



Interstate 40 Proposed Exit 408

New Interchange at Exit 408 and Connector Road from Dumplin Valley Road to State Route 139 (Douglas Dam Road), Sevier and Jefferson Counties, Tennessee

PIN 133581.00

Purpose of Tonight's Public Meeting



- To provide information on:
 - Project Status
 - Project Schedule
 - Purpose and Need
 - Range of Alternatives under Consideration
- To answer your questions and gather your feedback.

Your Comments are Important!



- Speak with a TDOT representative during this meeting
- Fill out a comment card and submit it tonight or by email, mail, or via the project website
- Record a verbal comment with the court reporter or using the project toll-free phone line

Comments received by **October 6, 2026, will be included in the official summary for this meeting.**

Project Location

Project Termini:

- New Interchange at Exit 408 and Connector Road from Dumplin Valley Road to State Route 139 (Douglas Dam Road)

Project Length:

- Total project length would be approximately 1.59 miles

Project History

- **2023** – Sevier County submitted the proposed project to TDOT consideration under the Statewide Partnership Program.
- **2023** – The proposed project was included in TDOT's 10-Year Project Plan for transportation investment and development.
- **2026** – The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the proposed project was initiated, and the development of the Environmental Assessment (EA) is currently underway.

Purpose and Need

Need for Project:

The need for the proposed I-40 Exit 408 project has been identified as the following:

- Insufficient System Linkage
- Existing Traffic Operational Deficiencies

Purpose of Project:

The purpose of the proposed I-40 Exit 408 project has been identified as the following:

- Improve System Linkage
- Improve Traffic Operational Efficiency

Alternatives to be Evaluated in the EA

Two Alternatives are being evaluated in the EA:

- No-Build Alternative and one Build Alternative

No-Build Alternative:

- In accordance with NEPA regulations, the No-Build Alternative has been retained for detailed study and also serves as a benchmark for comparison against the Build Alternative.
- Would retain the existing roadway configuration except for any modifications identified in TDOT's 25-Year Long Range Transportation Policy Plan, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and the TDOT 10-Year Project Plan.
- Would allow for routine maintenance and safety upgrades.

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Build Alternative:

The proposed project would include the following four design elements:

- **Design Element #1:** Construction of a new Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at proposed Exit 408 along I-40.
- **Design Element #2:** Construction of a new north-south roadway, Connector Road, traveling between East Dumplin Valley Road and SR-139 (Douglas Dam Road).
- **Design Element #3:** Construction of a new east-west roadway, Gateway Boulevard, which would intersect Connector Road approximately 0.2 mile south of the proposed interchange and extend west for approximately 0.82 miles to its terminus. The remaining portion of Gateway Boulevard would be completed as part of a future project by others.
- **Design Element #4:** Construction of a new 10-foot greenway along Bryan Road, traveling under I-40, along Gateway Boulevard and Connector Road to SR-139 (Douglas Dam Road).

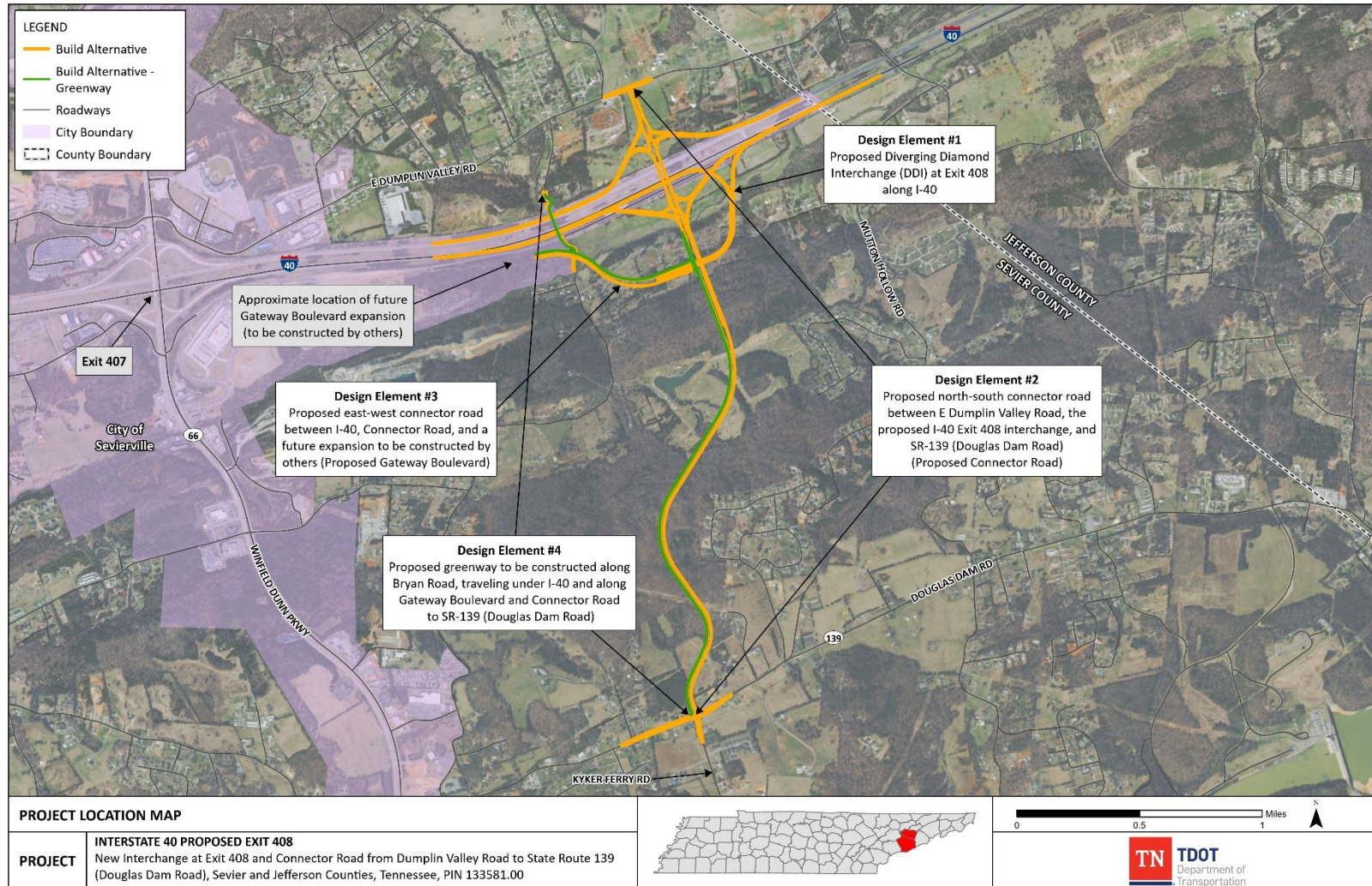
Alternatives Evaluated in the Environmental Assessment

