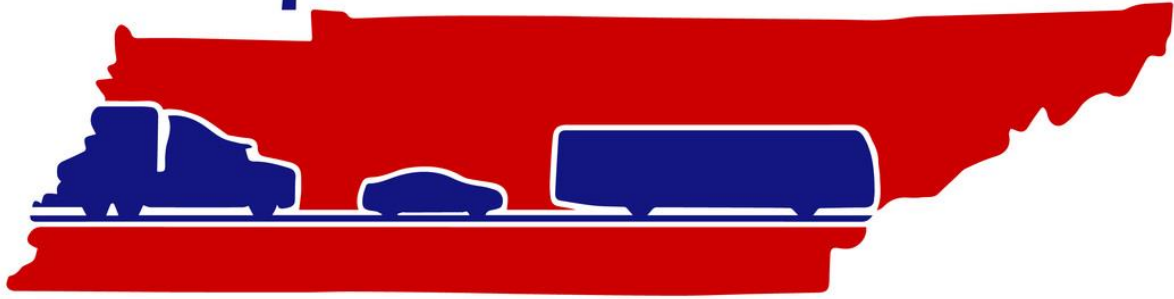


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### **NASHVILLE-AREA COMMITTED BUT UNFUNDED ROAD PROJECTS IDENTIFIED Bill Moore addresses transportation funding dilemma with Sen. Jim Tracy**

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.

#### **(NASHVILLE-AREA LIST APPENDED)**

“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 Street  
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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