

Appendix M: Public Engagement Summary

State Route (SR) 170

From SR-62 Interchange to SR-9 (US-25W),
Anderson County, Tennessee

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1. Introduction

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed State Route (SR)-170 widening and realignment project in Anderson County, Tennessee (see *Figure 1*). The proposed improvements would widen the existing two to three-lane typical section into a four to five-lane section with two lanes in each direction with additional improvements that include sidewalks, a shared use path, and turn lanes at strategic intersections.

1.1 Alternatives Under Consideration

A No-Build Alternative and one Build Alternative are being evaluated in the EA. Each alternative is described in the subsequent text below.

1.1.1 No-Build Alternative

The No-Build Alternative would retain the existing SR-170 and roadway configuration throughout the project area except for those modifications to the roadway network that have been programmed and approved for implementation, as identified in TDOT's 25-Year Long Range Transportation Policy Plan,¹ State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP),² and the TDOT 10-Year Project Plan and would allow for routine maintenance and safety upgrades.³

1.1.2 Build Alternative

The Build Alternative would include widening the existing two to three-lane typical section to a four-lane typical section (two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction) with a variable median and eight-foot shoulders west of Walnut Valley Road, and a five-lane section (two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction and a center 12-foot two-way left turn lane [TWLTL]) with eight-foot shoulders east of Walnut Valley Road. The project would also include curb and gutter, a five-foot sidewalk to the north, a 10-foot shared-use path to the south, and guardrails as needed. Proposed improvements would also include adding turn lanes at strategic intersections, realigning and reconfiguring several intersections along the corridor, and replacing the existing two-lane bridge over the Clinch River with a four-lane bridge with a painted median.

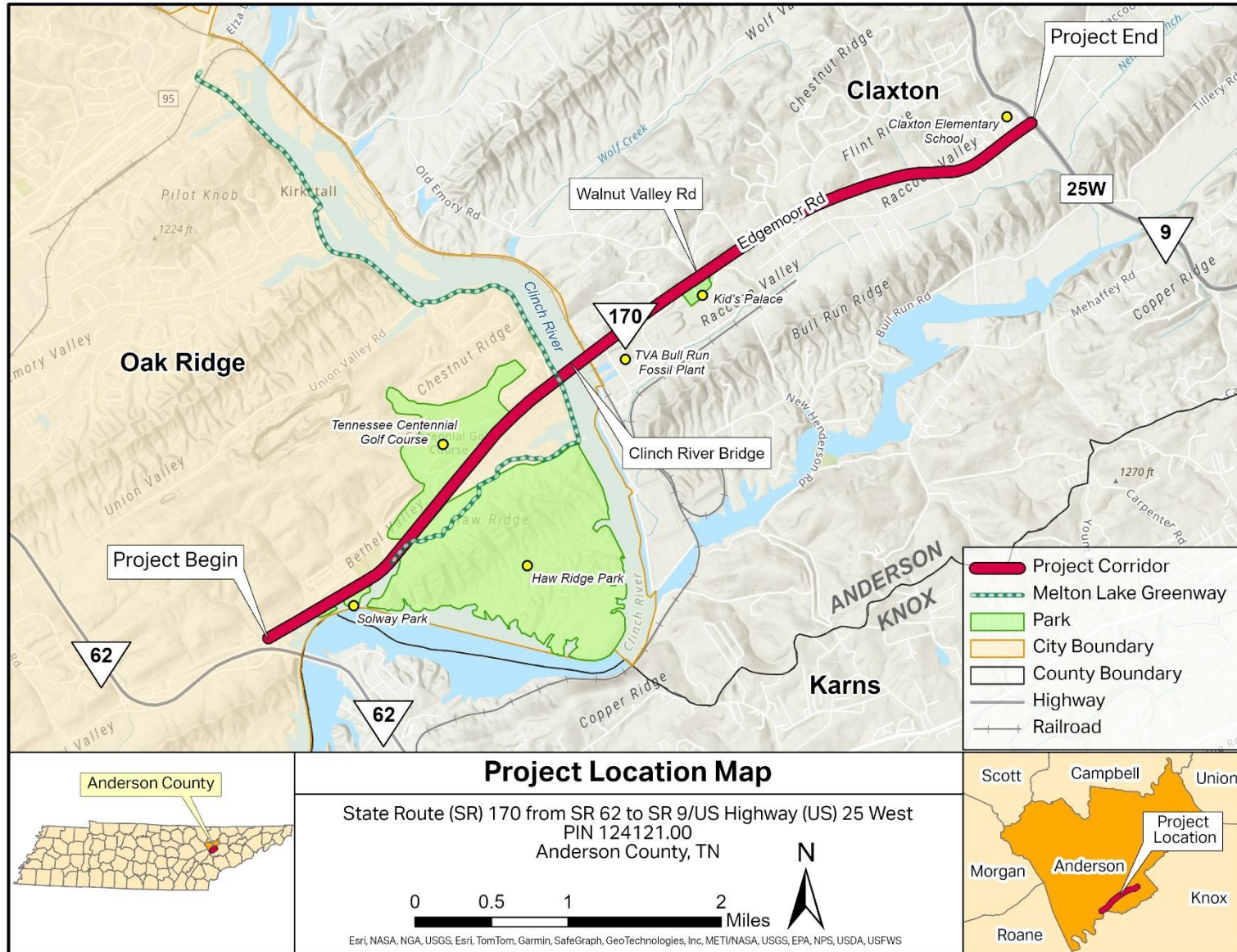
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¹ TDOT's 25-Year Long Range Transportation Policy Plan, <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/long-range-planning-home/25-year-transportation-policy-plan.html> (accessed 6/6/2015)

² State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/programdevelopment/2023-2026-stip-draft/Tennessee%20STIP%202023-2026%20Final_R.pdf (accessed 6/6/2025)

³ TDOT's 10-Year Project Plan, <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/professional-services/plans-and-programs/Final%2010yp%20FY-26%202025.pdf> (accessed 6/18/2025)

Figure 1: Project Location Map



2. Focus of this Public Engagement Summary

This Public Engagement Summary has been prepared to document the public engagement efforts completed in accordance with NEPA, as part of the development of the Environmental Assessment (EA), for the SR-170 project. This document provides a summary of any public engagement efforts completed since the initiation of NEPA through the completion of the EA, as well as outlining planned, future public engagement efforts associated with the completion of the NEPA process for the proposed project.

3. NEPA Public Meeting (March 6, 2025)

A Public Meeting was held on March 6, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. EST to 7:00 p.m. EST at Claxton Elementary School located at 2218 Clinton Highway in Powell, TN. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public with the opportunity to review and comment on the purpose and need for the proposed SR-170 project as well as a range of alternatives under consideration.

3.1 Public Engagement Methodology

Prior to initiating any public engagement efforts for the SR-170 EA, TDOT utilized U.S. Census Bureau data and reviewed several other online databases to identify any special outreach groups, local communities, or populations of concern (e.g. Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population) along the SR-170 project corridor. The U.S. Census Bureau data provides LEP information contained within a census tract (CT), defining a statistical subdivision of a county, and a block group (BG), a subdivision of a CT that further defines the population.

U.S. Census data for the SR-170 project corridor was reviewed to identify any potential LEP populations, and did not identify populations within the project vicinity that meet any of the FHWA LEP safe harbour standards⁴ (see Table 1, below), hence no Language Assistance (translations) was required. This analysis process adheres to the guidance set forth in the proposed project's approved Public Involvement and Agency Coordination Plan (PICP; please refer to EA Appendix N for a copy of the PICP).

Table 1: Limited English Proficiency Population⁵

Geography	Total Adult Population, 18 years and older	Primary Language Group of Persons Who Speak English Less than Very Well							
		Spanish		Other Indo-Euro		Asian/Pacific		Other	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
CT 202.01, BG 1	2,920	8	0.3%	24	0.8%	32	1.1%	-	0.0%
CT 213.03, BG 1	1,048	37	3.5%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
CT 213.03, BG 2	1,511	8	0.5%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
CT 213.03, BG 3	839	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	6	0.7%	-	0.0%
CT 213.04, BG 2	1,218	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
CT 59.07, BG 2	1,384	4	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
CT 59.08, BG 2	1,366	32	2.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Study Area Total	10,286	89	0.9%	24	0.2%	38	0.4%	-	0.0%

⁴ Title VI Toolkit: U.S. Census – Limited English Proficiency, <https://highways.dot.gov/civil-rights/programs/title-vi/title-vi-toolkit-us-census-limited-english-proficiency-data> (accessed 6/23/2025)

⁵ Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2018-2022), Table B16004, "Age by Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over."

Geography	Total Adult Population, 18 years and older	Primary Language Group of Persons Who Speak English Less than Very Well							
		Spanish		Other Indo-Euro		Asian/Pacific		Other	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Oak Ridge city	23,871	483	2.0%	69	0.3%	252	1.1%	-	0.0%
Anderson County	60,924	697	1.1%	74	0.1%	331	0.5%	-	0.0%
Tennessee	5,397,292	106,868	2.0%	18,547	0.3%	27,469	0.5%	19,673	0.4%

3.2 Notification of the NEPA Public Meeting

3.2.1 Newspaper

In order to publicize the March 6, 2025, Public Meeting, a public notice was published in the Tennessee Press Service (statewide public notice website) and in the local newspaper (*The Courier News*)⁶ on February 26, 2025. A copy of the public notice is included in Attachment M.1. Additionally, the public meeting was advertised on the TDOT project website.

3.2.2 Postcards

For the distribution of postcards, a project stakeholder database was developed to distribute information to stakeholders and other interested parties related to the March 6, 2025, Public Meeting. The initial project stakeholder database was developed utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) parcel information from the Tennessee Property Assessors Website⁷ for Anderson County. A total of 1,928 property owners were identified along the Build Alternative.

A postcard public meeting invite was mailed to all individuals within the project stakeholder database prior to the March 6, 2025, Public Meeting. The postcard public meeting invite included a short project description with a project location map, a link to the project website that includes all of the project information, and a QR code for easy access to the website. A copy of the postcard is included in Attachment M.1.

3.2.3 Project Website

The project website address was made available on postcards that were mailed directly to the stakeholders, as well as on flyers distributed throughout the community⁸. The website included information about the meeting and all of the public meeting materials, including the meeting handout, comment cards, and digital copies of the roadway design’s proposed layout were made available to view and download. All of the public meeting materials are included in Attachment M.2.

3.2.4 Yard Signs

Several yard signs were installed at the venue on the day of the public meeting before the pickup school time so the parents coming to pick up their kids at the school could also be notified about the meeting. Pictures of the yard signs are included in Attachment M.2.

3.3 Description of the NEPA Public Meeting

The intent of the March 6, 2025, public meeting was to inform, discuss with, and solicit feedback from the public on the objectives, current status, and anticipated next steps for the current NEPA

⁶ The Courier, <https://www.courieranywhere.com/>

⁷ Tennessee Property Assessment Data, <https://assessment.cot.tn.gov/TPAD/>

⁸ SR-170 Project Website, <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-170-widening.html>

effort and overall project development process for the proposed project. Information provided and discussed throughout the meeting focused on project specific updates regarding

- Preliminary purpose and need,
- Alternatives being evaluated in the EA,
- Objective of and studies to be completed for the EA,
- Status of the proposed project and EA development effort including preliminary findings from the technical studies,
- TDOT's right-of-way (ROW) relocation process;
- Next steps and a tentative project schedule, and
- Methods for submitting formal public comments.

The meeting included an informal welcome and introduction followed an open house style meeting where the public was invited to freely review project materials, leave formal comments, and speak directly with TDOT and Project Team members about the proposed project.

All of the project information and materials available at the March 6, 2025 public meeting, including design displays and project information material, were also posted on the project website for view and download (see Attachment M.2).

3.3.1 Meeting Synopsis

Attendees were greeted by Project Team representatives as they arrived (beginning as early as 4:30 p.m.) and asked to sign in. As they signed in, attendees also had the option of selecting to be a part of the project stakeholder database to be directly included in future updates about the proposed project. All attendees were provided with a project informational handout and a pre-addressed, postage-paid comment card. The meeting attracted approximately 100 people including public stakeholders and local officials.

The meeting started at 5:15 p.m. (allowing some additional time for people to arrive) with a brief welcome and informal, introductory PowerPoint presentation by the TDOT Project Team. The informal presentation outlined the overall purpose for and specific objectives of the public meeting along with a description of the physical layout of the meeting space and stations and a general run-of-show.

Following this introduction, attendees were invited to spend the remainder of the meeting visiting different stations throughout the meeting space where they could review project information, connect with Project Team representatives, and leave formal public comments. Representatives from TDOT and the Project Team (including representatives from TDOT Project Management, Design, ROW, and Environmental) were located throughout the meeting space and at the various stations to answer questions and discuss the proposed project with the public. In addition to the various stations, the introductory PowerPoint presentation was played on a continuous loop throughout the evening, providing another option for attendees to review information on the proposed project. The presentation is also available on the TDOT project website. Photos from the public meeting are included in Attachment M.3.

3.3.2 Informational Handout

A multi-page informational handout was developed by TDOT for the March 6, 2025, Public Meeting. This project informational handout included a project overview, purpose of the meeting, project history, preliminary purpose and need for the proposed SR-170 project, alternatives currently being evaluated in the EA, project location map, project schedule, ROW and relocation information, procedures for submitting public comments, next steps, and project contacts.

3.3.3 Preliminary Designs

The meeting included two sets of design displays of the Build Alternative laid out on tables. TDOT representatives were present to answer questions on roadway designs, traffic design, planning and ROW process, and any environmental concerns.

3.3.4 Methods For Public Comment

Throughout the March 6, 2025, public meeting and the 21-day public comment period that followed, the public was able to submit official comments or questions to TDOT in several ways outlined below. Please note that TDOT requested that all comments be postmarked by March 27, 2025, the end of the 21-day comment period.

1. *Toll Free Number*

A toll-free TDOT SmartWay phone number (1-877-76278-929) and Project Manager's number (1-907-360-0955) were available for the public to ask questions and make comments about the proposed project during the official comment period.

2. *Electronic Mail (Email)*

To provide the public with a convenient single point of contact, TDOT prompted members of the public to send an email to TDOT.comments@tn.gov, using the subject line "*State Route 170 Project*". This email address was made available for general inquiries and was also an option for submittal of official comments during the comment period.

3. *Comment Card*

Comment cards were also distributed to everyone at the public meeting. These comment cards include prepaid postage, giving members of the public an option to leave their comment card with the TDOT project team at the public meeting or take the comment card home with them to mail at a later date. Additionally, the comment card was also available for download via the project website for interested individuals to print and mail at a later time (see Attachment M.2).

4. *Online Comment Form*

Following the public meeting, public comments could also be submitted online. The online form link was posted on the project website and several QR codes directly linking to the online form were displayed during the public meeting (see Attachment M.2).

- URL: <https://tinyurl.com/SR170-commentform>

5. *Mail*

Members of the public were offered the option to submit a letter with either their comment or question to the following address:

- C/O John Sherk, Project Manager
Tennessee Department of Transportation – Region 1
7345 Region Lane,
Knoxville, TN 37914

3.4 Public Response Summary

Following the public meeting, a total of 27 comments were received through various formats including in-person comments from the meeting and comments submitted via mail, phone, email, or online form. Of the 27 comments received, the majority expressed support or conditional support for the proposed project. Two commenters who opposed the project acknowledged the need for improvements but raised concerns about potential impacts to community resources, traffic patterns, and the surrounding environment. TDOT reviewed all comments and provided detailed responses, addressing concerns and clarifying project intent. A full record of public input

and official TDOT responses is available in Attachment M.4. Please see Table 2, below, for the breakdown of comments received.

