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**Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for City of Dunlap
*Grant to Fund Coops Creek Greenway Project***

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$105,833 transportation enhancement grant to the city of Dunlap for the Coops Creek Greenway Project.

The project will construct 1,100 linear feet of 8-foot-wide multi-use greenway along Coops Creek, connecting the south end commercial district at the Coops Creek Bridge with businesses and the Sequatchie County Courthouse at the center of downtown Dunlap on Cherry Street. The pedestrian enhancement project will serve as an additional phase of Dunlap's downtown revitalization efforts and will connect with Phase One of the city's streetscape project.

"This project continues Dunlap's efforts to provide citizens and visitors a chance to walk in a safer and more accessible environment," said Bredesen. "It is a project that both Sequatchie County residents and visitors can enjoy. I'm proud the state can make investments like this to enhance local communities."

"This project will continue to enhance downtown Dunlap's pedestrian amenities and should help stimulate more economic growth," said Representative Bill Harmon. "I am pleased that the state is helping improve this transportation link."

"This project will provide a walkway for the citizens of Dunlap to use for both recreational and transportation purposes," said Senator Eric Stewart. "I thank Governor Bredesen and TDOT for providing funds to improve the quality of life for residents of Sequatchie County."

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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