

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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Bredesen presents \$168,000 check for Hale Springs Inn (Kingsport Times-News)

Plagued with setback after setback since the project was launched in 2003, the Hale Springs Inn renovation is back on track with an estimated completion time of April thanks in part to a new \$168,000 state grant. Although approval of the grant was announced in August, Gov. Phil Bredesen visited Rogersville Friday afternoon with state Sen. Mike Williams, I-Maynardsville, for a formal check presentation ceremony in front of Rogersville's 184-year-old inn. This new funding is the second Tennessee Department of Transportation enhancement grant awarded for the project, the first of which was approximately \$800,000 awarded in 2004. "I know how much Rogersville is doing to revitalize its downtown, and I think the town leaders who have chosen this inn as the focal point of their plans are really doing a smart thing," Bredesen said during the ceremony, held outside the inn entrance. <http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9008306>

Bredesen awards enhancement grant to city of Friendship (State Gazette)

Gov. Phil Bredesen joined local leaders on Main Street in the city of Friendship on Thursday afternoon to award a transportation-enhancement grant totaling \$415,200 for the Friendship Streetscape project in Crockett County. "The Merchants Association was very helpful in getting things done as well as storeowners renovating their storefronts," Mayor Burnette of Friendship said. "It is a great thing for Friendship," said city clerk Tammy Whitley. "It's important for our downtown areas to be accessible to all citizens," Bredesen said. "This grant will help improve access to downtown Friendship and increase safety for both pedestrians and motorists. I'm pleased the state is able to assist with this enhancement project." The grant funds will be used for a combination sidewalk and streetscape project. The sidewalk project will repair and construct 1,100 feet of sidewalk along Depot, Poplar and College streets, including the addition of ADA-compliant ramps. <http://www.stategazette.com/story/1464976.html>

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