Table 2: Breakdown of Comments Received

Public Input	
Public Meeting Attendees	93
Comments Received (by format)	
Public Meeting Comments	8
Phone Comments	0
Email Comments	5
Online Comments	5
Mailed Comments	9
<i>Total Comments received</i>	27
Comment Disposition of All Received Comments	
Support	10
Conditional Support	9
Against	2
Uncommitted	6
Comments Received by Topic	
ROW	1
Traffic & Signals	16
Environmental	2
Roadway Design, and others	8

4. Future Public Engagement

4.1 Recreation Section 4(f) Outreach

Public notices regarding proposed impacts to five recreational and/or wildlife refuge Section 4(f) resources were published on July 9, 2025, with two local newspapers, *The Courier News* and the *Oak Ridger*. The public comment period ended on July 30, 2025. No public comments were received. Please refer to EA Appendix H for additional information.

4.2 Notice of Availability

Once FHWA approves the EA document, a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the EA document will be posted to the project website and published in the local newspaper(s)⁹. The EA and associated technical appendices will be made available electronically via the SR-170 project website¹⁰. The EA will be distributed (digitally, unless otherwise specifically requested) to all Cooperating and Participating Agencies, stakeholders, and members of the public who have requested copies. Physical copies of the EA and associated technical appendices will also be made available for public review. The physical copies will be distributed to locations within or near the project areas (the Oak Ridge Public Library at 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike in Oak Ridge, the Clinton Public Library at 118 S. Hicks Street in Clinton, and Tennessee Centennial Golf Course at 101 Centennial Boulevard in Oak Ridge) as well as at the TDOT Region 1 Office at 7345 Region Lane, in Knoxville. The NOA would identify where the EA will be available for public review, how the public can provide input, and who to contact with comments or for additional information. The NOA, in addition to announcing the availability of the EA and other project documents for review, also shares information about the Public Hearing such as date, time, and location. In accordance with

⁹ The Courier, <https://www.courieranywhere.com/>

¹⁰ SR-170 Project Website, <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-170-widening.html>

TDOT's PIP and the regulatory requirements outlined in 23 CFR 771.111(h)(iv), the NOA will be published at least 15 calendar days prior to the Public Hearing. The NOA also announces the beginning of the formal review and comment period and provides instructions on how to provide oral or written comments.

4.3 Public Hearing

As noted above, a public hearing will be held following the approval of the EA, in accordance with the FHWA environmental procedures (23 CFR 771), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and TDOT's Public Involvement Plan (PIP)¹¹.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present to the public the findings of the approved EA including TDOT's identification and recommendation for the Preferred Alternative, any anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts of the Preferred Alternative, and preliminary plans to mitigate those impacts. Information on TDOT's relocation services and payments, as well as the ROW and land acquisition process, must also be provided and discussed. TDOT's ROW booklet and at least one representative from the Right-of-Way Division will be present to facilitate these conversations. A formal question-and-answer period following a formal presentation on the information discussed above will allow attendees and the project team to discuss the proposed project and the recommended Preferred Alternative. Similar to the public meeting, the Project Team will provide displays of the Preferred Alternative for the public to view throughout the hearing. The project team will also be available following the formal presentation and question-and-answer period to participate in one-on-one conversations with attendees. A court reporter will be present throughout the Public Hearing and will provide a complete transcription of the presentation and question-and-answer session to be included in the project record.

Attendees will be able to provide written comments or use a court reporter to leave oral comments. During the Public Hearing, an announcement will be made to let attendees know that additional written comments will be accepted for 21 calendar days after the Public Hearing, and these comments will be part of the Public Hearing transcript. The information on all the available methods to provide comments including where to send written comments will also be provided to attendees.

State and local elected officials should be invited to the Public Hearing, as well as stakeholders included in the stakeholder database. All attendees will be asked to sign in upon entering the Public Hearing and will be given a comment sheet to record any comments. The project team may also provide handouts or fact sheets in multiple languages and font types. If needed, the project team will sign individuals in and record their comments. Public Hearings will be scheduled at convenient times and held at convenient locations within the project area for attendees. At the end of the Public Hearing comment period, public comments will be reviewed and provided appropriate responses. The public comments and TDOT responses will be summarized and incorporated in the final NEPA decision document for publication upon FHWA approval.

¹¹ TDOT Public Involvement Plan (2012) <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/documents/government-how-do-i-documents/pip.pdf>
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Attachments

- M.1 Public Meeting Advertisements
- M.2 Public Meeting Material
- M.3 Public Meeting Pictures
- M.4 Public Meeting Comments and TDOT Responses

M.1 Public Meeting Advertisements

1. Tennessee Press Service Advertisement
2. The Courier News Advertisement
3. TDOT Project Website Notice
4. Mailed Post cards



AFFIDAVIT

Attn: Amanda Tidwell
TDOT Community Relations Division
James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street, 7th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed itemized statement is for publication of **"Public Meeting for State Route 170 in Anderson County"** in the list of newspaper(s) on invoice **\$25.6692** on the date(s) stated therein as authorized by your office.

As requested, clipping of advertisement are submitted herewith as further proof of publication. Per Tennessee Code Annotated Chapters 1 & 8, in reference to public notice sections where laws were enacted in 2014 (TCA § 1-3-120) and 2024 (HB2114), Tennessee Press Service reminded the listed newspaper(s) that this public notice should be placed in the print publication on the date(s) indicated, on the newspaper's website for the same date(s), and on the statewide public notice website (www.tnpublicnotice.com).

I, *Alisa Subhakul*, Junior Media Buyer of Tennessee Press Service, Inc., do hereby certify that the attached is true and correct.

This Twenty-sixth day of February, 2025



Alisa Subhakul, Junior Media Buyer

Sworn before me this 26th day of February, 2025



Earl Goodman, Notary Public

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before the earlier of the date prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their notice will be deemed barred. (C) At least 10 months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least 90 days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), or (D) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A), (B) (1) or (2) months from the date the creditor's date of death. (E) Sixty (60) days from the date of the creditor's death.

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Personal Representative
Keith L. Thompson
Attorney
Hannah P. Coombs, Jr.
Trustee/Trustee Administrator
Clark & Nease
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328-26-2

TITLE APP

Notice of Intent to obtain title of ownership regarding

300 DORSE
W/ACROSS/1045640W

Located at:
237 Old Anderson Pike
Hickory, TN 37354

Any and all parties that may hold an interest must immediately contact the possessor by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication.

WARD SALE

6 FAMILY INDOOR YARD SALE

FRI. 3/28 and SAT. 3/29
8AM - 5PM

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MYTIG

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PUBLIC MEETING FOR STATE ROUTE 170 FROM STATE ROUTE 42 (OAK RIDGE HIGHWAY) INTERCHANGE TO SR 65 (US 25W CLINTON HIGHWAY) IN ANDERSON COUNTY, TN, PIN 12412.00

Notice of Public Information Meeting: PIN 12412.00
Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST
Clanton Elementary School, Clanton
3218 Clanton Highway, Powell, TN 37864

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes the widening of State Route 170 from the SR 42 interchange to SR 65 (US 25W, Clanton Highway) in Anderson County, Tennessee. The proposed improvements would include widening the existing 2-lane typical section to a 4-lane typical section (two (2) lane travel lanes in each direction) with a median and two (2) shoulder lanes, and a four-lane section (two (2) lane travel lanes in each direction) and a center 12-foot median with 8-foot shoulders east of the Clanton River Bridge. The project would also include such and other items as 3.0-foot shoulders on the north, a 10-foot shoulder on both the north and south, and guardrails. Proposed improvements would also include widening and resurfacing of the Clanton River Bridge, widening and resurfacing of the Clanton River Bridge, and widening and resurfacing of the Clanton River Bridge. The project would also include such and other items as 3.0-foot shoulders on the north, a 10-foot shoulder on both the north and south, and guardrails. Proposed improvements would also include widening and resurfacing of the Clanton River Bridge, widening and resurfacing of the Clanton River Bridge, and widening and resurfacing of the Clanton River Bridge.

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TDOT Project Website Notice

Scheduled Meetings

TDOT will host a public meeting on March 6, 2025 to provide the public with an opportunity to provide input and ask questions about the purpose and need of the project, and the range of alternatives under consideration. TDOT representatives will also be on-hand to answer any questions.

The meeting will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the following location:

Claxton Elementary School | 2218 Clinton Highway | Powell, Tennessee 37849

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James K Polk Building, Suite 900
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Nashville, TN 37243

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COLLECTING FEEDBACK: PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO SR-170 (FROM SR-62 TO SR-9/US 25W)

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes the widening of State Route (SR)-170 from the SR-62 (Oak Ridge Highway) interchange to SR-9 (US-25W, Clinton Highway) in Anderson County, Tennessee for approximately 6.18 miles (PIN 124121.00).

The purpose of this public meeting is to provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on the purpose and need for the proposed SR-170 project as well as the range of alternatives under consideration.

The project displays and all the public meeting material will be available for review in the in-person meeting as well as on the project website. Scan the QR code on the side or go to: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-170-widening.html>.

In-Person Public Information Meeting:

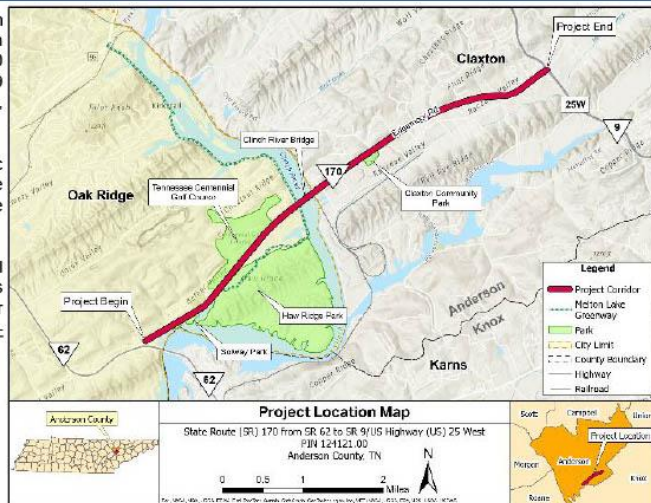


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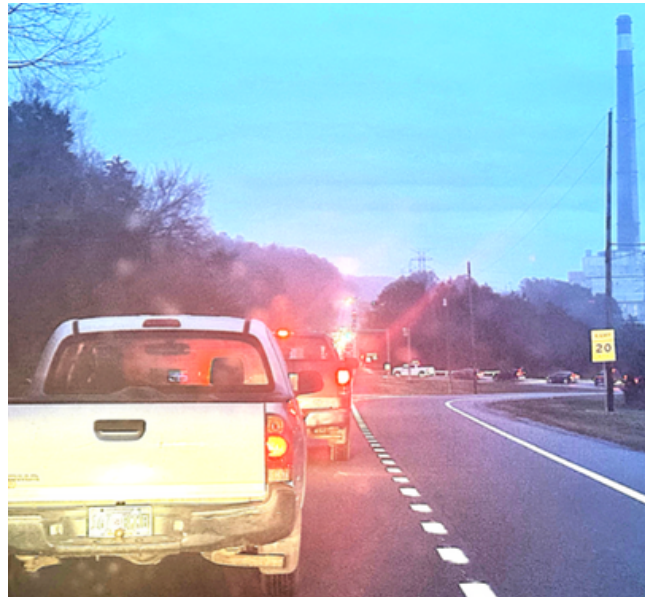
- Online Comment Form:** Complete an online comment form available on the SR-170 project website at: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-170-widening.html> or by scanning the QR code on the side
- Email:** Send an email to TDOT_comments@tn.gov using the subject line State Route 170 Project.
- Verbal:** Call 1-907-360-0955 (toll-free) and leave a voicemail message with your name, phone number, and comment.
- Mail:** C/O John Sherk, Project Manager
Tennessee Department of Transportation – Region 1, 7345 Region Lane, Knoxville, TN 37914

Public Comments received or postmarked by **April 7, 2025**, will be included in the official summary of the public meeting. If you have a question or information request that needs to be answered before providing your official comment on the project, please make sure to call 1-907-360-0955 (toll-free) by April 7, 2025. A TDOT representative will respond to questions within 7 business days.



M.2 Public Meeting Material

1. Public Meeting Handout
2. Public Meeting Presentation
3. Comment Card (Postage Paid Physical Form)
4. Online Comment Survey
5. Yard Signs
6. Public Notification Flyers
7. Public Meeting Display 1 & 2 (Preliminary Designs)



**STATE ROUTE (SR) 170 FROM THE SR-62 (OAK RIDGE
HIGHWAY) INTERCHANGE TO SR-9 (US-25W, CLINTON
HIGHWAY) ANDERSON COUNTY, TN**

PIN 124121.00

Public Meeting

March 6, 2025 | Claxton Elementary School

2218 Clinton Highway

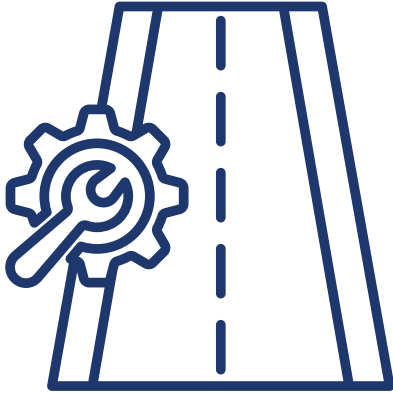
Powell, TN 37849

SR-170 PUBLIC MEETING

Project Overview:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to widen and realign State Route (SR) 170 from the SR-62 (Oak Ridge Highway) interchange (L.M. 0.00) to SR-9 (US-25W, Clinton Highway) (L.M. 6.18) in Anderson County, Tennessee (see Project Location Map) for approximately 6.18 miles.

Because the proposed project is being designed and constructed utilizing federal transportation dollars, the project is subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). TDOT and FHWA are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the NEPA to identify and evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed project and to identify measures to minimize harm.



Purpose of this Meeting:

The purpose of this public meeting is to provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on the purpose and need for the proposed SR-170 project as well as the range of alternatives under consideration.

The meeting will be in an “open house” format and there will be no formal presentation; all of the information will be on display and available for review. During the meeting the TDOT project team will be available to discuss the project and review displays with members of the public.

