



TRANSPORTATION COALITION HIGHLIGHTS TDOT PROJECTS BACKLOG

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (March 17, 2015) – The Tennessee Department of Transportation has released a list of its backlogged, unfunded projects that exceeds \$6 billion and impacts most of Tennessee’s counties.

The list clearly shows the need for additional revenues to keep Tennessee’s transportation infrastructure strong, says an official with the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee.

“Without additional revenue, these unfunded projects will be substantially delayed for years or may never be undertaken or completed,” said Susie Alcorn, executive director of the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance.

“These projects are desperately needed to maintain our existing transportation infrastructure and show how serious the problem is today,” Alcorn said. “These projects are in jeopardy when TDOT is in a maintenance-only situation.”

Notable middle Tennessee projects in and surrounding Murfreesboro include:

- SR-96 (from Veterans Parkway to east of Overall Creek) [Rutherford County]: \$3.1 million
- SR-96 (east of Arno Road to SR-252 [Wilson Pike]) [Williamson County]: \$51.8 million
- SR-96 (east of SR-252 [Wilson Pike] to SR-840) [Williamson County]: \$27.6 million
- SR-96 (from SR-840 in Williamson County to Veterans Parkway) [Williamson and Rutherford counties]: \$45.42 million
- SR-266 (SR-102 to east of SR-840) [Rutherford County]: \$22.9 million
- SR-268 (from SR-1 [US-41/70S] to SR-10) [Rutherford County]: \$25.6 million
- SR-99/New Salem Highway (Cason Lane to I-24 in Murfreesboro) [Rutherford County]: \$14.5 million
- SR-99/New Salem Highway (I-24 to SR-96 [Old Fort Parkway] in Murfreesboro) [Rutherford County]: \$8.9 million
- SR-99/New Salem Highway (Southwest Loop Road to Cason Lane) [Rutherford County]: \$12.4 million
- SR-99/Bradyville Pike (from SR-2 [US-41, Southeast Broad Street] to Rutherford Boulevard in Murfreesboro) [Rutherford County]: \$6 million
- SR-16/US-41A (SR-64 east of Shelbyville to Jenkins Road) [Bedford County]: \$13.4 million

- SR-16/US-41A (from Jenkins Road to SR-276 [Thompson Creek Road]) [Bedford County]: \$21.8 million
- SR-55 (First Avenue in Tullahoma to SR-16 [US-41A] north of Jackson Street) [Coffee County]: \$7.9 million
- SR-26/US-70 (west of Wilson County line to near SR-96 in DeKalb County) [DeKalb and Wilson counties]: \$15.2 million
- I-40 (widening to eight lanes, SR-109 to SR-840) [Wilson County]: \$25 million
- SR-109 (from north of SR-24 [US-70] to south of Dry Fork Creek) [Wilson County]: \$32.5 million
- SR-109 (from south of Dry Fork Creek to south of the Cumberland River) [Wilson County]: \$32.5 million
- SR-141 (north of Lovers Lane to SR-26 [US-70]) [Wilson County]: \$10.1 million
- SR-141 (south of Spring Creek to north of Lovers Lane) [Wilson County]: \$6 million

“This is another key piece of information about how important it is to invest in our transportation infrastructure and how current funding is not meeting the need. The list of backlogged projects – many of which cross multiple counties – comes on the heels of an economic impact study showing how increased investment in transportation would create thousands of new jobs and would generate millions of dollars in new economic activity.”

Editor’s note: TDOT’s backlog list is broken out by county for your convenience.

ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION COALITION OF TENNESSEE

The Transportation Coalition of Tennessee was created to educate the public and state legislators as it seeks an increase and reform in Tennessee’s transportation fees. The coalition aims to recruit other interested parties to join in seeking a comprehensive funding solution to maintain and expand Tennessee’s critical transportation system.

Participants in the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee include businesses, citizens, community leaders, public officials and organizations that are interested in continuing Tennessee’s transportation infrastructure for the long haul.

The Transportation Coalition steering committee includes representatives from the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance, Auto Club Group/AAA Tennessee, Tennessee Public Transportation Association, Tennessee Trucking Association, Tennessee County Highway Officials Association, Tennessee Municipal League, American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee and Tennessee Road Builders Association.

Tennessee is a pay-as-you-go state, with transportation projects funded primarily by state and federal fuel tax revenues. The dollars are apportioned for state and local projects, which include maintenance, repair and new construction.

For more information or to join the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee, visit the website at www.TransportationCoalitionTN.org.

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