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254 projects totaling $6,132,023,692 and impacting most Tennessee counties

These unfunded projects are in jeopardy without an increase to state transportation funding.”

- Susie Alcorn, Executive Director, Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance


Inflationary costs in the mid- to late 2000s grew our backlog workload to its current level, and the Department has only included a modest number of new commitments since that time. …”

- John C. Schroer, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Transportation, March 9, 2015

Each year, TDOT submits a three-year project list (the Legislative Program) in support of its annual budget, prior to passage of the state budget by the General Assembly.

Project commitments are made based on the assignment of funds. The projects are then developed in three phases:

- Preliminary Engineering
- Right of Way Acquisition
- Construction

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