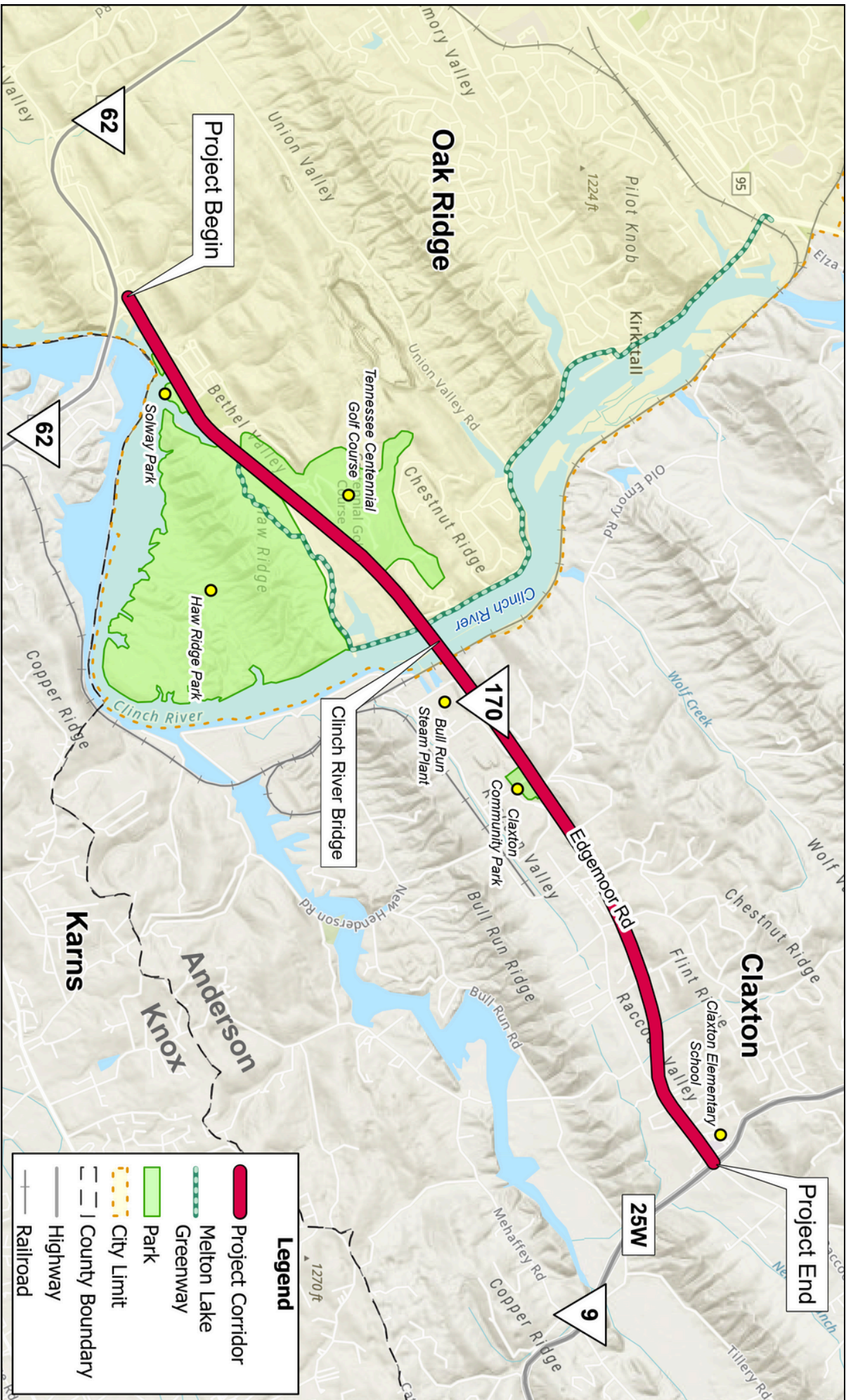
In this handout, please find a description of the transportation issue to solve, a proposed solution, a location map, project status, FAQs, and information on how you can provide feedback for the project team.

The project displays and all the meeting material will be available for review on the project website:

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-170-widening.html>



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SR-170 PUBLIC MEETING

Project History:

2004

FEASIBILITY



TDOT completed a feasibility study for the SR-170 corridor (Edgemoor Road) in August 2004 to review the possibility of widening SR-170 from a two (2) lane to a four (4) lane facility. The feasibility study was conducted in response to public concerns about increasing traffic volumes along Edgemoor Road. In addition to reviewing the option of widening SR-170 to a four (4) lane section, the study also recommended consideration of a five (5) lane section with a center two way left-turn lane and the replacement of the Clinch River Bridge. Based on the assessment of the feasibility study, the Regional Planning Organization (RPO) Executive Board requested the SR-170 corridor be listed as a high priority corridor in efforts to move the planning process forward.

2011



A Transportation Planning Report (TPR) was developed to evaluate SR-170 corridor needs and alternatives. The study area started from SR-62 and ended at SR-9 and considered three (3) preliminary design options:

- **Option A (No-Build):** No modifications or improvements are made except for other programmed improvements and routine maintenance and safety upgrades.
- **Option B (Widening):** Improvement to a five (5) lane roadway section and a new structure over the Clinch River Bridge.
- **Option C:** Intersection improvements along SR-170 at Melton Lake Drive, Walnut Valley Road, Old Emory Road, and New Henderson Road.

2022



TDOT developed a Technical Report Update for this corridor focused on the No-Build option and the updated version of the widening option that would consist widening SR-170 to a four (4) lane with raised median west of Walnut Valley Road and then a five (5) lane facility with center two way left-turn lane east of Walnut Valley Road.

2024/
2025

TDOT developed concept design and Environmental Technical Study Area (ETSA) for the current proposed Build Alternative and initiated NEPA:

- Technical studies
- Public Meeting
- Environmental Assessment



→ Preliminary Need for the Project:

The proposed project is needed to address:

- Existing geometric deficiencies
- Insufficient mobility/connectivity
- Traffic congestion

→ Preliminary Purpose of the Project:

The proposed project's purpose include:

- Correct geometric deficiencies to meet current TDOT design standards
- Improve connectivity for vehicles and pedestrians and bicyclists
- Provide additional capacity with operational and intersection improvements to address travel delays

The goals and objectives of an improved SR-170 facility include promoting safer operations for commuters and accommodating efficient movement of people and freight.

Please note that the preliminary purpose and need will be refined as the environmental technical studies are finalized and public feedback from the March 6, 2025 Public Meeting is analyzed. The purpose and need will be formally presented in the EA expected to be released for public review in Fall 2025.

→ Existing Conditions along the Project Corridor

The existing roadway along SR-170 between SR-62 and SR-9 (US 25W) consists primarily of two (2) 12-foot lanes (one (1) in each direction) with intermittent 12-foot paved turn lanes and variable shoulders. Traffic forecast for 2029-2049 will result in more congestion and longer traffic delays on many segments of SR-170 unless capacity is added.



SR-170 PUBLIC MEETING

Alternatives Being Evaluated in the Environmental Assessment:

In accordance with the implementing regulations of NEPA (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1502.14(d)), the No-Build Alternative has been retained for detailed study and serves as a benchmark for comparison with the Build Alternative.

→ No-Build Alternative:

The No-Build Alternative would retain the existing state route and roadway configuration throughout the project area except for those modifications to the roadway network that have been programmed and approved for implementation, as identified in TDOT's 25-Year Long Range Transportation Policy Plan, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and the TDOT 10-Year Project Plan and would allow for routine maintenance and safety upgrades.

→ Build Alternative:

The Build Alternative would include widening the existing two (2) lane typical section to a four (4) lane typical section (two (2) 12-foot travel lanes in each direction) with a variable median and 8-foot shoulders west of Walnut Valley Road, and a five (5) lane section (two (2) 12-foot travel lanes in each direction and a center 12-foot two way left-turn lane) with 8-foot shoulders east of the Walnut Valley Road. The project would also include curb and gutter, a 5-foot sidewalk to the north, a 10-foot shared-use path to the south, and guardrails as needed. Proposed improvements would also include adding turn lanes at strategic intersections, realigning and reconfiguring several intersections along the corridor, and replacing the existing two (2) lane bridge over the Clinch River with a four (4) lane bridge.



SR-170 PUBLIC MEETING

Preliminary Environmental Impacts:

TDOT is currently evaluating the potential environmental impacts related to the proposed Build Alternative and the No-Build Alternative. Additionally, the No-Build Alternative will serve as a baseline against which to compare the Build Alternative. Several environmental technical studies are still under development, the results of which will be formally published in the EA that TDOT is currently preparing. Following the approval of EA, the public will be asked to provide comments on the anticipated environmental impacts during the Public Hearing which is anticipated in Fall 2025. Examples of environmental technical studies under development include:



Traffic and Safety Analysis



Recreational Resources
(Section 4(f) Resources)



Land Use, Farmland, and
Transportation Infrastructure



Natural Resources



Community Impact Assessment,
Relocations, and Economic
Resources



Visual Impacts



Air Quality and Noise



Hazardous Materials



Cultural Resources
*(Historic Architecture [including
Section 4(f) Resources], Archaeology
and Native American Consultation)*



Indirect and Cumulative
Effects



SR-170 PUBLIC MEETING

Project Schedule:

ACTIVITY	PROPOSED TIMELINE
Initiate Early Coordination	Early 2025
Public Meeting	March 2025
Preliminary Design	2025
Environmental Assessment	Summer 2025
Public Hearing	Fall 2025
Final NEPA Documentation	Late 2025/Early 2026
Right-of-Way	2026
Construction	2029

Note: Proposed project to be phased for Right-of-Way and Construction. Dates are subject to change.

Next steps:

TDOT will complete environmental technical studies and draft the EA. Following FHWA's approval of the EA, TDOT will:

- Make the approved EA available for public review (including the results of all environmental technical studies).
- Hold a Public Hearing to present the findings of the environmental technical studies.
- Invite feedback and comments from the public on the results of the EA.



RIGHT OF WAY AND RELOCATIONS



TDOT will make relocation assistance available to all eligible persons impacted by this project, including residences, businesses, farm operations, non-profit organizations, and those requiring special services or assistance. The Regional Relocation Staff will administer the relocation program under the rules, policies, and procedures set forth in the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as amended, the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1972, implementing federal regulations, TCA 13-11-101 through 119, the State of Tennessee Relocation Assistance Brochure and Chapter IX of the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation Right-of-Way Manual.

Information pamphlets below, outline the available residential and non-residential relocation programs available and provide information on services offered and any payments for which you may be eligible, such as moving expenses and replacement housing benefits for owners and tenants. The pamphlet also outlines the eligibility requirements for receiving these payments. The pamphlet is available for download from the TDOT Relocation Office website*:

- **For residential relocations:** <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/right-of-way-division/brochures/ROW%20Res.%20Relocation%202024.pdf>
- **For non-residential relocations:** <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/right-of-way-division/brochures/ROW%20Non-Res.%20Relocation%202024.pdf>



TDOT will provide advance notification of proposed right-of-way acquisition. The TDOT Right-of-Way Division has the responsibility, once a project is approved, of appraising, purchasing and, if required, assisting individuals, families or businesses in relocating. Before acquiring property, all properties are appraised on the basis of comparable sales and land use values in the surrounding areas. The value will be established by using independent real estate appraisers who will prepare, for TDOT's use, written appraisals using the actual sales data in the surrounding community. When an appraisal is necessary, the appraiser will contact each property owner and offer the owner the opportunity to accompany him/her on an inspection of the property. After the appraisal is complete, the TDOT Right-of-Way Appraisal staff will review the findings for accuracy to ensure that everything relating to value has been considered in establishing the amount to be offered. Owners of property will be offered fair market value for their property rights, as it is TDOT's desire to pay fair market value for the necessary property.



If you have a question regarding the TDOT Relocation process, please call **1-907-360-0955** and leave a voicemail message with your name, phone number and question. A TDOT representative will respond to questions within seven (7) business days.

*<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/right-of-way-division/relocation-office.html>



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING?

TDOT is seeking public feedback on the purpose, need, and range of alternatives for the proposed improvements on SR-170 between SR-62 (Oak Ridge Highway) interchange to SR-9 (US-25W, Clinton Highway) in Anderson County, TN.

2. HOW CAN YOU ASSIST?

Please provide feedback about the proposed improvements as well as information about any resources important to you or to your community. Are there events that future construction may affect once it begins?

3. WHAT BENEFITS WILL THIS PROPOSED PROJECT BRING?

Project benefits and goals would include increased capacity and congestion relief along the corridor, enhanced mobility that promotes safer operations for commuters, and efficient movement of people and freight.

4. WHY DOES THE BRIDGE NEED TO BE REPLACED?

The proposed replacement is necessary to meet current design standards and to serve the projected traffic volumes.

5. WILL TRAFFIC ON THE SR-170 BE DETOURED TO OTHER ROUTES DURING CONSTRUCTION?

No. The existing SR-170 traffic will be maintained through construction.

6. WILL TRAFFIC ON THE EXISTING CLINCH RIVER BRIDGE BE DETOURED TO OTHER ROUTES DURING CONSTRUCTION?

No. TDOT proposes phased construction, and the existing bridge would be maintained without a full detour while the bridge is under construction. More detailed information will be in the future.

7. HOW WILL THIS PROJECT MITIGATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS?

Every effort is made to avoid and/or minimize environmental impacts. Where avoidance is not possible, mitigation would be evaluated.

8. HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE FUNDED?

TDOT anticipates that the proposed project would be funded in part through the Transportation Modernization Fund.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

9. WHAT IS THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE PROJECT IN THE PROCESS?

The proposed project is currently in the preliminary design phase. The preliminary phase is the time in which the preferred design alternative is refined and designed sufficiently to establish project impacts.

10. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

TDOT intends to address public and stakeholder comments and concerns shortly after the public meeting. TDOT will evaluate the proposed improvements with regards to comments received. TDOT will prepare the EA and hold a Public Hearing after the EA is approved and before the NEPA decision document is completed.

11. WHEN WOULD CONSTRUCTION BEGIN AND HOW LONG IS CONSTRUCTION ANTICIPATED TO LAST?

Construction of the proposed corridor would be carried out in two phases and is currently scheduled to begin in 2029 (for both phases). Dates are subject to change.



PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENTS

You are encouraged to provide comments and input on the proposed project.
Your input will become part of the official public record for this project.

Questions:



Please call **1-907-360-0955** and leave a voicemail message with your name, phone number, and question. If you have a question or information request that needs to be answered before providing your official comment on the project, please make sure to call the number above by **March 21, 2025**. A TDOT representative will respond to questions within seven (7) business days.

Comments:



TDOT will be soliciting comments for 21 days following the public meeting, ending on **March 27, 2025**. Public Comments received or postmarked by March 27, 2025, will be included in the official summary of the public meeting.



You can submit your comments in person during the Public Meeting as well as using other available options below. Please reach out to any TDOT representative for more information.



Record a verbal comment by calling **1-907-360-0955** and leave a voicemail message with your name, phone number, and comment.



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Send an email to **TDOT.comments@tn.gov** using the subject line "State Route 170 Project".



Mail a comment card or letter to the following address:

State Route 170
C/O Mr. John Sherk, Project Manager
Tennessee Department of Transportation - Region 1
7345 Region Lane, Knoxville, TN 37914

For additional information, please contact the following TDOT representative:

Mr. John Sherk

TDOT Region 1 Project Management

Email: John.Sherk@tn.gov | Phone: 1-907-360-0955

SR-170

PUBLIC MEETING



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- 5:00 PM** Meeting Begins
- 5:00-5:45 PM** Sign-In/Review Hearing Handout/View Project Displays
- 5:45-6:00 PM** Question & Answer Session with TDOT Representatives
- 6:00-7:00 PM** Visit Project Displays, Speak with TDOT Project Team, and Provide Feedback & Comments

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Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:

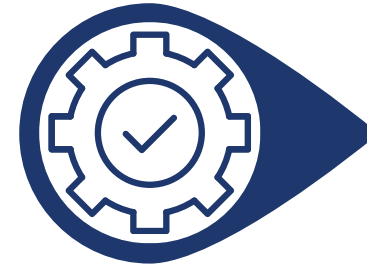
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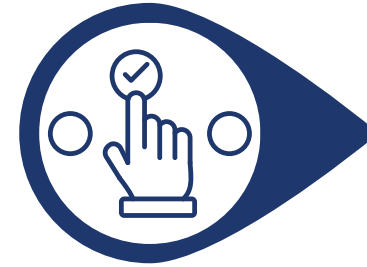
Project Status



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 presentation.



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Comments received by **March 27, 2025** will be included in the official summary for this meeting.





