

MURFREESBORO ROAD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TDOT FY 2008 Transportation Enhancement Program Project Overview

SUMMARY

MDHA plans to submit an application to TDOT for funding under the FY 2008 Transportation Enhancement Program for the Murfreesboro Road Commercial District. Nashville will utilize CDBG funding set aside for this Commercial District as matching funds for the TDOT grant. If our grant application to TDOT is successful, we will make improvements to the area between Bowwood Court (just south of Thompson Lane) and Spence Lane.

PROJECT ELEMENTS

Sidewalks on the North Side of Murfreesboro Road from Bowwood Court to Foothill Drive
Curb & gutter for sidewalks
Crosswalks at Thompson Lane, Millwood Drive and Foothill Drive

PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDING – PHASE I

\$ 182,600	Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG)
\$ 564,100	TDOT Enhancement Grant
\$ 746,700	Total Project Cost

MDHA will provide CDBG funding for architectural/engineering services for the construction phase of the project should we secure the TDOT Enhancement Grant.

HISTORY

Nashville has allocated almost \$650,000 in CDBG funding received in 2005 and 2006 for improvements in the Murfreesboro Road Commercial District.

Beginning in July 2005, MDHA began holding monthly meetings for business owners, property owners, residents surrounding neighborhoods and other interested parties the Murfreesboro Commercial District. These meetings sought input from participants regarding their suggestions for improvements to the area that would aid in economic development of the business district well as improved livability for area residents.

In December 2005 MDHA put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit proposals for a design team to work with the community and MDHA to prepare a Master Plan for Murfreesboro Road Commercial District improvements with the objective of applying for funding through the TDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant. After review of the proposals received, MDHA selected Hodgson Douglas to prepare the Master Plan for the area.

The Hodgson Douglas team began researching the Murfreesboro Road Commercial District and consulting with relevant public agencies, such as Metro Public Works, the Metro Planning Commission, Metro Transit Authority, NES and TDOT.

MDHA held two public meetings in June 2006 at which Hodgson Douglas presented preliminary ideas for the Master Plan and solicited feedback from those in attendance. Hodgson Douglas presented the final plan in September 2006 with enthusiastic reception from those in attendance.

MDHA submitted an Enhancement grant application for the 2007 year, but did not get funded. We plan to submit a new application for the 2008 funding year. We have divided the implementation of the Master Plan into three parts. The application for Enhancement Grant funding will cover Phase I, which includes sidewalks on the north side of the highway from Bowwood Court to Foothill Drive and stamped crosswalks at three strategic intersections.

We hope to apply for future Enhancement grant funding to implement Phase II, which will cover sidewalks on the south side of the road from Bowwood Court to Foothill Drive. Phase III will probably require additional local funding, and will include landscape and lighting improvements.