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Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for City of Crossville
Grant to Fund Improvements to Main Street Corridor in Downtown Area

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$1,067,974 transportation enhancement grant to the city of Crossville for the Crossville Downtown Enhancement Project.

The Crossville Downtown Enhancement Project provides for both pedestrian facilities and for landscaping and scenic beautification. The overall purpose of the project is to create a user-friendly, pedestrian-safe, welcoming, and attractive Main Street corridor. The improvements include installation of more than 2,000 linear feet of new pedestrian walkway on Main Street (U.S. 127, SR-28) from East Adams Street to Neecham Street. The walkway will increase connectivity with retail shops, restaurants, offices, historic buildings and sites, and cultural facilities in the downtown district.

"This project brings a new look to Main Street in Crossville," said Bredesen. "When complete, the project will provide safer transportation alternatives that will increase the sense of community and draw new visitors to the area each year. I am pleased the state is helping with these important improvements."

Senator Charlotte Burks added, "The improved Main Street corridor will add to the quality of life of those who live and work in Crossville, and I am looking forward to seeing it grow as a distinctive destination for retail and restaurants."

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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