State Route 170 Public Meeting

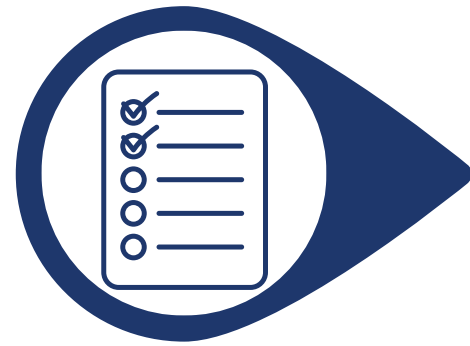


State Route (SR) 170 from the SR-62 (Oak Ridge Highway) interchange to SR-9 (US-25W, Clinton Highway)
Anderson County, Tennessee
PIN 124121.00

March 6, 2025

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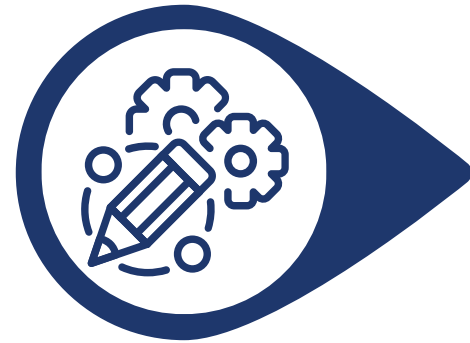




1. PLANNING



2. ENVIRONMENTAL



3. DESIGN



4. RIGHT-OF-WAY



5. CONSTRUCTION



Project Overview



The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to widen and realign State Route (SR)-170 in Anderson County, Tennessee.



Project Termini:

- Begin Project: SR-170 at SR-62 (Oak Ridge Highway)
- End Project: SR-170 at SR-9 (US-25W, Clinton Highway)



Project Length:

- Total project length is approximately 6.18 miles



Project History

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2004

FEASIBILITY



Feasibility study for SR-170 completed August 2004 reviewed the following design options for viability:

- Widening to four (4) lanes
- Widening to a five (5) lane section with a center two way left-turn lane and replacement of the Clinch River Bridge
- Listed as a high priority corridor to move the planning process forward

2011



Technical Report completed that considered three design options:

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Project History

2022



Technical Report Update completed to consider:

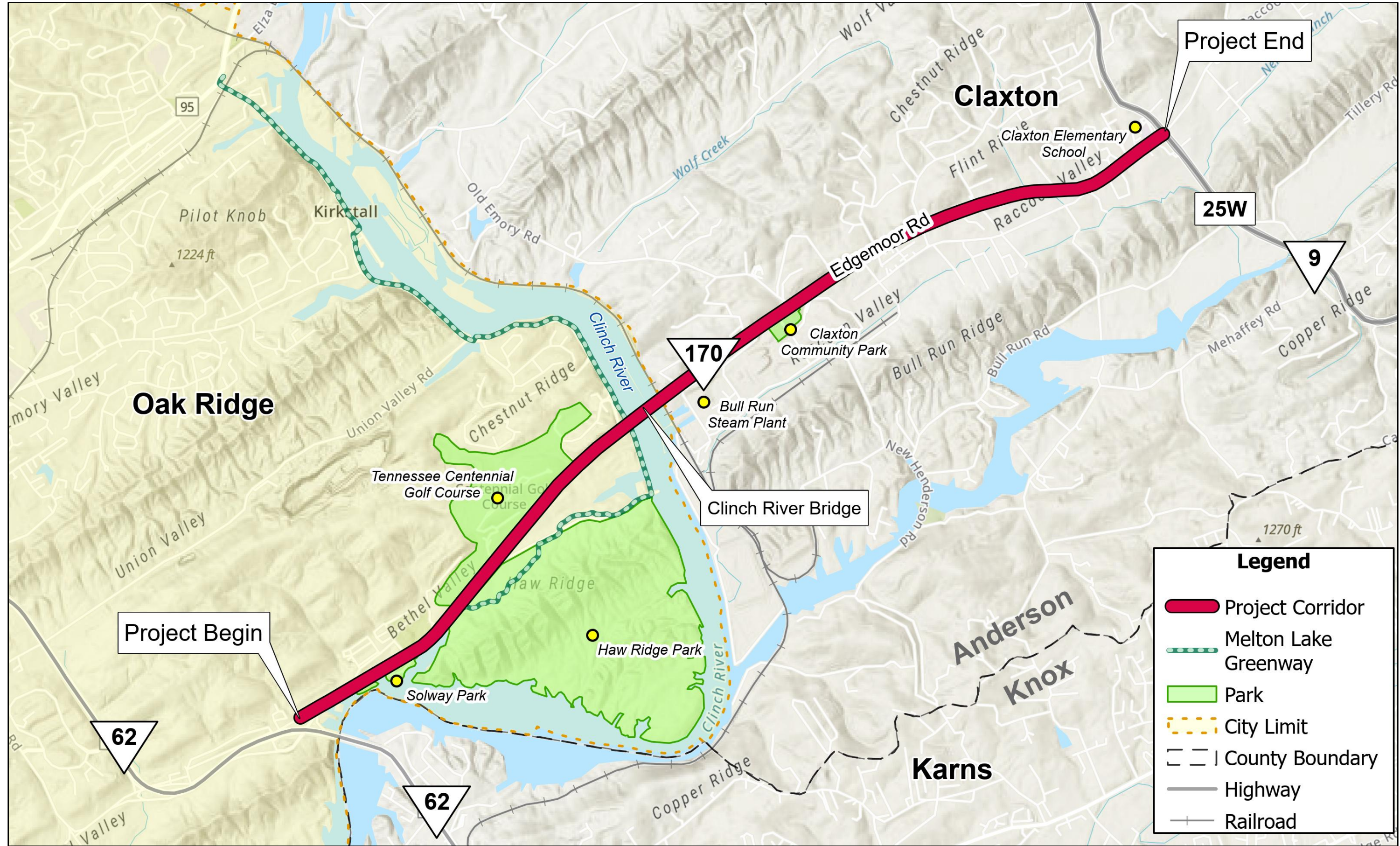
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2024/
2025

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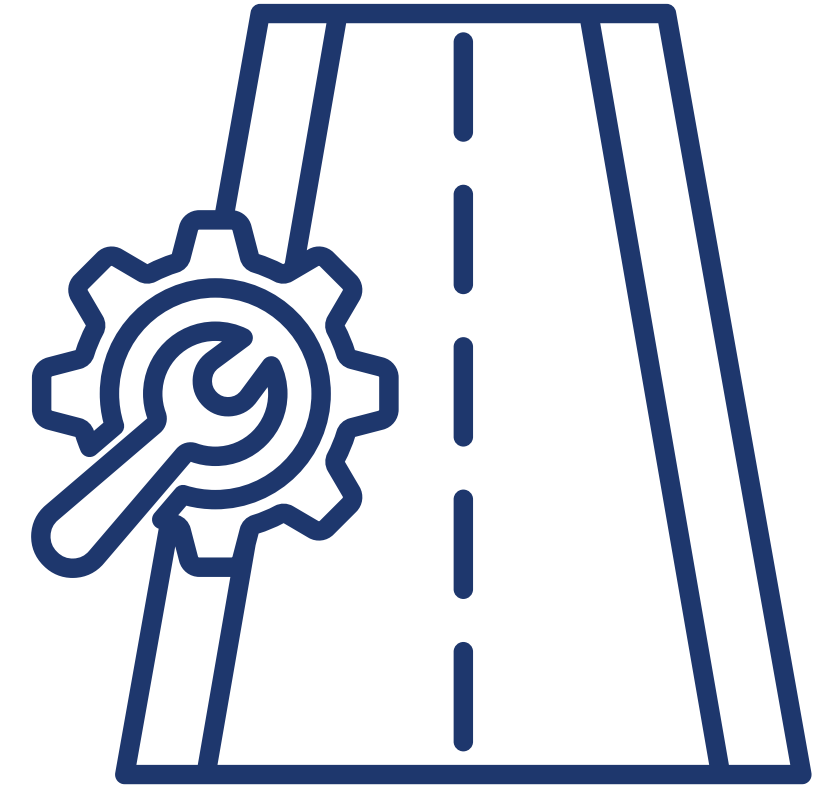
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PRELIMINARY PURPOSE

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Alternatives Evaluated in Environmental Assessment



No-Build Alternative

- Retain the existing configuration except for other programmed improvements and routine maintenance and safety upgrades.

Build Alternative

- Widening from 2-lane to a 4-lane typical section (two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction) with a variable median, 8-foot shoulders west of Walnut Valley Road,
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- Add turn lanes at strategic intersections, realign and reconfigure several intersections, and replacing the existing 2-lane bridge over the Clinch River with a 4-lane bridge.



Preliminary Environmental Impacts

Examples of technical studies underway as part of the environmental review:



Traffic and Safety Analysis



Recreational Resources
(Section 4(f) Resources)



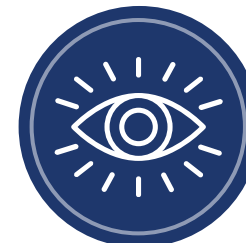
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Transportation Infrastructure



Natural Resources



Community Impact Assessment,
Relocations, and Economic Resources



Visual Impacts



Air Quality and Noise



Hazardous Materials



Cultural Resources
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Resources], Archaeology and Native American
Consultation)*



Indirect and Cumulative Effects



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Next Steps

- **NEPA:**

- Complete environmental technical studies
- Draft the Environmental Assessment

- **FUTURE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

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Additional Information

PROJECT CONTACT:

Mr. John Sherk

TDOT Region 1 Project Management

 **Email:** John.Sherk@tn.gov

 **Phone:** [907-360-0955](tel:907-360-0955)



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

STATE ROUTE (SR)-170 (EDGEMOOR ROAD) FROM THE SR-62 (OAK RIDGE HIGHWAY)
INTERCHANGE TO SR-9 (US-25W, CLINTON HIGHWAY), ANDERSON COUNTY, TN PIN 124121.00



The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to widen and realign SR-170 in Anderson County. TDOT would like your input on the proposed project. Additional options for providing comments as well as additional information on the proposed project are available on the project website (<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-170-widening.html>). TDOT will be soliciting comments for 21 days following the public meeting, ending on March 27, 2025. Public Comments received or postmarked by **March 27, 2025**, will be included in the official summary of the public meeting. You may submit additional pages if the space provided is not adequate for your comments.

Please provide your name and address to ensure that your comment is included in the official record.

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• **Proposed Project (Build Alternative):** _____

• **No-Build Alternative:** _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
 Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors
 Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
 Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

Help us to improve future meetings! How did you hear about this meeting?

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 Postcard/Flyer Social Media TDOT Website
 State/Local Officials Meeting Other: _____

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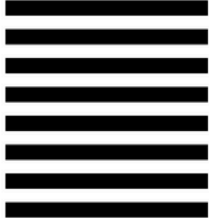


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PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

State Route (SR)-170 Widening, Anderson County, TN

PIN 124121.00

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* Required

1. Full Name *

2. Email Address

3. Mailing Address

4. Phone Number

5. Which option best describes your primary interest in this project? *(Check all that apply)*

Concerned Citizen

Resident

Landowner

Business

6. Do you support the proposed project (Build-Alternative)? *

- Yes (Support)
- No (Against)
- Uncommitted
- Conditional (I would support this project if.....(add details in "Other" box)
- Other

7. What do you like/dislike about the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

8. What do you like/dislike about the No-Build Alternative?

9. What do you see as transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

- Mobility
- Traffic Congestion
- Geometric Deficiencies (*curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.*)
- Other

10. What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

- No issues/concerns
- Impacts to the Natural Environment
- Impacts to Communities, Parks, and Recreation
- Impacts to Homes and Businesses
- Impacts to Noise Receptors
- Impacts to Cultural Resources
- Other

11. Any additional comments:

12. Help us improve future public meeting! How did you hear about this meeting? *(Check all that apply)*

- Postcards/Flyers
- Word of Mouth
- Social Media
- Road Signs
- Newspaper
- TDOT Website
- State/Local Official's Meeting
- Other

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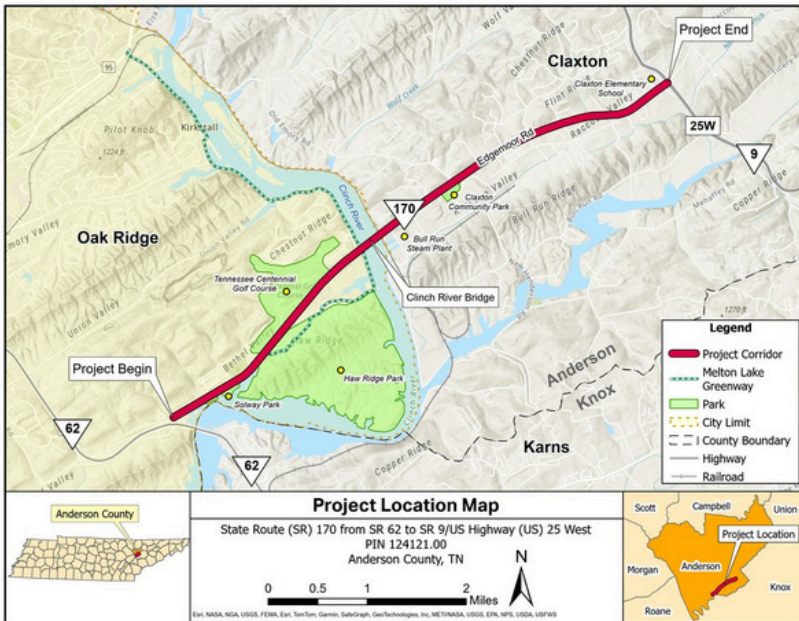
PUBLIC MEETING TODAY

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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PUBLIC MEETING



The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes the widening of State Route (SR)-170 from the SR-62 (Oak Ridge Highway) interchange to SR- 9 (US-25W, Clinton Highway) in Anderson County, Tennessee for approximately 6.18 miles (PIN 124121.00).

The purpose of this public meeting is to provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on the purpose and need for the proposed SR-170 project as well as the range of alternatives under consideration.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETING:

Thursday, March 6, 2025 from 5:00 pm-7:00 PM
Claxton Elementary School Gymnasium
2218 Clinton Highway, Powell, TN 37849

You can also submit comments via:



Online Comment Form: Complete an online comment form available on the SR-170 project website at <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-170-widening.html> or by scanning the **QR code** below.



Email: Send an email to **TDOT.comments@tn.gov** using the subject line "State Route 170 Project".



Verbal: Call **1-907-360-0955** and leave a voicemail message with your name, phone, number, and comment.



Mail: State Route 170
C/O Mr. John Sherk, Project Manager
Tennessee Department of Transportation – Region 1
7345 Region Lane, Knoxville, TN 37914

Public Comments received or postmarked by **March 27, 2025**, will be included in the official summary of the public meeting. If you have a question or information request that needs to be answered before providing your official comment on the project, please make sure to call **1-907-360-0955** by **March 21, 2025**. A TDOT representative will respond to questions within seven (7) business days



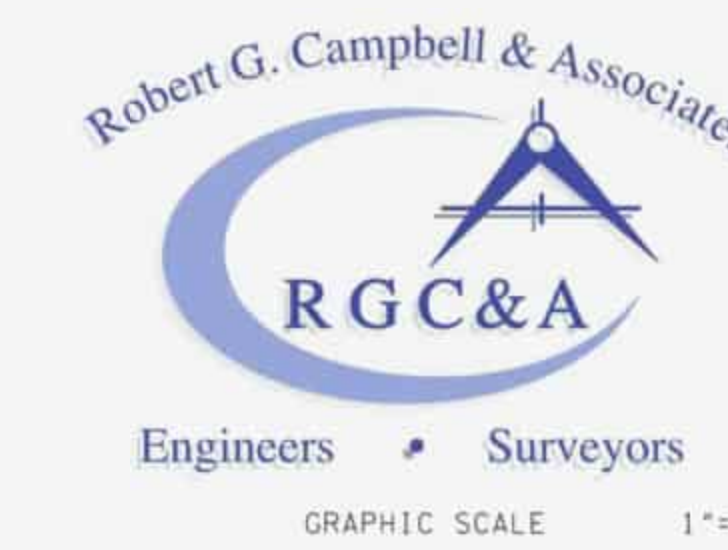
The project displays and all the public meeting material will be available for review in the in- person meeting as well as on the project website.

