NASHVILLE-AREA COMMITTED BUT UNFUNDED ROAD PROJECTS IDENTIFIED
Bill Moore addresses transportation funding dilemma with Sen. Jim Tracy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Sept. 17, 2015) – Bill Moore, chairman of the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance and former chief engineer for the Tennessee Department of Transportation, today highlighted several committed but unfunded road projects in the Nashville area, projects that cannot be carried out due to the state’s funding dilemma surrounding transportation infrastructure.

Moore’s presentation was part of a hearing hosted by Senate Transportation and Safety Committee Chairman Jim Tracy, R-Shelbyville, to discuss Tennessee’s roads and transportation needs. Sen. Tracy will host a total of nine such hearings across the state in an effort to get input from a wide variety of residents and community leaders on transportation infrastructure needs and possible funding solutions.

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“The Nashville area is experiencing rapid growth in terms of population and economy,” said Moore. “The committed but unfunded projects highlighted today are important, and would go a long way toward helping the quality of life for residents and businesses alike. Our state faces a funding dilemma, and it will take all of us working together to solve it.”

“The Transportation Coalition of Tennessee applauds Sen. Jim Tracy for bringing attention to our state’s transportation infrastructure dilemma,” said Susie Alcorn, executive director of the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance. “Our state leaders must determine how we will pay for the very real infrastructure needs of our state’s cities and counties. The future prosperity of Tennessee depends on it. I thank Sen. Tracy for his leadership on this important issue.”

State and local transportation projects in Tennessee are funded primarily by state and federal fuel-tax revenues. These projects include maintenance, repair and new construction. Tennessee’s fuel taxes have not changed since 1989, yet the state’s population has increased 14 percent since 2000, bringing more traffic to roads and highways. Transportation experts estimate it would take
an additional $6 billion to $8 billion to begin to seriously address some of the committed but
unfunded road projects across Tennessee.

Sen. Tracy will host eight additional hearings before the end of October. The confirmed schedule
includes the following dates and locations:

**Columbia**
Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. CDT
Cherry Theater at Columbia State
Community College
1665 Hampshire Pike
Columbia, TN 38401

**Memphis**
Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. CDT
Shelby County Board of Commissioner’s
Chambers
160 North Main Street
Memphis, TN 38103

**Huntingdon**
Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m. CDT
The Carroll Bank and Trust Community
Room
19510 West Main St
Huntingdon, TN 38344

**Martin**
Thursday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m. CDT
Northwest Tennessee Development District
Office
124 Weldon Drive
Martin, TN 38237

**Jackson**
Thursday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m. CDT
Southwest Tennessee Development District
Office
102 E. College Street
Jackson, TN 38301

**Knoxville**
Thursday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m. EDT
Bridgewater Place
205 Bridgewater Road
Knoxville, TN 37923

**Chattanooga**
Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 2 p.m. EDT
Hamilton County Commission Room
624 Georgia Avenue, #401
Chattanooga, TN 37402

**Kingsport**
Thursday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m. EDT
Kingsport Center for Higher Education
300 West Market Street
Kingsport, TN 37660

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