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**Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for Town of Mt. Pleasant
*Grant to Fund Community Walkway Phase II Project***

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$259,200 transportation enhancement grant to the town of Mt. Pleasant for Phase II of the Mt. Pleasant Community Walkway Project.

The Mt. Pleasant Community Walkway Project is part of a comprehensive community effort to connect all community facilities and increase pedestrian traffic. Phase II will extend the walkway along Greenwood Street and First Avenue linking the city's elementary, middle, and high schools with a nearby park and athletic field. The project will also connect several neighborhoods, allowing children and other residents to safely access schools and recreational areas.

"The town of Mt. Pleasant has already made great strides in increasing safety within important areas of the community while also encouraging residents to walk to their destinations," said Bredesen. "I'm pleased we could provide the funds necessary for the launch of Phase II of this project."

"Many of our students walk or bicycle to and from school each day," said Representative Ty Cobb. "I thank Governor Bredesen and TDOT for assisting with projects that will increase safety dramatically."

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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