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EDGEMOOR ROAD
PROPOSED ALIGNMENT
ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE



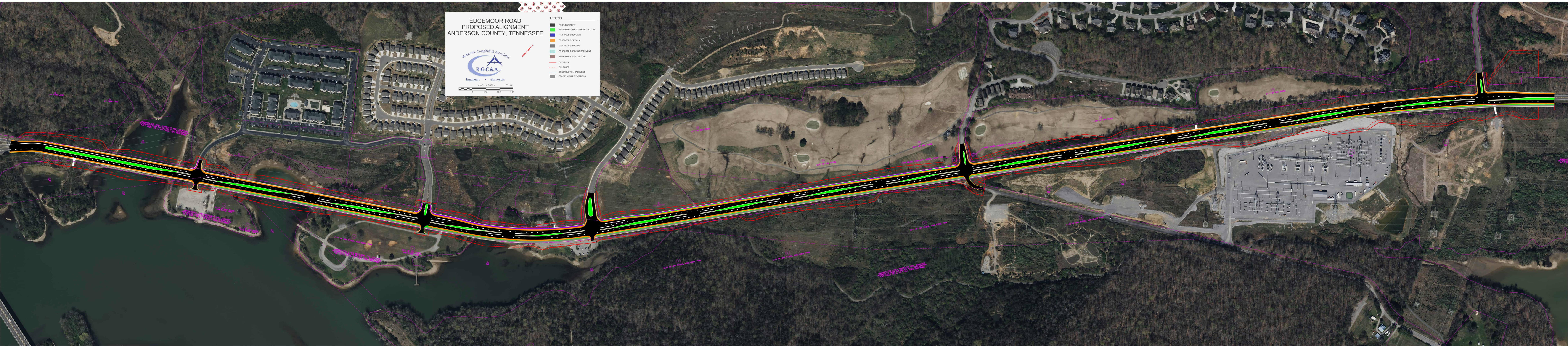
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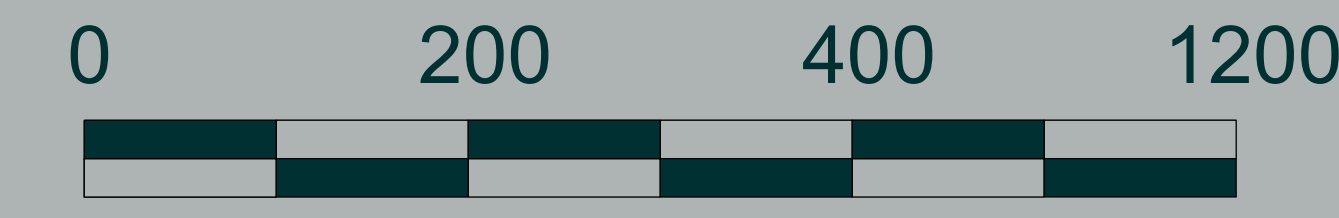


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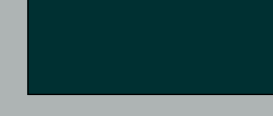

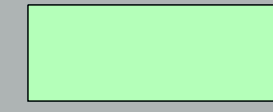

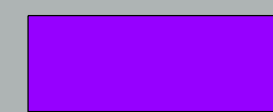



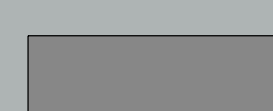








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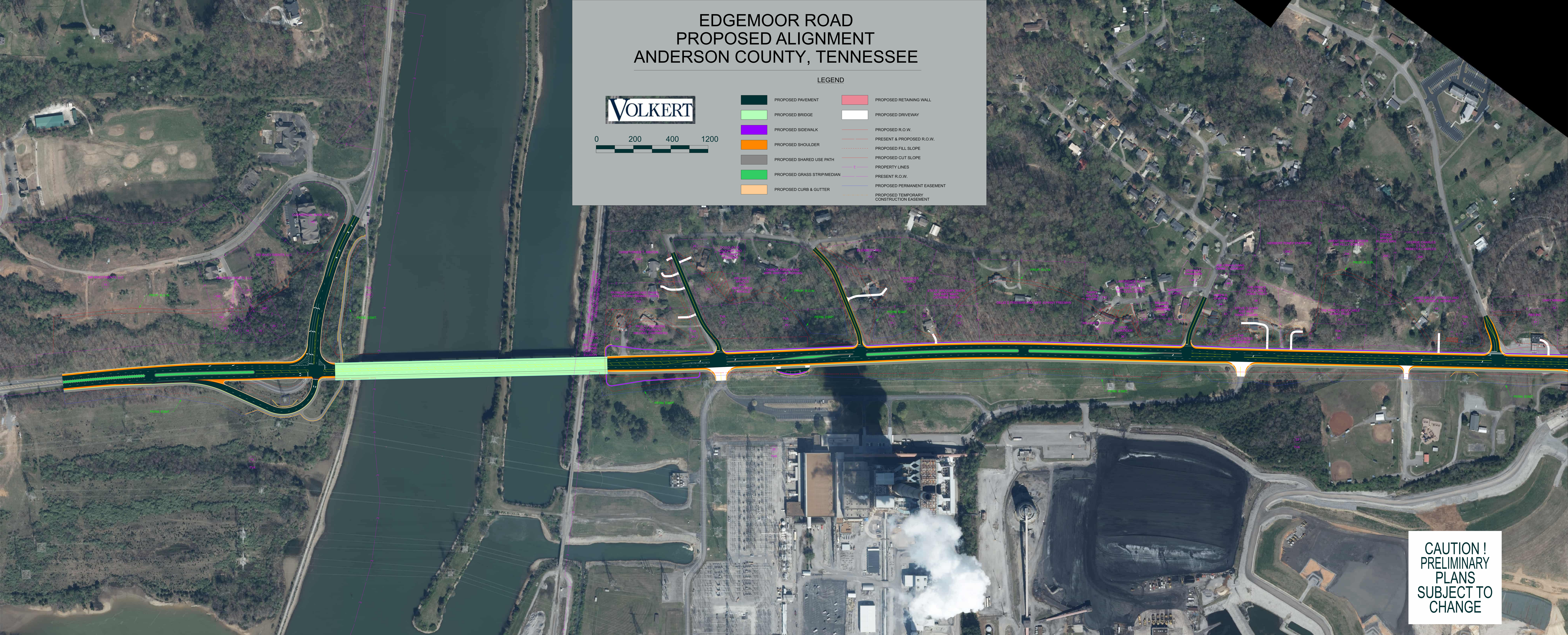


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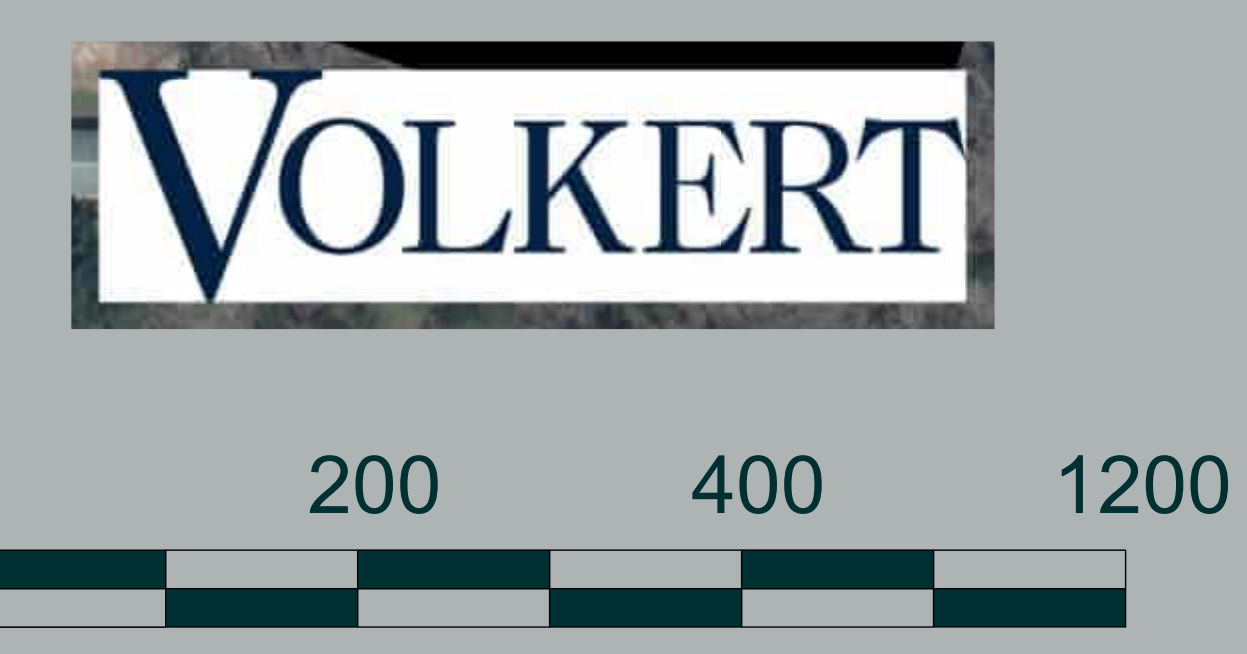
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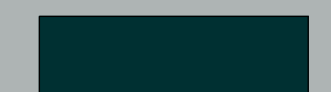

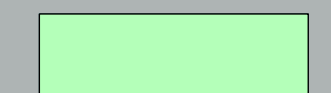





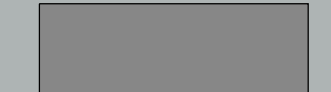
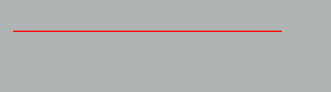



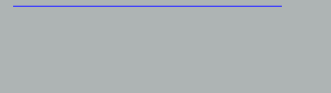





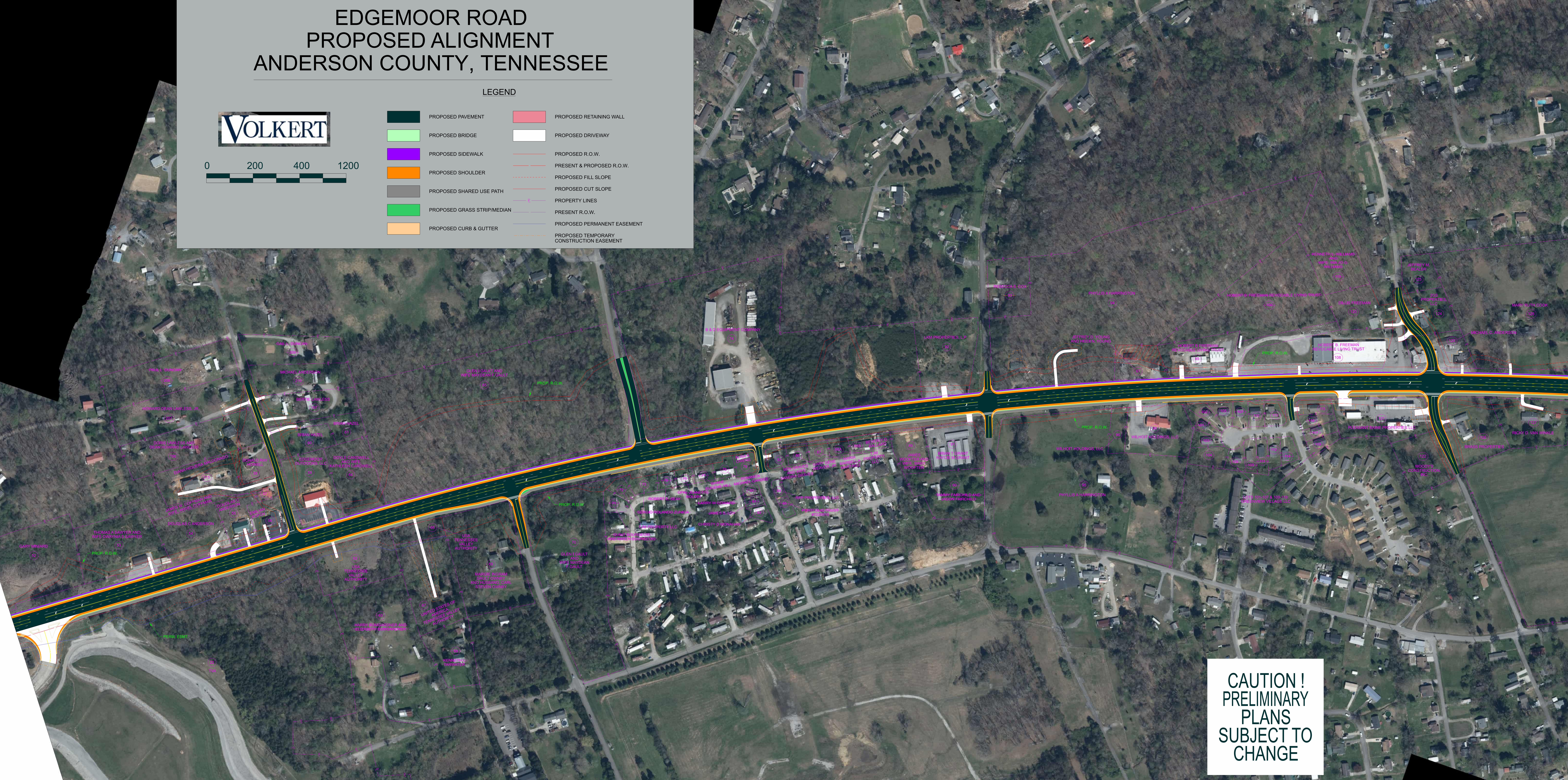
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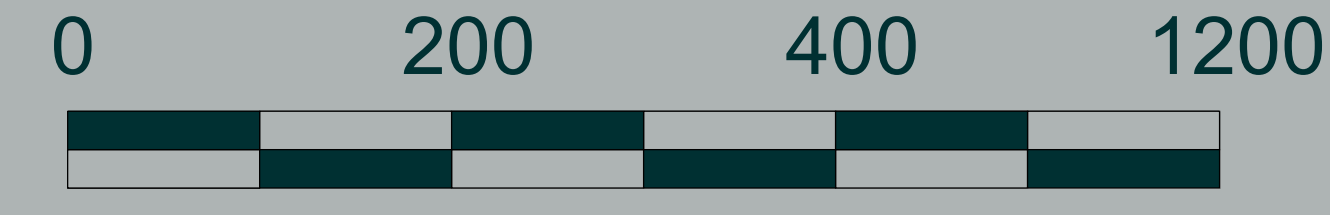
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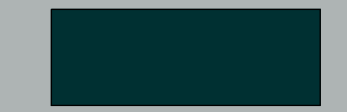

