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**Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for Town of Halls**  
***Grant to Fund Improvements to Downtown***

**NASHVILLE** - Governor Phil Bredesen and TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely joined state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$200,888 transportation enhancement grant to the town of Halls for Phase III of the Downtown Revitalization Project.

This phase of the project will focus on the east side of North Front Street, and will place 450 linear feet of new sidewalks along the route. The project will also replace deteriorating sidewalks, add decorative brick pavers, and crosswalks at all intersections. Phase III also includes the continuation of new street light fixtures along Church Street and North Front, as well as trees and other landscaping to enhance the downtown area.

"I'm pleased the state of Tennessee could help with this phase of the Downtown Halls Revitalization project," said Bredesen. "This project is an important next step in providing safe travel for pedestrians and making businesses, parks, and other attractions more accessible."

"When complete, this project will further the town of Hall's efforts to create a downtown that encourages visitors to park, walk, and shop," said Representative Craig Fitzhugh. "I'm pleased Governor Bredesen and TDOT are providing these funds for this important project."

Senator Mark Norris 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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