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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick 
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SUBJECT: Major Achievements, Fiscal Year 2012

The attached list of the Commission's major achievements for fiscal year 2011-12 is provided for your information. This list of achievements will be incorporated into the Commission's next biennial report, a draft of which will be submitted for your review at the August 2012 Commission meeting.

Major Achievements in Fiscal Year 2012

Responded to Studies Referred by the General Assembly:

- Completed the study of non-affiliated public safety answering points and provided a copy of the findings to each member of the House and Senate Government Operations Committees.
- Completed a report on veteran service officer compensation and reported findings to the House, State and Local Government Committee.
- Completed a report on appointment and election of utility district commissioners and reported findings to the Senate, State and Local Government Committee.
- Completed a report on Tennessee Valley Authority payments in lieu of taxes and the effect of the Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative Act of 2009 as amended in 2010 and reported findings to the Chairs of the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee; House Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and House Commerce Committee.

Published eight reports, briefs, or web publications:

- 📖 *The Public Safety Impact of Public Safety Answering Points Not Affiliated with an Emergency Communications District*—Commission Report, September 2011
- 📖 *Getting There: Increasing Access to Destinations*—Part IV: Land Use and Transportation Planning—Staff Report, December 2011
- 📖 *Evidence from Current County Reappraisals of the Impact of Recent Property Value Declines on Future Reappraisals and Taxable Assessments*—Web Publication, December 2011
- 📖 *Transportation's Share of Tennessee's GDP Matches Transportation's Share of the U.S. Economy*—Fast Facts, Volume 7 Issue 1, December 2011
- 📖 *Potential for Changes in Tennessee Valley Authority Payments In Lieu of Taxes to Tennessee and Its Local Governments*—Commission Report, December 2011
- 📖 *North Central Tennessee Regional Water Resources Planning Study*—Produced by TDEC's Water Resources Technical Advisory Committee (co-written by TACIR staff), December 2011
- 📖 *County Veterans Service Officer Compensation Study: A Study of SB 1336/HB 895*—Staff Report, January 2012
- 📖 *Appointment v. Election of Utility District Commissioners*—Staff Report, January 2012

Provided the following presentation:

- “Cumberland Watershed Study and Planning” to the Conservation Commission (October 2011)

Responded to Requests for Information:

- Responded to requests for information and assistance from members of the General Assembly and legislative committees.
- Responded to requests for information and assistance from local government officials, state agencies, lobbyists, the public, and the media.

Administered 12 contracts:

- Nine development districts—support the public infrastructure needs inventory
- Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration—shared administrative support services
- Middle Tennessee State University—economic indicators website
- Atkins North America, Inc.—travel demand for Tennessee interstates

Achievements by Policy Area

Fiscal and Tax Policy Research:

- Continued to monitor and published a report on Tennessee Valley Authority payments in lieu of taxes and the effect of the Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative Act of 2009 as amended in 2010 (Public Chapter 1035, Acts of 2010).
- Prepared a web publication on evidence from the current county reappraisals and the impact of recent property value declines on future reappraisals and taxable assessments.

Education Finance:

- Completed Fiscal Year 2013 fiscal capacity model.

Growth Policy:

- Continued to monitor and report to the General Assembly on the implementation of PC 1101, Tennessee's growth policy law.
- Continued study by University of Memphis of relationship between school-siting and land-use planning.

Infrastructure:

- Continued annual Public Infrastructure Needs Inventory. Collected infrastructure data provided by 136 school systems, 95 counties, 318 municipalities, and 195 other entities.
- Completed annual report to General Assembly on public infrastructure needs.

Other Research:

- Completed study on the public safety impact of public answering points not affiliated with an emergency communications district.
- Completed the final report in the land use and transportation planning series.
- Completed a web publication on the impact of property value declines on future reappraisals and taxable assessments.
- Completed a Fast Fact on transportation's share of GDP.
- Completed the study of SB 1336/HB 895 on county veterans service officer compensation.

- Monitored intergovernmental tax, fiscal, and education legislation.

Using Technology for Public Information

- Continued implementing enhancements to web site to increase functionality.
- Continued to focus on maximizing electronic report dissemination while providing detailed focus sections on ongoing research.
- Continued to update the major public information enhancement, Tracking Tennessee's Economic Recovery, in partnership with Middle Tennessee State University.