

# **Hickman Road Trail Connector**

## **Transportation Enhancement Projects**

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The Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program, part of the federal highway bill, provides funding to local, state, and regional governmental entities to construct and restore transportation infrastructure that are not eligible to be funded through other programs. Examples of transportation infrastructure projects eligible under this program include non-motorized facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, development of scenic byways, restoration of historic transportation facilities, and other projects directly related to the historic, current, or future transportation infrastructure.

### **Hickman Road Trail Connection – West**

The City of Hickman was recommended for funding in the amount of \$50,698 for design and construction of a 300-foot bicycle/pedestrian connector trail in northwest Hickman. This trail will provide a pedestrian crossing on Hickman Road to allow residential neighborhoods in northwest Hickman safe access to Hickman City Park. The connector trail will link an existing trail in the park with three neighborhoods north of Hickman Road. Hickman Road is the primary east-west transportation corridor through the City and leads directly to U.S. Highway #77 four miles west of town.

The connector trail will begin by linking to an existing trail south of Hickman Road and then travel in a northeasterly direction in city right-of-way to the south side of Hickman Road. A pedestrian crossing will be installed consisting of a painted road striping and pedestrian-activated traffic crossing lights which change from flashing yellow to red. On the north side of Hickman Road, the trail will connect to an existing trail system which parallels Hickman Road and turns north along the west edge of Arbor Ridge Subdivision. The City of Hickman is providing a 20 percent local match of \$12,674.

### **Hickman Road Trail Connection – East**

The City of Hickman was recommended for funding in the amount of \$500,000 for design and construction of a 3,600 linear-foot bicycle/pedestrian trail which connects the central part of Hickman to neighborhoods in the northeast portion of the City. The 8-foot wide concrete trail begins with a connection to an existing trail located directly north of the central business district. From this beginning point, the trail travels north for one block to Hickman Road. Hickman Road is the primary east-west transportation corridor through the City. From this location, the trail turns east and travels two blocks in the south right-of-way of Hickman Road to South 68th Street. South 68th Street is a heavily traveled north-south transportation corridor connecting Hickman to Lincoln (north) and to the Norris School campus (south). Within this two-block stretch, the trail would cross a drainage channel on a 10-foot wide pedestrian bridge. Installation of a pedestrian crossing is necessary at South 68th Street. Safety features of the crossing include a striped crosswalk and pedestrian-activated lights which change from flashing yellow to red. Bollards and signage will be installed on both sides of 68th Street to alert hikers/bikers to the crossing.

From South 68th Street, the trail continues east along the south right-of-way line of Hickman Road for approximately six blocks to Larkspur Drive, where a pedestrian crossing would be installed on Hickman Road for safe access to Haven Manor Independent and Assisted Living Center, and residences in the Prairie View subdivision. The City of Hickman is providing a 22 percent local match of \$144,532.