



**TRANSPORTATION COALITION RELEASES INTERACTIVE MAP
OF TENNESSEE'S ROAD/HIGHWAY NEEDS
Nearly \$8 Billion Funding Shortfall**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (August 4, 2015) – The Transportation Coalition of Tennessee has posted a new, interactive Web page showing nearly 400 unfunded state road/highway projects. The Web page is part of the coalition's ongoing education initiative to highlight transportation infrastructure funding problems.

The unfunded projects come to nearly \$8 billion, says Susie Alcorn, executive director of the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance.

The map shows unfunded state projects in nearly every one of Tennessee's 95 counties. Alcorn and other coalition members have been traveling the state talking to local mayors, county road superintendents and economic development officials about the need to reform the current funding mechanism for the state's roads and bridges. Gov. Bill Haslam has also launched a transportation listening tour, and state Sen. Jim Tracy has announced his own hearings for this fall.

"We can no longer keep up with the maintenance needs of our state roads and bridges, much less build new projects," Alcorn said. "Failure to address this issue means unsafe roads and bridges and lost economic development opportunities for our state and residents.

The link to the Web page is <http://www.tcoftn.org/unfunded-projects.html>.

The online slideshow provides a comprehensive look at 379 state projects by county, including estimated costs for each. The data also includes information from the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) on local funding issues for county and municipal projects.

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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