



Tennessee Department of Transportation

Lyndsay Botts
Communications Director

615.741.2331 (office)
615.319.9488 (mobile)
Lyndsay.Botts@TN.Gov

August 1, 2011

**Governor Haslam and TDOT Commissioner Announce Enhancement Grant for
Nashville**

Grant to Fund Harding Place Pedestrian Network Phase I

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and TDOT Commissioner John Schroer are pleased to announce the award of a \$1,961,000 transportation enhancement grant to the city of Nashville for Phase I of the Harding Place Pedestrian Network Project.

The Harding Place Pedestrian Network Project will add concrete sidewalks to Harding Place from Nolensville Road to Tampa Drive. The project will improve pedestrian safety and connectivity in an area that is home to multi-family residences, retail centers, churches, a hospital, and bus stops.

“The Harding Place Pedestrian Network will provide a much needed link between schools, residential areas, and commercial developments,” Haslam said. “These improvements will help keep pedestrians safe and encourage more residents to walk to their destinations. I’m pleased we could make this investment in Davidson County.”

The grant is made possible through a federally funded program administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

“Through Transportation Enhancement grants, TDOT has funded more than \$259 million in non-traditional transportation projects,” said TDOT Commissioner John Schroer. “Established by Congress in the early 1990s, the program supports activities designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the nation’s transportation system.”

Mayor Karl Dean said, “This sidewalk will allow residents to access mass transit, schools, churches and stores more safely, and I’m pleased that TDOT and Metro worked together to make it happen. Sidewalks connect us as a community, and they encourage Nashvillians to walk and be more active.”

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.

The Davidson County legislative delegation also worked to secure these grant funds.

###