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Nashville Area MPO Awards Grants for Active Transportation Projects across Middle Tennessee

Nashville, Tenn. (Dec. 11, 2014) ----- This week the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) formally awarded nearly \$10 million for active transportation grants across Middle Tennessee.

In the spring of 2014, the MPO accepted applications from public agencies located within the organization's planning area to help advance regional initiatives to improve walking and bicycling infrastructure in Middle Tennessee. The applications for these grants were reviewed and scored over a two month period to determine their impact and support of our growing transportation needs.

"Walking and bicycling are important modes of transportation in our region, and the demand for this infrastructure has continued to grow," said Leslie Meehan, director of healthy communities for the Nashville Area MPO. "To support this demand, the MPO works with local, state and federal government to ensure active transportation facilities are available, these projects receiving grant dollars will improve accessibility and increase transportation options."

Initially announced during the MPO's annual meeting in November, the active transportation projects which were awarded grants include:

Small Town Connections

City of Nolensville

Award Amount: \$415,000

Construction of a trailhead and bridge, and environmental work for the Nolensville multi-use trail.

Lower Station Camp Creek Greenway

Sumner County

Award Amount: \$1,045,000

Design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of 2,000 linear feet from Station Camp School to Saundersville Station subdivision, including a pedestrian bridge over Station Camp Creek.

North Nashville Mini Transit Hub

Nashville MTA

Award Amount: \$750,000

Construction of a transit hub, sidewalks, and bicycle parking along Clarksville Pike (SR-112).

Highway 31W Sidewalk & Bicycle Lanes

City of White House

Award Amount: \$1,600,000

Construction of a three-quarter mile multi-use trail on Highway 31 from Clearview Court to the greenway trailhead.

Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Program

City of Gallatin

Award Amount: \$560,000

Construction of 4 miles of sidewalks across 13 high-priority locations throughout the city.

Belinda Parkway Pedestrian Connector

City of Mt. Juliet

Award Amount: \$1,250,000

Construction of nearly 2 miles of sidewalks between Providence Greenway and Jerry Mundy Park, connecting residential and commercial areas.

Franklin Pike Multimodal Plan

City of Berry Hill

Award Amount: \$125,000

Preparation of a multi-modal plan for a one-mile stretch of Franklin Pike between Wedgewood and Berry Road. The plan will engage the public and community stakeholders to develop recommendations for improved access management for automobiles, and new accommodations for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit users.

Franklin-Cool Springs Bike Share Program

Franklin Transit Authority

Award Amount: \$2,065,000

Implementation, administration, and maintenance of 23 bike-share stations of 10 bicycles each across Franklin and the Cools Springs area

S. Lowry Street Streetscaping and Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements

Town of Smyrna

Award Amount: \$320,000

First phase of planned streetscape improvements to Lowry Street from Sam Davis Road to Jackson Street in downtown Smyrna. The design includes pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the replacement of a center turn lane with a landscaped median.

Nolensville Pike Mini Transit Hub

Nashville MTA

Award Amount: \$1,500,000

Construction of a transit hub at the intersection of Nolensville Pike and Harding Place. The project will include covered bicycle parking, improved pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalks, and signage.

For more information on active transportation programs of the MPO, visit nashvilleMPO.org.

About the Nashville Area MPO:

The Nashville Area MPO is the lead transportation policy, planning, and programming agency for Middle Tennessee and serves more than 1.5 million people throughout Davidson, Maury, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties. Acting as a regional partnership among the local elected leadership, transit agencies, Tennessee Department of

Transportation, and federal agencies, the MPO represents a forum for the business community and citizens across the seven-county area to help decide how federal and state funds will be used to improve roads, bridges, public transit, and walking and bicycling conditions.

The MPO leads in the development of the metropolitan area's long-range transportation plan and near-term investment program, and contributes to ongoing conversations about economic development, land use, the environment, and public health. To learn more, visit NashvilleMPO.org.

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