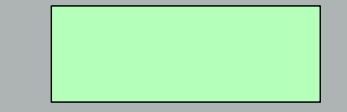

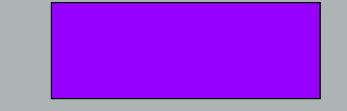



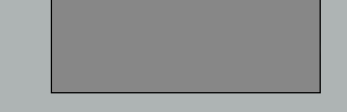
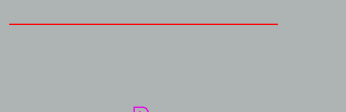
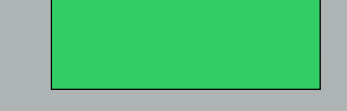



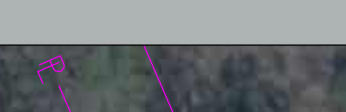




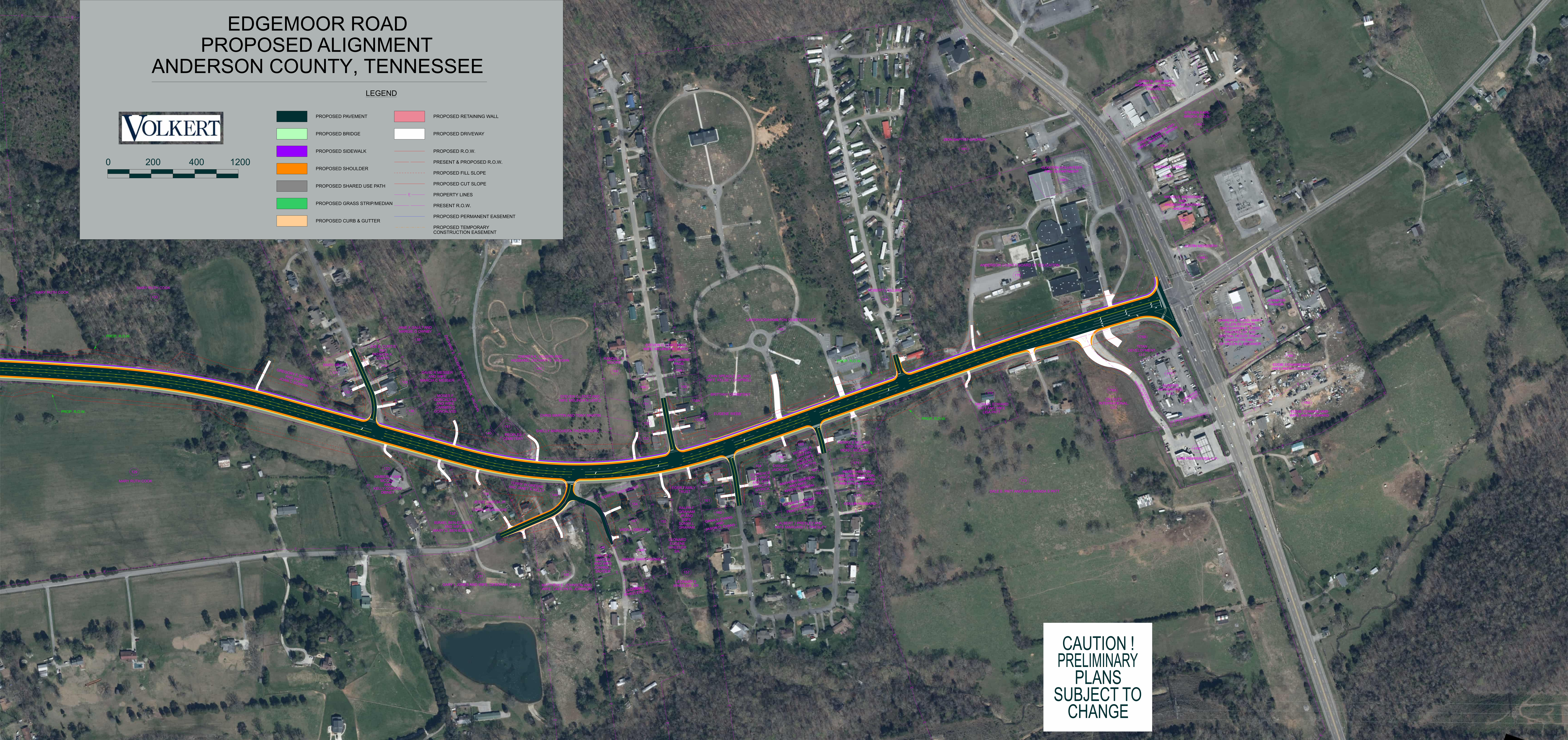
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M.3 Public Meeting Pictures





M.4 Public Meeting Comments and TDOT Responses


Meeting Attendee Sign-In Sheets

State Route 170 Public Meeting

TDOT SR-170 Widening Project, PIN 124121.00



Sign-in Sheet (GENERAL PUBLIC ONLY)

Time	Full Name	Address	Phone	Email
	ROBERT MUSTIN			
	Carol Garcia			
	Adam Owens			
	Mike Walker			
	Josh Tipton & Nick Tipton			
	Roy Harbor			
	Tyler Mayes			
	Julia Green			
	Debbie Magill			
	Christy Fisher			

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Time	Full Name	Address	Phone	Email
	Kim Griffin			
	Mike Griffin			
	Tori Griffin			
	DAVID JORDAN			
	Teresa York			
	Star Lakavage			
	Terry Frank			
	KEIC SARBROW			

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Time	Full Name	Address	Phone	Email
	Brynn Mills			
	Doug Ferguson			
	Tim + Cheryl Davis			
	KURT WARMERD			
	MELORA DOAN + DEBRA FLYNN			
	Christina Boyd			
	DAVID SMITH			
	Mike Young			
	Best Cagle			
	Mike + Paula Isenberg			

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	Karen Dreadway			
	Steve G. Smith			
	ALEX BRAZALOVICH			
	Jeffrey R Moody			
	Henny Vicki McLane			
	gina Wesley			
	Denise Tinsley			
	Eric Handy			
	Sharon M. Kunkle			

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State Route 170 Public Meeting



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Time	Full Name	Address	Phone	Email
	GREGORY SCHANK			
	Laurea Zlotnikewich			
	Beverly Dingleline			
	Ted + Joyce Miller			
	Aaron Alexander			
	Michael Cram			
	Mike Pstt			
	Laura Mitchell			
	Michael T. Allen			
	Lee R			

State Route 170 Public Meeting



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Time	Full Name	Address	Phone	Email
4:35p	Pamela Heathley			
4:45	RALPH WILSON			
4:46	Emily Rice			
4:46	MASON RICE			
4:47	Bill Wyrick			
	Marti Jordan			
	Mark & Jan Haskeu			
4:53pm	Tracy Reinke			
4:55	Jarice Sharp			
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4:50	Mattie Gallaher			
	Jam & Leelann Horn			
	Connie Davis			
	Richard Freeman			
	Carl Wright			
	Susan Wright			
	Leo York			
	LARRY ROSENBAUM			
	Robert Mackenzie			
	Ashley Craven			

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Sign-in Sheet (GENERAL PUBLIC ONLY)

Time	Full Name	Address	Phone	Email
5:05	Brent McKenzie			
5:05	Michael Fisher Sherry Hinton			
5:06	Doug Bataille			
5-6	Lee Wilson			
5:05	Jeremy Mefford			
5:09	Jo Williams			
5:00	George Thompson			
	Jimmy Singh			
	Jacob HasKew			
	TRACY L WANSSELL			

State Route 170 Public Meeting



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Sign-in Sheet (PUBLIC OFFICIALS, MEDIA, PROJECT TEAM ONLY)

Time	Full Name	Affiliation	Phone	Email
	Bridget Collins	TDOT		Bridget.Collins@tn.gov
	Chelsea Wyrick	TDOT		chelsea.wyrick@tn.gov
	Stacy Weaver	TDOT		Stacy.Weaver@tn.gov
	Ginger McCain	TDOT		Ginger.McCain@TN.GOV
	Stephanie Wallis	TDOT		Stephanie.Wallis@tn.gov
	Greg Green	RGCA		greg.green@rgc-a.com
	JOHN K. BARRETT	TDOT		JOHN.BARRETT@tn.gov
	Mark Nagi	TDOT		Mark.Nagi@tn.gov
	BRYAN BARTNIK	TDOT		Bryan.Bartnik@tn.gov
	Molly King	Volkert		molly.king@volkert.com

Comments Received

Online Comments

ID	Start time	Completion time	Email	Full Name	Email Address	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Which option best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)	Do you support the proposed project (Build-Alternative)?	What do you like/dislike about the proposed project (Build Alternative)?	What do you like/dislike about the No-Build Alternative?	What do you see as transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)	What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)	Any additional comments:	Help us improve future public meeting! How did you hear about this meeting? (Check all that apply)	
1	3/4/25 11:45:52	3/4/25 11:58:49	anonymous	Donna Briscoe	[REDACTED]			Resident;		A red light with turn arrow was installed at the entrance to subdivision. At times it is extremely difficult to pull out of subdivision and turn left. Without a red light, it probably for a school bus to turn in or get out of the subdivision	If it 4 lanes, it is basically an interstate for drivers. The speeds will increase making it difficult to get out of subdivisions. the bridge should be widened before the road. Traffic will still back up with cars trying to get in one lane.		People use the turn lane to subdivision as a pull off area and then we can not see to get out. They also use the middle turn lanes to pass both at our subdivision and the subdivision right before us (?apartments-and houses) ;	Impacts to Homes and Businesses;	Postcards/Flyers;	
2	3/4/25 19:14:20	3/4/25 19:15:38	anonymous	Kenneth Rueter	[REDACTED]			Resident;Landowner;	Yes (Support)			Traffic Congestion;	No issues/concerns;		Postcards/Flyers;TDOT Website;Newspaper;Road Signs;	
3	3/6/25 16:08:43	3/6/25 16:21:32	anonymous	Emily Rice	[REDACTED]			Resident;Concerned Citizen;		Need to understand more about the project. As one drives West on Edgemoor (from Bull Run toward Oak Ridge) there is no turn lane for Park Meade. I have been in many situations where cars following me do not slow down when I am attempting to turn into Park Meade. Also- the speed increases from 50 to 55 right before the entrance to our neighborhood. So rather than slowing down for the possibility of someone turning, it seems many are simply increasing their speeds. In the public display #1 picture- other neighborhoods appear to have turn lanes from BOTH directions on Edgemoor into their neighborhood. Park Meade needs this as well. The intersection becomes very busy as we also have a fair bit of traffic from Old Edgemoor with people going to Haw Ridge.	As one you drive West on Edgemoor Rd (heading to Oak Ridge from Bull Run) there is no dedicated turn lane into Park Meade Neighborhood. Cars following our neighbors as we all attempt to enter our neighborhood have had many situations in which other drivers do not slow down when we are attempting to turn into Park Meade. Also- the speed increases from 50 to 55 right before the entrance to our neighborhood. So rather than slowing down for the possibility of someone turning, it seems many are simply increasing their speeds. In the public display #1 picture- other neighborhoods appear to have dedicated turn lanes from BOTH directions on Edgemoor into their neighborhood. Park Meade needs this as well. The intersection becomes very busy as we also have a fair bit of traffic from Old Edgemoor with people going to Haw Ridge. Could you please update your plan to include a dedicated turn lane into Park Meade Neighborhood and consider moving the speed limit increase either further back from our entrance or to just on the other side of the neighborhood heading West. Thank you!		Traffic Congestion;Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.);	Impacts to Communities, Parks, and Recreation;Impacts to Homes and Businesses;Impacts to Noise Receptors;		Postcards/Flyers;
4	3/8/25 12:13:02	3/8/25 12:22:47	anonymous	Aaron Otterstein	[REDACTED]			Resident;	Yes (Support)		I love the idea to expand the road. As a resident of someone who lives off of edgemore road, the traffic of people flowing to Clinton is terrible and I have witnessed many traffic accidents. Currently it limits access to haw ridge park and neighborhood access is not great during high traffic times. I wish that this project included or addressed the exit ramp from highway 62 as well. There are many issues with people not yielding to the traffic even though there are several yield signs and road indicators that the traffic is supposed to yield.	Something should definitely be done. I don't like the no-build alternative.	Traffic Congestion;	No issues/concerns;	It would be great if there were plans to look at adding a bridge to Clinton to decrease the funnel flowing through edgemore road.	Postcards/Flyers;
5	3/9/25 14:29:26	3/9/25 15:00:18	anonymous	gina wesley	[REDACTED]			Resident;Landowner;	Yes (Support)		Traffic resolution	not an option!	Traffic Congestion;Bridge safety/condition;	Impacts to Noise Receptors;	Has ANYONE considered connecting Emory Valley Rd (Which is mostly 4 lanes ALREADY) with a new bridge to Old Emory then Wolf Valley to establish a NEW main route instead of widening Edgemoor? This would divert the PLANT traffic off Edgemore by establishing an alternative route to Clinton Highway and making it easier to exit Oak Ridge and access Pellissippi Parkway by those heading to West Knoxville. Bypassing TVA land would minimize environmental issues caused by the plant contamination. Any future development at that sight would have Old Emory as an alternative access to separate that traffic from the Oak Ridge traffic. It would also address traffic disruptions caused by the elementary school, allow easier access and exit to the Karns area and while not disrupting established business currently on Edgemore. Since Emory Valley is mostly 4 lanes already and Wolf Valley is pretty much a straight shot to Clinton Highway, this just seems like a more reasonable solution.	Postcards/Flyers;

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

STATE ROUTE (SR)-170 (EDGEMOOR ROAD) FROM THE SR-62 (OAK RIDGE HIGHWAY)
INTERCHANGE TO SR-9 (US-25W, CLINTON HIGHWAY), ANDERSON COUNTY, TN PIN 124121.00



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Full Name: GREGORY SCHANK

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• Proposed Project (Build Alternative): NOISE

• No-Build Alternative: NOISE TRUCK TRAFFIC

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
 Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors
 Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
 Other: TRUCK TRAFFIC

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

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Full Name: Nikki & Josh Tipton

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

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Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

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What do you like/dislike about:

• **Proposed Project (Build Alternative):** Widening of Edgemoor will help with traffic congestion, don't like that 3-lane will be closed to home and road noise will impact us and our children

• **No-Build Alternative:** _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: Red light at Edgewood Rd, road noise in the area increasing

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
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Full Name: Doyle Bataille

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• **Proposed Project (Build Alternative):** _____

Support shared use trail

• **No-Build Alternative:** _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
 Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors
 Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
 Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

Replace any parking lost at Hawk Ridge Park

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Full Name: Eric Hamby

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

Would like a Tree Replacement

What do you like/dislike about:

• **Proposed Project (Build Alternative):** Dislike meldon Lake turn feel Bridge should have been raised to eliminate traffic light to not stop traffic for turn to go under edgemoor Rd

Dislike - Trees being cleared at Park meade Drive provides a buffer from

• **No-Build Alternative:** Sound. Should plant trees to Replace & have buffer to our neighbor hood on other Sound Butler

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion

Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)

Other: No Buffer for Sound for Park meade Residents Need to Replace

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns

Impacts to the natural environment

Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation

Other: _____

Impacts to homes and businesses

Impacts to noise receptors

Impacts to cultural resources

Trees taken

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

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Full Name: Carol Garcia

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

- Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

- Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted
 Conditional (I would support this project if: least impact to environment)

What do you like/dislike about:

- Proposed Project (Build Alternative): don't want Edgemoor to turn into another Mississippi Freeway!!! We have already had child killed by traffic and numerous accidents from speeding!
- No-Build Alternative: _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

- Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

- No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
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 Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
 Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

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Full Name: Emily Rice

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

- Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

- Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about: Park Meade

• **Proposed Project (Build Alternative):** Please add a dedicated turn lane into our neighborhood (as you travel west on Edgemoor toward Oak Ridge). When speaking to one of the representatives they were unaware that we have school buses traveling from Edgemoor into Park Meade.

