is providing the funds necessary to launch this 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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