

La Grange Awarded TDOT Multimodal Access Fund Grant to Improve Sidewalks

Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and TN Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer have announced a Multimodal Access Fund award for the Town of La Grange. The town will receive \$408,365 for sidewalk improvements to address pedestrian access and safety along Highway 57 and Main St. La Grange is providing a 5% match, or \$20,418, towards the project. The town is one of 14 applicants to receive funding totaling \$10.3 million to address needs in transit, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities.

“La Grange is a quaint, historic community where residents and visitors travel by foot to destinations throughout town. Unfortunately, sidewalks are unsafe and in a state of disrepair. As a small community, resources are limited to address these needs,” stated La Grange Mayor Bill Cowan. “As a result of TN Department of Transportation and West Tennessee Rural Planning Organization, we’re able to begin a process which will make our community safer and more travel-friendly.”

The project is expected to start in spring 2017. The grant was submitted to TDOT through the support of the West TN Rural Planning Organization.

Atoka Awarded TDOT Community Transportation Planning Grant for Complete Streets Plan

Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and TN Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer have announced an award for the Town of Atoka through the Community Transportation Planning Grant. Atoka will receive \$45,000 to develop a complete streets plan to address transportation and land use concerns. Atoka will provide a 10% match, or \$5,000, for a total project cost of \$50,000. The community is one of ten applicants which received funding totaling \$1 million for community planning initiatives.

Following the announcement, Atoka Mayor Daryl Walker responded: “Our efforts for smart and responsible growth begin with establishing a transportation plan. For example, between Munford and Atoka, similar roads and property is shared and it only makes sense to find ways in which these communities can come together to create commuter-friendly facilities. TDOT’s assistance in helping Atoka prepare a complete streets plan responds to challenges facing small, but growing communities such as ours.”

The project is expected to start in the coming months. The state of TN funds the Community Transportation Planning Grant and applicants are assisted through the West TN Rural Planning Organization.