• **No-Build Alternative:** The speed limit increases just prior to Park Meade neighborhood ~~on the~~ ^{as you approach the} entrance from east ^{Picture} West entrance East could that be moved to the west

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply) Side just after passing our neighborhood

- Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)

Other: proper turn (dedicated) lanes into neighborhoods.

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

- No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
 Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors
 Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
 Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

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Full Name: Alphon Alexander

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

- Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

- Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted
 Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• **Proposed Project (Build Alternative):** _____

• **No-Build Alternative:** _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

- Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

- No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
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 Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

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Full Name: Henry E or Vicki L. McHane

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

- Concerned Citizen
- Resident
- Landowner
- Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

- Yes (Support)
- No (Against)
- Uncommitted
- Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• Proposed Project (Build Alternative): Like: Fix bridge Area problem
Dislike: Enlarging road, creating more traffic, and forcing
People to move

• No-Build Alternative: Eliminate the traffic light @ Melow Hill Road
with an overpass

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

- Mobility
- Traffic Congestion at bridge only
- Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
- Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

- No issues/concerns
- Impacts to the natural environment
- Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation
- Impacts to homes and businesses
- Impacts to noise receptors
- Impacts to cultural resources
- Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

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- Newspaper
- Postcard/Flyer
- State/Local Officials Meeting
- Road Signs
- Social Media
- Social Media
- Other: _____
- Social Media
- TDOT Website



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Full Name: Elizabeth Peck

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project?

Yes

No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Concerned Citizen

Resident

Landowner

Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support)

No (Against)

Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

- **Proposed Project (Build Alternative):** Hopefully gets rid of light at Melton Hill Rd. I would like to see TVA tear down Bull Run completely and take the easements from that side of Emory Valley Rd. Bike paths are a great idea (and sidewalks)
- **No-Build Alternative:** _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility

Traffic Congestion

Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)

Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns

Impacts to homes and businesses

Impacts to the natural environment

Impacts to noise receptors

Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation

Impacts to cultural resources

Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

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Social Media

Word of Mouth

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Social Media

TDOT Website

State/Local Officials Meeting

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Full Name: Michael Fisher + Sherry Hinton

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

- Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

- Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted
- Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• Proposed Project (Build Alternative):

Provides for protected turn lanes, which is a particular issue at our intersection. Very pleased that there are plans for sidewalk and multiuse path

• No-Build Alternative: _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

- Mobility Traffic Congestion
- Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
- Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

- No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
- Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors
- Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
- Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed):

I would NOT recommend increasing speed limit

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- State/Local Officials Meeting Other: _____

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Please provide your name and address to ensure that your comment is included in the official record.

Full Name: Harley Douglas Ferguson III

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: No more traffic lights)

What do you like/dislike about:

• **Proposed Project (Build Alternative):** Sidewalk and multi-use trail !!! I live on the east side of the bridge and mtb in Hawk Ridge Park 3x a week. Would love the opportunity to ride my bike safely from my home to the trails. However I am concerned about more traffic

• **No Build Alternative:** on this road due to it driving more development out and away from Oak Ridge. No Build Alternative: Perhaps leaving it might stunt growth and persuade people to use another route. Do we really need another OR Turnpike, Clinton Hwy, Mississippi Hwy

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: Bike lanes

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
 Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors
 Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
 Other: More traffic

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): My greatest concern would be creating another business thoroughfare with traffic lights, strip malls, and generic convenience stores that would disrupt the feel of the area.

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STATE ROUTE 200 - (SR 200) (EAST AND WEST) FROM THE SR 62 (OAK RIDGE HIGHWAY)
ROUTE 200 FROM SR 62 TO SR 200 (CLINTON HIGHWAY), ANDERSON COUNTY, TN PIN 124121.00



The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to widen SR 200 from SR 62 to SR 200 (Clinton Highway), Anderson County, TN. Additional options for providing comments are available on the project website (<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-200>). Comments are due for 21 days following the public meeting, ending on March 27, 2025. Comments received by March 27, 2025, will be included in the official summary of the public meeting. You may also provide comments via the project website for your comments.

Please provide your name and address to ensure that your comment is included in the official record.

Full Name: CLARENCE W. Wyrick
Mailing Address: [Redacted]
Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]
Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Unemployed Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• Proposed Project (Build Alternative): _____

• No-Build Alternative: _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
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 Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

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Full Name: Connie Davis

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• Proposed Project (Build Alternative): Edgemoor does need widened but there has to be a better way. No long vehicles now stop light. Round about.

• No-Build Alternative: _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion

Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)

Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses

Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors

Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources

Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed):

I can see having a few feet of padding on each side of the road (maybe) but not destroy their homes. There needs to be much more talking research too.

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STATE ROUTE (SR) 170 (EDGEWOOD ROAD) FROM THE SR 62 (OAK RIDGE HIGHWAY) INTERCHANGE TO SR 8 (US 25W, CLINTON HIGHWAY), ANDERSON COUNTY, TN PIN 124121.00



This project is being funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to widen SR 170 from the SR 62 interchange to SR 8. Additional options for providing comments are available on the project website (<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-170/>). Comments received by **March 27, 2025** will be included in the official summary of the public meeting. You may also provide comments at the public meeting on **March 27, 2025**.

Please provide your name and address to ensure that your comment is included in the official record.

Full Name: Phyllis A HARRINGTON
Mailing Address: [Redacted]
Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]
Should you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

- Uninvolved Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

- Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted
 Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• Proposed Project (Build Alternative): Do we need a sidewalk on the N. side? How many traffic lights on Edgewood? It will be a race track without traffic controls.

• No-Build Alternative: _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

- Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

- No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
 Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors
 Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
 Other: _____

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): _____

Impact on the Valley as a whole.

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Please provide your name and address to ensure that your comment is included in the official record.

Full Name: Tracy Reinke

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted
 Conditional (I would support this project if: _____)

What do you like/dislike about:

• **Proposed Project (Build Alternative):** Will the standing & stagnant water (on the north end of Melton Hill Lake) be addressed? Drainage there needs to be addressed!!
Will more speed limit signs be added along this road? Not enough now!! Will the traffic signal at the Melton Lake Dr have better timing when needed? During plants at Oak Ridge ending shifts!
• **No-Build Alternative:** _____

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.) *especially at entrance*
 Other: More street lights at intersections and by business driveways - to Claxton Community Park!

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
 Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors
 Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
 Other: People walking in the dark - hard to see them.

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed): I'm happy that there will be sidewalks for pedestrians. I have almost hit people at night walking along the road. The only way I knew they were walking is because they had a flashlight.

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Full Name: Mark Wayne Haskew

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted] Phone Number: [Redacted]

Would you like to receive future mailings about the project? Yes No

Which best describes your primary interest in this project? (Check all that apply)

Concerned Citizen Resident Landowner Business

Do you support the proposed project (Build Alternative)?

Yes (Support) No (Against) Uncommitted

Conditional (I would support this project if: Recommendations enclosed are implemented.)

What do you like/dislike about:

• Proposed Project (Build Alternative): See attached comments. Five pages

• No-Build Alternative: See attached comments. Five pages

What do you see as the transportation need in the area? (Check all that apply)

Mobility Traffic Congestion
 Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.)
 Other: _____

What issues/concerns do you have about the proposed project? (Check all that apply)

No issues/concerns Impacts to homes and businesses
 Impacts to the natural environment Impacts to noise receptors
 Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation Impacts to cultural resources
 Other: Impact on Farms

Additional Comments (You may submit additional pages if needed):

Would appreciate a representative walk down issues prior to next public meeting.

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March 25, 2025

John Sherk
TDOT Region 1 Project Management
7345 Region LN
Knoxville, TN 37914

In 2019 Oak Ridge City staff was contacted by Mr. Jeff Welch, then Director of the Knoxville Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) relative to the Preliminary Proposed Functional Layout for widening of Edgemoor Rd. (SR-170). City staff and TPO staff collaboratively provided comments on December 20, 2019 to Mr. Mark Gilbert TDOT strategic Transportation Investment Division. In August 2020 City staff thru the TPO received revised conceptual layouts. TDOT was receptive and incorporated many of the suggested changes in its plans dated July 24, 2020.

On March 6, 2025 Oak Ridge City Engineer Bryan Mills, P.E. attended a public meeting at Claxton Elementary School one of the requirements of NEPA process for federally funded projects. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the plans from this meeting. One of the options presented was the "No Build" alternative. This is not an option that is acceptable to the City of Oak Ridge although we understand that is a requirement of the alternatives analysis. The widening of Edgemoor Rd. has been in TDOT's planning stages for over two decades. In 2012 the then TDOT commissioner pledged to expedite the project after the proposed Knoxville beltway was cancelled. This project is vital to relieve congestion for traffic going to and from Oak Ridge employment centers. In 2019 Oak Ridge city staff studied the 2.5 mile section between TN SR-62 and Melton Lake DR. Between 2014 and 2019 there were 114 crashes. Thirty of these were injury crashes and two resulted in fatalities.

Members of several City departments have reviewed the drawing dated March 6, 2025 and entitled Public Meeting Display 1. We realize the drawing is generic. Staff has several comments and we realize some of these would be addressed in a more detailed drawing package. The City engineering department also reviewed Line and Grade Plans dated October 3, 2024.

The City is concerned about changes in phasing and project terminus points and believes this has changed. In addition to traffic safety a major need for this project is to improve traffic operations at the intersection of Edgemoor RD and Melton Lake DR. This location is the most critical intersection along the route. The terminus point of the project between SR-62 and Melton Lake DR has been moved to station 215+00. This is

1,240 west of this critical intersection meaning any improvements would not be possible until the 2nd phase.

The proposed crosswalk at station 131+24 appears to be deleted.

Proposed right-of-way widths appear to have increased at some locations and in specific at and east of the project near the transition point between phases 1 & 2. Consideration of reducing the cross section on the north side in this area may reduce the negative impact on land owners and development.

There are 9 median breaks at locations other than roadway intersections or driveways. The City recognizes the need for authorized vehicles to be able to cross the median to change direction or respond to emergencies. Normally median breaks not intended for frequent use would be $\pm 40'$ wide. Staff does not see the reason for 80' wide turn a rounds with taper and storage. The number of median breaks is also a concern that may make the situation less safe.

The west bound right turn deceleration lane for Park Meade Blvd. at station 171+43 has been deleted.

In conclusion the City of Oak Ridge appreciates all effort by TDOT to move this project toward construction with the hope of improved vehicle and pedestrian safety and also with reduced congestion and delay for motorists.

Sincerely,



Roger Flynn PE, Public Works Director

CC:

Mayor, Warren Gooch
City Council

Randy Hemann, Oak Ridge City Manager

Tom Pessemier, Oak Ridge Deputy City Manager

Bryan Mills, P.E. Oak Ridge City Engineer

Mike Conger, P.E., Knoxville Transportation Planning Organization

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Mark Haskew



Issue #1 - Reduce Scope by Seeking an Alternative Design

Concern 1A

The proposed project will remove 2.416 acres of productive hayfields from Tract 129, permanently reducing our farm's hay production by approximately eight percent. This loss directly impacts our farm's income and threatens its ability to sustain operations into a sixth generation and beyond (the farm has been in our family for five generations).

Solution 1A

Tracts 128 and 130 offer greater depth than Tract 129.

To mitigate the impact, we strongly recommend shifting the proposed "Building Alternative" north by at least 50 feet. This adjustment would allocate more acreage from Tracts 128 and 130, reducing the impact on Tract 129 while still meeting project objectives.

Concern 1B

Tract 129 contains the most fertile land on our family farm, making the loss of 2.416 acres significantly more detrimental than the loss of 0.422 acres from Tract 128 or 1.469 acres from Tract 130.

Furthermore, Tract 129 cannot expand due to its fixed borders:

- North – Edgemoor Road
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- South – Old Edgemoor Lane

- East – Residential properties

Our family urgently needs relief from this loss of prime agricultural land.

Solution 1B

TDOT uses "TDOT – ROADWAY DESIGN GUIDELINES, Section 9 – Multimodal Design," 02/15/19, as a guide to design new or alter an existing roadway.

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To minimize land use and project costs, TDOT should implement the following:

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These adjustments will reduce scope, making the Building Alternative more cost-effective while reducing land acquisition from property owners. Similar design choices have been successfully implemented on TN State Route 131 and the new Schaad Road (between TN State Route 62 and TN State Route 169).

Concern 1C

Having lived along Edgemoor Road since 1958, I can confidently say that bicycling and walking are not common activities due to the high speed (i.e., greater than 60 mph) and volume of vehicular traffic.

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Disrupting this area by rerouting water or altering drainage patterns would have long-term environmental consequences.

Solution 2A

The best resolution is to shift the "Building Alternative" north onto Tract 130, preserving the natural drainage patterns and avoiding costly geotechnical challenges.

Concern 2B

Stormwater runoff from Edgemoor Road poses risks, carrying sediment, oil, chemicals, and road salt into Blazer Branch, degrading water quality and harming aquatic ecosystems.

Solution 2B

Roadway drainage must be designed to divert runoff away from Blazer Branch. Specific measures should include:

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Concern 2C

The Edgemoor Road Valley has a large deer population, increasing the risk of deer-vehicle collisions as road width expands.

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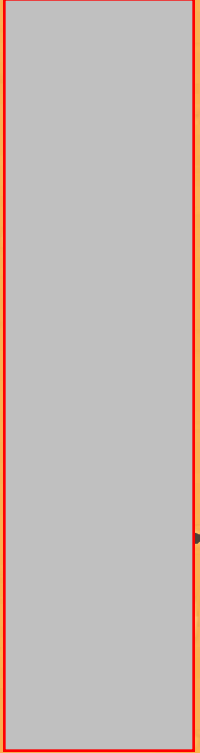
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Dawood, Laura

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Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 2:00 PM
To: Dawood, Laura
Subject: FW: Comments - State Route 170 From SR-62 Interchange To SR-9, Anderson County , TN PIN 124121.00
Attachments: attachment 1.pdf

From: Mark Haskew [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 11:42 PM
To: John Sherk <John.Sherk@tn.gov>
Cc: Jacob Haskew [redacted]
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Dear Mr. Sherk,

Thank you for taking the time to meet and discuss the “Building Alternative” impacts on our family farm with my family and me on March 6 at Claxton School.

Attached below are my comments regarding the Edgemoor Road Project. I have also sent these comments to AECOM SR-170 Public Comments Franklin TN address.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Mark Haskew

[redacted]

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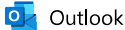
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From: Mike Conger <mike.conger@knoxplanning.org>

Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 12:35 PM

To: John Sherk <John.Sherk@tn.gov>

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Edgemoor Road (SR-170) Public Meeting

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John,

This is a quick follow-up to this email that Jonah Bird on our staff sent a couple weeks ago as well as one that I sent on 3/28 about the Edgemoor Rd project to make sure that you have received them since I don't believe we've gotten any response to either one. If you and/or Dexter Justis who is copied on this email could please let us know if TDOT is in receipt of our comments and if so how those are being considered, we would appreciate it.

I'm assuming that this project is following the relatively new TDOT Project Delivery Network (PDN) process of which I'm not super familiar and unsure of how project stakeholders are woven in such as TPO and local agency staff, e.g. City of Oak Ridge. In the past, there were typically various checkpoints where we would be invited to attend field review meetings and be given a set of plans to review during project development and I would be curious to know if the PDN process allows for something similar so please let us know that as well when you have a chance. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss any of these items in more detail if needed.

