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Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for City of Decherd
Grant to Be Used to Construct Decherd Community Walkway

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$190,160 transportation enhancement grant to the city of Decherd for the Decherd Community Walkway.

The Decherd Community Walkway project will install nearly 8,000 linear feet of ADA-compliant four and five foot wide concrete sidewalks along portions of several downtown streets in Decherd. The project will reduce vehicular traffic through the corridor and encourage increased pedestrian traffic by providing a walkway from the residential areas to the community park on Broad Street. The proposed project will also generate a safer walking atmosphere for the nearly 500 students at the Decherd Elementary School on North Bratton Street.

"When this project is complete, Decherd will have a safer and more accessible route to its downtown, nearby schools, and other services," said Bredesen. "This is a project that will benefit the entire county, and I'm pleased the state of Tennessee can make investments like this to enhance local communities."

Senator Eric Stewart added, "This project has received an incredible amount of local support, and I am pleased that the state is helping to make this project a reality."

"Having safe transportation options available to the citizens of Decherd is vital," said Representative George Fraley, "I thank Governor Bredesen and TDOT for providing these funds."

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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