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During today's regularly scheduled General Session meeting, Franklin County Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing a service agreement between the Economic Development and Planning Department and the Franklin County Engineer's Department for the Bending Brook Infrastructure Project in the amount of \$300,000.

This joint street rehabilitation and infrastructure improvement project will provide infrastructure and streetscape benefits to approximately 158 households in the Bending Brook apartment complex in the Village of Urbancrest.

As a part of the project, sidewalks will be constructed throughout the apartment complex to provide safe passage through a railroad crossing and to a nearby community center and bus stop. Speed bumps, lighting and handicapped accessibility improvements will be made to the complex to increase the safety of the residents in the neighborhood.

"We are very proud of our investment in the Bending Brook apartments. I believe the improvements we are making will enhance the lives of the residents by providing them with a safe place for their families to grow," said Commission President Marilyn Brown.

"This project will create safe pathways for the children who live in this neighborhood to get to school and for the adults to get to work," said Commissioner Mary Jo Kilroy. "In addition, the handicapped access will allow those persons to be connected with the rest of the neighborhood."

"Nothing is more important than the health and safety of our children," said Commissioner Paula Brooks. "Parents can worry less about speeding vehicles, and we hope the new lighting will also keep the neighborhood safe and secure."

Construction on the infrastructure project is estimated to begin Monday, September 29 and be completed on Friday, November 21, 2008.