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Airport grant goes to Hardin County

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The Savannah/Hardin County Airport will receive \$31,500 from the state to help with development of a new airport layout plan, according to a news release.

The grant was made available through the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Aeronautics Division. The division administers federal and state funding to assist in the location, design, construction and maintenance of Tennessee's public aviation system.

"Our general aviation airports serve as important hubs for businesses operating in the state, for shipping, and as reliever airports for larger flight centers," Gov. Phil Bredesen said in the release. "They are a key component to our transportation system and need to be kept up to date."

Cedar ³²¹ set for rehab

Cookeville street set for major renovation

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COOKEVILLE — Renovation of a downtown Cookeville street is expected to begin later this month following the city council's approval of bids for some of the materials Thursday night.

The CityScape Cedar Street project from Broad to 2nd streets will consist of a new CityScape decorative sidewalk with decorative lamps, new asphalt on the street and new and replacement storm sewer.

The street improvement project will also continue on 1st Street from Cedar to Peachtree.

Cookeville Public Works Director Greg Brown said a few other projects have kept employees busy for the past few weeks including the demolition of an old building on Broad Street recently purchased by the city.

"We've got to get all of our materials in and finish our other jobs," he said. "I don't want to start until we have everything."

The storm sewer project is expected to prevent storm water runoff that currently occurs in the road in the Cedar Street area.

Brown said that right now, storm water hits the ditch and runs down the road.

"Hopefully we can help keep the storm water runoff underground instead of in the road," he said.

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Cedar: Project expected to last about 6 months

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Brown said public works employees will be doing some of the work at night to prevent interference with the dozen or so businesses that operate in the Cedar Street area.

He also said that they will try to leave at least one lane open all the time for traffic coming through the area.

"The only time we'll have Cedar completely closed is when we ab-

solutely have to," he said. "The rest of the time we'll leave at least one lane open so people can visit those businesses."

Brown said he's told business owners in the area that the project

will be completed in about six months.

"I hope it doesn't take that long, but it depends on the weather," Brown said.

Bids approved Thursday night

were for eight concrete inlets and eight grates and manhole lids for \$5,879 from Sherman-Dixie.

The total cost of the Cedar Street renovation project is approximately \$100,000.