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**TDOT GRANT AWARD PRESENTATION**

**CLEVELAND, TN** – On Monday, September 16, 2019 Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Commissioner Clay Bright officially announced funding of \$13,669,998 across several communities in the state of Tennessee through TDOT’s Transportation Alternative Grant program.

The city of Cleveland was one of fifteen communities in Tennessee to receive funding from TDOT’s extremely competitive Transportation Alternative Grant Program. The city of Cleveland was awarded \$1.4 million in grant funding. The grant received from the state will be used for construction of Phase VI of the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway.

Phase VI of the greenway will connect the current terminus on the greenway at Willow Street to Inman Street and the Village Green Shopping Center. The project includes ADA compliant sidewalks, landscaping, a pedestrian bridge, elevated crosswalk, retaining walls and pedestrian signals.

“Tennessee is committed to continuing to develop safe infrastructure across our states,” Governor Lee said. “These grants will help us reach our goal of being a healthier state and will enhance the lives of Tennesseans by making our communities more accessible and livable.”

“I’m extremely appreciative of Governor Lee’s and Commissioner Bright’s commitment and faith in our community,” said Cleveland Mayor Kevin Brooks. “This is a highly desirable project that our citizens have patiently waited to begin. “This project is an important link in the redevelopment of our city’s downtown.

“Through these grants, TDOT has funded \$386 million in non-traditional transportation projects,” said TDOT Commissioner Clay Bright. “this program has assisted communities all over the state in their efforts to revitalize downtowns, highlight historic areas, provide alternative means of transportation, and increase opportunities for economic development.

“Phase VI of the greenway is a critical link between our greenway system and downtown,” said Greg Thomas, Transportation Director.

Funding for the state’s transportation alternatives grants are made possible through a federally funded program administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

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Pictured left to right: Brian Moran, Assistant to the City Manager/Communications Coordinator; Cleveland City Councilman Tom Cassada; Tennessee Governor Bill Lee; Cameron Fisher, Cleveland/Bradley Greenway Board Chair; Cleveland Mayor Kevin Brooks; Cleveland City Councilman Ken Webb; Corey Divel, Senior Planner; Patti Petitt, Parks and Recreation Director; and TDOT Commissioner Clay Bright.

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