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**Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for Knox County**  
***Grant to Fund Phase Two of Halls Park to School Link Project***

**NASHVILLE** - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$501,282 transportation enhancement grant to Knox County for Phase Two of the Halls Park to School Link project.

Phase Two of the Halls Park to School Link Project includes construction of 5,410 linear feet of new greenway trail from Halls Elementary School through Clayton Park to the existing Halls Greenway System. The trail will be mostly constructed of a ten-foot wide paved path but sections of boardwalk will be used in wetland areas and a pedestrian crossing over the North Fork of Beaver Creek will be constructed.

“This project will connect to the newly constructed sidewalks on Emory Road to add more than two and a half miles of greenway and sidewalks in the Halls Crossroads area,” said Bredesen. “Once complete, this project will connect area parks, schools, businesses, and residential neighborhoods with greenway trails.”

Senate Speaker Pro Tempore Jamie Woodson added, “Connecting our neighborhoods and schools with safer greenways and sidewalks encourages healthy activities for both children and adults. I’m pleased to support this project to provide the Halls Crossroads area residents with a more walkable community.”

“I’m pleased the Governor and TDOT are supporting this project with a transportation enhancement grant,” said Representative Bill Dunn. “A major concern for many residents has been the lack of sidewalks, pedestrian connections and bicycle facilities in Knox County. This project will add more than a mile to the current Beaver Creek Greenway Corridor.”

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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