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Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for City of Tullahoma
Grant to Fund the Tullahoma Downtown Revitalization Project

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$291,752 transportation enhancement grant to the city of Tullahoma for the Tullahoma Downtown Revitalization Project.

The project will include replacement of deteriorating sidewalks in the downtown section of E. Lincoln Street and the construction of new concrete ramps and decorative brick stamped crosswalks. The existing landscaping will be replaced with improved islands plantings of trees and shrubs that compliment the greenway system and the downtown business district. New pedestrian lighting will be added along the sidewalks, while existing overhead wires will be relocated underground. A new section of greenway will be installed adjacent to History Park along E. Lincoln Street, which will serve to connect the city park to the greenway system and form a new trailhead for the system.

“Efforts to revitalize downtown Tullahoma can result in increased tourism and can make the area more appealing to new businesses,” said Bredesen. “I’m pleased we could provide the funds necessary to move this project forward.”

Senator Eric Stewart added, “This project will continue the transformation of downtown Tullahoma and will make it a more inviting destination for business, shopping, and dining. I thank Governor Bredesen and TDOT for making this grant available.”

“Having transportation options available to the citizens of Tullahoma is important,” said Representative Judd Matheny. “I am happy to have helped secure funding for this important 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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