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Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for Lenoir City
Grant to Fund Improvements to Downtown

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of an \$80,242 transportation enhancement grant to Lenoir City for the Lenoir City Downtown Streetscape project.

The Lenoir City Downtown Streetscape project includes improvements to the intersection at "A" Street and Broadway (U.S. Highway 11/SR-2), utility relocations, pedestrian LED lighting, and landscaping along Broadway between "A" Street and Kingston Street. Existing light fixtures along Broadway between A Street and Kingston Street will be removed and replaced with new period pedestrian LED light fixtures. The proposed streetscape improvements are intended to make downtown Lenoir City more attractive, livable, and safer.

"The redevelopment of downtown Lenoir City has remained an important issue for residents and city leaders for more than twenty years," said Bredesen. "I'm pleased the state is able to fund these improvements to downtown Lenoir City which should help to enable this unique, historic downtown to reach its full economic potential."

Senator Randy McNally added, "This project reinforces the need for beautification along state highways, safer and alternate transportation modes and historic preservation of transportation corridors. I'm pleased to see the Governor and TDOT providing funds to Lenoir City for this project."

"This project will not only add to the redevelopment of the historic downtown, it will also help encourage citizens to be more active by walking or riding a bike to eat, shop, and do everyday business in Lenoir City," said Representative Dennis Ferguson. "I am proud to support this project."

Representative Jimmy Matlock 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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