Unfunded TDOT Projects
as Presented to Senator Jim Tracy
in Kingsport on Thursday, October 29
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1. SR 126 (Memorial Drive) in Kingsport-Sullivan County-TDOT proposes to widen a 4.1 mile section of SR 126 (Memorial Drive) from East Center Street in Kingsport to east of Cook’s Valley Road at an estimated cost for ROW and Construction of $48.6 million. This section of roadway has a history of high crashes and has an Average Daily Traffic of 15,500 with 4% trucks. Sections of the roadway will be widened to 4 lanes, some to 3 lanes and part of the route just an improved 2 lane section.

2. Interchange of I-26/SR 354 in Johnson City-Washington County-TDOT proposes to widen and improve the access ramps at the Interchange of I-26 and SR 354 in Johnson City to improve safety and traffic operations at an estimated ROW and Construction cost of $12.8 million. The current traffic on I-26 is 54,000 vehicles/day with 6% trucks and on SR 354 the traffic count is 18,000.

3. SR 66-Hawkins County-TDOT proposes to reconstruct and widen a 5.3 mile section of SR 66 beginning at the intersection of US 11E in Bulls Gap and extending to south of Speedwell Road/Old Hwy 66. The estimated ROW and Construction cost is $32.4 million and the Average Daily Traffic is around 6000 vehicles/day.

4. SR 93(3 projects)-Sullivan/Washington County-TDOT proposes to make spot safety and operational improvements (TPR Option 5) to a 6.9 mile section of SR 93 beginning South of Horse Creek in Sullivan County and ending to north of Fire Hall Road in Washington County at an estimated ROW and Construction cost of $14.7 million. Current ADT along SR 93 is 4000 vehicles/day.
5. I-81-Sullivan County-TDOT proposes to construct a 2.8 mile Eastbound Truck Climbing lane on I-81 in Sullivan County beginning at Mile Marker 60 and extending to near SR 357 at an estimated cost of $27.3 million. The current Average Daily Traffic on I-81 is 31,000 with 27% trucks.