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Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for City of Winchester
Grant to Be Used for Gateway Improvement Project

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$584,803 transportation enhancement grant to the city of Winchester for the Winchester Gateway Improvement Project.

The Winchester Gateway Improvement Project includes sidewalk reconstruction, crosswalks, ADA-compliant ramps, lighting, signage, landscaping, utility relocation, drainage improvements, and traffic markings. The project walkways begin on both sides of the Boiling Fork Bridge on U.S. 41A (Dinah Shore Boulevard), and extend west toward the public square and end at the intersection of U.S. 41A and College Street. The project will continue Winchester's efforts to improve traffic flow in the downtown and surrounding area and encourage more people to visit the district. Important linkages include several retail stores, a grocery store, public housing, residential neighborhoods, and the Franklin County Jail Museum.

"An attractive gateway to the downtown area that helps improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be a great enhancement to the city of Winchester," said Bredesen. "This project will improve the quality of life in the region for those who live in and visit the area."

"The city has already made remarkable improvements to the downtown district through TDOT enhancement grants," said Senator Eric Stewart. "I am pleased to have helped secure the funding for these continued efforts."

"I thank Governor Bredesen and TDOT for providing the funds for a project that will enhance our community and make it an even better place to live," said Representative George Fraley.

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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