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## ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Commission Members  
**FROM:** Cliff Lippard *Cliff*  
Executive Director

**DATE:** 23 May 2017

**SUBJECT:** Work Program Amendment and New Research Plans

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The amendments to the Commission's work program listed below will add studies directed by legislation passed by the 110<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Research plans for each study are attached and include copies of the legislation. Members will be asked to consider each amendment for approval. Existing projects are recapped below.

### ***Status of Existing Work Program Projects:***

- Annual Public Infrastructure Needs Inventory Report. To be presented for your approval at this meeting. We are simultaneously gathering and checking survey data for next year's report.
- Funding for Emergency-911 Services, required by Public Chapter 795, Acts of 2014, and due September 2017. Draft report to be presented for your review and comment at this meeting and a final report at our fall 2017 meeting.
- State Prisoners in County Jails study requested by Commission members at its May 2016 meeting. Draft report to be presented for your review and comment at this meeting and a final report at our fall 2017 meeting.
- TVA PILOT Annual Report. We will present the annual update for your approval at the January 2018 meeting in order to meet the legislature's reporting deadline of February 28, 2018.
- Fiscal Capacity Index. We have submitted this year's index to the Department of Education and State Board of Education and will provide a recap of this year's

results at this meeting. The next index will be due to the department by May 1, 2018.

***One amendment is submitted for your consideration:***

Amendment 1

Adds three studies directed by legislation passed by the 110<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:

- Public Chapter 179, Acts of 2017, directs the commission to study the creation and implementation of a system for the titling of boats in Tennessee.

No due date for the project was given.

- Senate Bill 1362 by Bailey/House Bill 1223 by Hicks, passed and sent to the governor but not yet signed, directs the commission to study payments in lieu of ad valorem tax agreements and leases entered into by industrial development corporations organized by municipalities, and specifically, whether economic benefits are derived from limiting the length of term of an agreement or lease in the absence of county approval or an agreement by the corporation or municipality to pay the county a sum equal to the amount of real property tax that would have been assessed in the absence of the agreement or lease following the expiration of the original term.

Due Date: February 1, 2018

- Public Chapter 228, Acts of 2017, directs the commission to study and prepare a report updating its January 2017 report on broadband Internet deployment, availability, and adoption in Tennessee.

Due Date: January 15, 2021