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## ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Commission Members

**FROM:** Cliff Lippard *Cliff*  
Executive Director

**DATE:** 26 January 2018

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report on Tennessee's Public Infrastructure Needs—Final Report  
for Approval

The Tennessee General Assembly charged the Commission in 1996 with developing and maintaining an inventory of public infrastructure needs "in order for the state, municipal and county governments of Tennessee to develop goals, strategies, and programs which would

- improve the quality of life of its citizens,
- support livable communities, and
- enhance and encourage the overall economic development of the state."

Each year since this mandate was created for the Commission, we have worked with the state's nine development districts to gather information from state and local officials for an inventory of Tennessee's public infrastructure needs. The information they provide is analyzed by commission staff, and an annual report is prepared for the General Assembly.

The current report is submitted for your approval. It is the sixteenth in the series and presents \$45.0 billion of infrastructure improvements reported in the inventory by state and local officials. This most recent inventory includes projects that need to be in some stage of development during the five-year period July 2016 through June 2021.

The report includes a single statewide overview chapter that provides information by type of infrastructure, the condition and needs of our public school facilities, the

availability of funding to meet reported needs, and a comparison of county-area needs. Following that section, one-page summaries for each county-area lists the estimated cost for all types of infrastructure by stage of development. The summaries also highlight the top three types of infrastructure improvements needed in each county based on total estimated cost and provide comparisons of the infrastructure needed at public school systems to student enrollment. Further detailed county-area information about each type of infrastructure in the inventory, along with relevant legislation, inventory forms, and a glossary of terms, can be found in the appendixes to the report.