Build Alternative (continued):

The proposed project would also include the following signalized intersections:

- Connector Road and East Dumplin Valley Road
- Connector Road and Gateway Boulevard
- Connector Road and SR-139 (Douglas Dam Road)

Project Location Map



Environmental Technical Studies to be Completed

As part of the EA, the following technical studies will be completed:

- Traffic and Safety Analysis
- Land Use, Farmland, and Transportation Infrastructure
- Community Impact Assessment, Relocations, and Economic Resources
- Air Quality and Noise
- Cultural Resources (Historic Architecture and Archaeology)
- Recreational Resources
- Natural Resources
- Visual Impacts
- Hazardous Materials

Next Steps

- Complete environmental technical studies and prepare the EA for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval.
- Following FHWA approval of the EA, TDOT will:
 - Make the approved EA available for public review (including the results of all technical studies).
 - Hold a public hearing to present the findings of the EA.
 - Invite feedback and comments from the public on the results of the EA.

Right-of-Way Acquisition

TDOT follows a federally mandated process to acquire property, which includes:

- Notice to property owners
- Independent Third-Party Conducted Appraisals
- Fair Market Value offered for proposed acquisitions
- Relocation Assistance Program for eligible affected property owners

Full details of TDOT's Right-of-Way Acquisition process can be found in the TDOT ROW Manual at: www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/right-of-way-division/ROW_Procedures_Manual.pdf

If you have a question regarding the TDOT Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation process, speak to a TDOT ROW Representative tonight or please call **1-877-SmartWay (toll-free)** and leave a voicemail message with your name, phone number and question. A TDOT representative will respond to questions within 7 business days.

Project Schedule

●	Initiate Early Coordination	Quarter 3 of 2026
●	Conduct Technical Studies	Quarter 4 of 2026
○	Public Meeting	September 15, 2026
●	Notice of Availability/Environmental Assessment Approval	Quarter 1 of 2027
●	Hold NEPA Public Hearing	Quarter 1 of 2027
●	Approval of Final Environmental Document/ Selection of Preferred Alternative	Quarter 2 of 2027
●	Right-of-Way Acquisition Phase	2027
●	Construction Phase	2030

**Quarter 1 – January through March*

Quarter 2 – April through June

Quarter 3 – July through September

Quarter 4 – October through December

***Forecasted dates are subject to change.*

****Once the final environmental document is approved by the Federal Highway Administration, the Planning and Environmental Phase is complete.*

Procedures for Submitting Comments

Public Comments received or postmarked by **October 6, 2026**, will be included in the official summary of the public hearing.

Written Comments:

- Send a **Comment Card** or **Letter** by mail to:
Interstate 40 Proposed Exit 408
C/O Kimley-Horn and Associates
10 Lea Avenue, Ste 400
Nashville, TN 37210
- Email TDOT.comments@tn.gov using the subject line: **Interstate 40 Proposed Exit 408 Project**.
- Complete an **Online Comment Form** available on the Interstate 40 Proposed Exit 408 project website at <https://tinyurl.com/I40Exit408> or by scanning the QR code.



Verbal Comments and Questions:

- Record a verbal comment with the court reporter tonight.
- **1-877-SmartWay (toll-free)** - Leave a voicemail message with your name, phone number and question and/or comment.

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