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Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for Roane County
Grant to Fund Phase Two of the Cornstalk Heights Lighting and Trail Project

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$309,328 transportation enhancement grant to the city of Harriman in Roane County for Phase II of the Cornstalk Heights Lighting and Trail project.

Phase II of the Cornstalk Heights Lighting and Trail project includes construction of 7,394 linear feet of sidewalks on Morgan, Walden and Sewanee Streets in the city of Harriman. The original brick sidewalks constructed in the 1950s were removed due to deterioration. In order to maintain the same integrity and historical presence in the area, the City of Harriman will utilize a street print of brick that will be used for the sidewalk in those areas that had the old brick. The project also includes the installation of pedestrian lighting to improve safety for pedestrians walking through the area at night.

“This project will provide residents and visitors to the historic Cornstalk Heights area of Harriman with a safe place to walk and ride bikes and easily access the central business district,” said Bredesen. “I’m pleased the state could provide these funds to improve access to this historic community.”

Representative Dennis Ferguson is a strong supporter of the project and added, “This project will provide a safe alternative means of transportation to local residents and will help accentuate the historic homes in the district.”

Senator Ken Yager 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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