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Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for Town of Maury City
Grant to Fund Improvements to Downtown Area

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen and TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely joined state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$234,039 transportation enhancement grant to the Town of Maury City in Crockett County for Phase I of the Downtown Revitalization project.

This project will focus on promoting the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists and enhancing the visual appeal of Maury City's downtown district. The project includes new pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and decorative concrete pavers. New benches, bicycle racks, pedestrian lighting and landscaping will be added to several locations along First Street from Poston Street to Ezell Street.

"Downtown enhancement projects like this one can serve as a catalyst for other investments and private sector improvements that can change the face of the entire area," said Bredesen. "I'm pleased the state can help make this investment in Maury City."

"It is my belief that the viability of rural downtowns is critical to the success of our area," said Representative Craig Fitzhugh. "Projects like this present safe and attractive alternatives for transportation and add to the quality of life for citizens. I'm pleased the state is providing the funding necessary to move this project forward."

Senator Dolores Gresham also supported the 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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