Thanks,

Mike Conger

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Mike Conger, PE

Senior Transportation Engineer

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From: Jonah Bird <jonah.bird@knoxplanning.org>

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 2:36 PM

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Subject: Re: Edgemoor Road (SR-170) Public Meeting

Hi John,

I don't believe we've met before, but I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Jonah Bird and I started with the Knoxville TPO as the multimodal transportation planner last June. Mike looped me into this project and I had some additional comments as well. Please see them below:

Display 1

- My recommendation would be to put a shared use path on the north side of the easterly most landbridge that starts from the shoulder of Westbound side of Edgemoor Rd (at the project limits) and continues west across the bridge until Waterview Dr. This would give access to Oak Ridge Memorial Park, and this would be the time to build any ped/bike facilities here, since future opportunities would be very expensive.
- Recommend a pedestrian/SUP crossing with appropriate treatment at west side of (the west) Waterview Drive Intersection where there is an existing unmarked crosswalk and then connect SUP to current starting point at boat dock drive.
- Recommend a ped crossing to increase safety of existing unmarked crosswalks at (the east) Waterview Drive
- Recommend a ped crossing to increase safety of existing unmarked crosswalks at Centennial Vlg Dr.
- Recommend the median on Centennial Village Drive/Harbour Pointe Lane extended further towards Edgemoor Road and integrated into a pedestrian refuge, perhaps with some degree of centerline hardening. This would help lower turning speeds and minimize risk to crossing pedestrians.

Display 2

- Recommend midblock crossing near Dogwood Ln. due to concentration of ped generators on both sides of the road (Subway, DG, Shell, Sports Bar)

- Recommend adding ped facilities (Crosswalks push buttons, etc.) for all 4 corners of the SR170/SR9 intersection as the new sidewalk and SUP create crosswalks across SR9 that should be made safe.

Overall, I will echo Mike's concerns about the crosswalks and multimodal infrastructure throughout the project. If there is to be bike/ped infrastructure on both the north and south sides of the roadway, there should be sufficient crossings between them, especially given the frequency/density of parks between New Henderson Road and Waterview Drive. Currently, the only crossing shown on the Public Display plans is at the very eastern end of the project at the intersection with Clinton Hwy. TDOT (Mike Gilbert) had previously stated they would provide midblock crossings near Waterview Drive and N Dogwood Road, as well as a signalized crosswalk at Melton Lake, but these don't seem to appear in the current versions of the plan.

Thanks!

Jonah Bird
Transportation Planner
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From: Mike Conger <mike.conger@knoxplanning.org>
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Subject: Edgemoor Road (SR-170) Public Meeting

Good afternoon John,

I was recently made aware that a public meeting was held as part of the NEPA phase for the subject project on March 6th in Claxton. Roger Flynn with the City of Oak Ridge forwarded me a copy of their comments a couple of days ago and I found information about the project on the TDOT website so I understand that the comment deadline was yesterday. I have not had much time to go through the functional layout displays as yet but there were a couple of items that I wanted to mention and to see if we can have an opportunity to provide input at other opportunities prior to the final design stages. Therefore, the following questions/comments don't need to be addressed as part of the official public meeting record, but we would like an opportunity for further dialogue as this project moves forward:

1. The Knoxville TPO staff needs to be notified of public meetings involving projects within our planning area whenever possible. Please add myself and/or TPO Coordinator, Doug Burton to any future meeting notices on this corridor or any other upcoming projects of this nature.
2. The "Public Meeting Display 1" pdf on the project website appears to need a revised legend as the colors don't seem to match the roadway features. For example, the legend calls out the sidewalk as being orange but I believe the orange color-coded sections seem to be roadway shoulders instead.
3. I share some of the concerns noted in the City of Oak Ridge comments about there seeming to be more frequent and wider median openings on the western segment of roadway that could perhaps be reduced.
4. The "Display 2" appears to show much more detail such as with pavement striping than Display 1 so it would be helpful to update it to match for future posting on the webpage.
5. I understand that the functional layouts are very preliminary at this stage and exact pavement marking designs are probably still to be determined, but there will need to be careful consideration given to the crosswalks and other features needed to ensure bike/ped safety. I would encourage further discussion and evaluation of this aspect, especially as it pertains to any potential pedestrian crossings between the north and south sides of the roadway. I know that our staff has submitted comments about this aspect as part of initial Technical Reports and I can send those again if you do not already have a copy so please let me know.
6. If you have any more detailed plans available at this stage that you send me via a sharefile link please let me know. It looks like the most recent set of roadway plans that I have are dated 2018.

As I mentioned, please let me know of any further opportunities for review and comment on this project and I'm happy to coordinate with City of Oak Ridge staff as we have done in the past on this very important project for Oak Ridge and the Region (Roger Flynn and Brian Mills are CC'd on this email). Thanks,

Mike Conger

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Outlook

RE: Anderson, Public Meeting

From Joseph Fabio <Joseph.Fabio@tn.gov>
Date Fri 3/7/2025 2:21 PM
To Cory Sharrock <Cory.Sharrock@tn.gov>

Tr. 23

JO Milford has passed away. Johnnie Milford is over 90 yrs old and lives with her daughter Teresa York. Teresa and her husband help take care of the property and are currently renting out the home. Because of this, they have not been receiving TDOT notices, and requested that the mailing address on file for this tract be listed as their home address.

- Please list the POC for Tr. 023 as: Theresa York (daughter)
- Update the mailing address for Tr. 023 to be: 210 Deerfield Lane, Clinton, TN 37716

*Joe Fabio***Joe Fabio, MBA, SR/WA-TN |**

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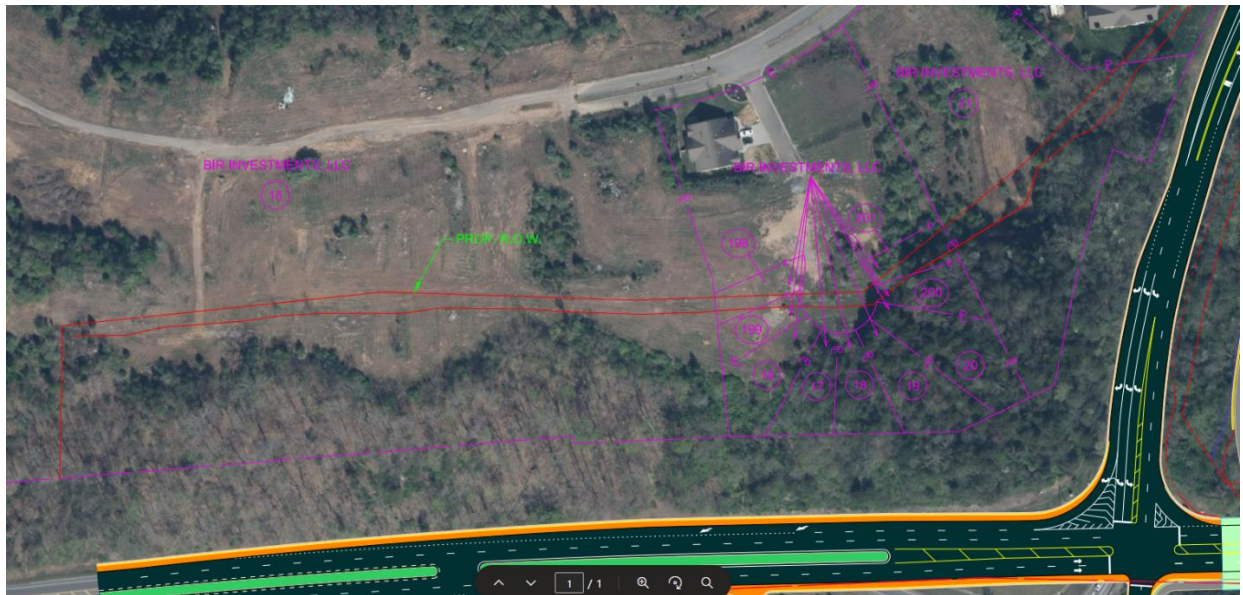
If anybody has notes from last nights meeting please forward them to me so I can compile a list for design.

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TDOT's Response to Comments

Commenter Name	Source	Comment/Question	Response
Teresa York	meeting	<p>Support: N/A</p> <p>JO Milford has passed away. Johnnie Milford is over 90 yrs old and lives with her daughter Teresa York. Teresa and her husband help take care of the property and are currently renting out the home. Because of this, they have not been receiving TDOT notices, and requested that the mailing address on file for this tract be listed as their home address.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>The updated point of contact information for the noted property has been shared with the Project Team.</p>
Carol Garcia	meeting	<p>Support: Conditional.</p> <p>Build: Wants the least impact to environment, doesn't want Edgemoor to turn into a freeway, worried about safety and accidents. Impacts to the natural environment; Impacts to homes and businesses; Impacts to noise receptors; Impacts to cultural resources</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed project is being designed to address traffic and mobility concerns for all users, including residents living along the corridor, with a broader goal of providing an overall safer facility.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed for the project. Noise, natural resources, including waters of the US and protected species, and cultural resources will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
Connie Davis	postal	<p>Support: No.</p> <p>Build: Edgemoor does need widening but there has to be a better way. More long vehicles, more stop lights. Roundabouts. Impacts to natural environment; Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation; Impacts to homes and businesses; Impacts to noise receptors; Impacts to cultural resources.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The need for improvements along Edgemoor Road has been identified through technical studies and public input. As the project moves forward, a range of roadway features including intersections, signal placement, and traffic control options will be evaluated to best support safety, mobility, and community needs.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed for the project. Noise, natural resources, including waters of the US and protected species, and cultural resources will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
Clarence Wyrick	postal	<p>Support: Uncommitted.</p> <p>Build: No Issues.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and participation in the project's outreach process.</p>
Kurt Warmbrod	email	<p>Support: N/A</p> <p>Build: It seems to me that the Solway area is already a bottleneck and this project is going to make it worse. In addition to improving the bridge near Bull Run, you are also going to accelerate the need to improve the Solway bridge. A better option would be to make New Henderson Rd a state road and improve just one bridge. This will alleviate congestion through Solway. I live off of Edgemoor Rd in the Park Meade subdivision. I look forward to hearing about this alternative.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: TDOT plans to coordinate a review of the location for future needs. While there are alternative options to the current state highway system, routes such as New Henderson Road are not currently up to the minimum standards allowable for adoption as a state highway. If both Anderson and Knox Counties are agreeable to this route becoming a state highway, substantial improvements will need to be completed before the State can assume jurisdiction. These improvements may include roadway widening, updating roadway signage, bridge repair/widening, and more. Additionally, unless there is a request from both Anderson and Knox Counties, TDOT cannot consider utilizing local roadways for future projects. To that end, TDOT and the Knoxville TPO have conducted multiple studies that included the Solway area in recent years including the Hardin Valley Mobility Study by the TPO. These studies will be used to develop future projects to improve both safety and capacity within the area.</p> <p>(TDOT Response provided 3/11/2025)</p>
Bob (Robert) MacKenzie	email	<p>Support: N/A</p> <p>Build:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The two-lane approach is positive. I would suggest to review the intersections on SR170 between the Bridge at Melton Lake (Bull Run Steam Plant) to Clinton Highway. As the traffic volume is high, and the traffic speed is sure to be greater I would suggest fewer entry points and the provision at the remaining junctions of a lay out which provides space in the center for people turning left, and an (even brief) acceleration lane for people turning right. Specific suggestions for access points that could be eliminated include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Boust Carney (the entrance when one is driving from Old Edgemoor Lane to Edgemoor Road). o Old Edgemoor Lane onto Edgemoor Road. Specific suggestions for busy junctions that need attention to ease the entry onto the 2-lane Edgemoor Road include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The entire junction at South Dogwood. With the offset of Dogwood, the gas station complex, and small strip mall there is a lot going on at this intersection. o The junction where New Henderson enters Edgemoor Road. The traffic coming from both directions is already going at a relatively high speed and it is not easy to determine a time window for making a safe left hand turn. 	<p>Thank you for your support and comments regarding the planned improvements to State Route - 170 in Anderson County and potential alternatives. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: I have forwarded your comment to the TDOT Region 1 Project Management Office in Knoxville for further evaluation. Their office has advised that as the design progresses, our design team will be re-evaluating the entire corridor for the following features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Determine if additional traffic signals are warranted at key intersections with the side streets intersecting State Route - 170. If signals are warranted, pedestrian crossing would also be added at those locations. This would also provide gaps in traffic on State Route -170 to ease some of the turning movements you identify in your comments. Restricted turn movements: At some unsignalized intersections, restricting left hand turning movements, i.e. requiring a 'right in/right out' turning movement may be appropriate. Turn lanes or pockets with appropriate storage volume so turning vehicles do not impact the flow of through traffic on State Route - 170. Acceleration lanes at select intersections based on traffic projections. Note that Dogwood is proposed to be aligned as a conventional intersection from its current configuration of an offset intersection. Also, the SR-170 proposed improvements would include intersection improvements, including the realignment of non-traditional intersections into four-way conventional intersections. <p>Your concerns and suggestions will be taken into full consideration during the design development to ensure the safety of motorized and non-motorized users on our state routes. Your comment and this response will also be added to the record of the meeting held on March 6, 2025.</p>

Committer Name	Source	Comment/Question	Response
Mark Haskew	email	<p>Support: Conditional. Build: Issue #1: Reduce Scope by Seeking an Alternative Design Concern 1A The proposed project will remove 2.416 acres of productive hayfields from Tract 129, permanently reducing our farm's hay production by approximately eight percent. This loss directly impacts our farm's income and threatens its ability to sustain operations into a sixth generation and beyond (the farm has been in our family for five generations). Solution 1A Tracts 128 and 130 offer greater depth than Tract 129. To mitigate the impact, we strongly recommend shifting the proposed "Building Alternative" north by at least 50 feet. This adjustment would allocate more acreage from Tracts 128 and 130, reducing the impact on Tract 129 while still meeting project objectives.</p> <p>Concern 1B Tract 129 contains the most fertile land on our family farm, making the loss of 2.416 acres significantly more detrimental than the loss of 0.422 acres from Tract 128 or 1.469 acres from Tract 130. Furthermore, Tract 129 cannot expand due to its fixed borders: •North – Edgemoor Road •West – Dogwood Lane •South – Old Edgemoor Lane •East – Residential properties Our family urgently needs relief from this loss of prime agricultural land.</p> <p>Solution 1B TDOT uses "TDOT – ROADWAY DESIGN GUIDELINES, Section 9 – Multimodal Design," 02/15/19, as a guide to design new or alter an existing roadway. TDOT's Roadway Design Guidelines (02/15/19, Section 9 – Multimodal Design) designate Edgemoor Road as a Suburban Roadway. To minimize land use and project costs, TDOT should implement the following: 1. Follow Table 9-1 (p. 9-21): Use 5-foot sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, eliminating the Shared Use Path. 2. Adjust Road Design Speeds: Establishing a 40 mph speed limit (per Table 9-2, p. 9-22) would require only a 4.5-foot pedestrian buffer, minimizing land acquisition. 3. Follow Table 9-7 (p. 9-66): Set the minimum paved shoulder width at 4 feet for multimodal accommodations. These adjustments will reduce scope, making the Building Alternative more cost-effective while reducing land acquisition from property owners. Similar design choices have been successfully implemented on TN State Route 131 and the new Schaad Road (between TN State Route 62 and TN State Route 169).</p> <p>Concern 1C Having lived along Edgemoor Road since 1958, I can confidently say that bicycling and walking are not common activities due to the high speed (i.e., greater than 60 mph) and volume of vehicular traffic. If sidewalks and a Shared Use Path are included in the Building Alternative, they will likely go unused, while creating safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>Solution 1C According to TDOT Roadway Design Guidelines, Section 9-201.00, design professionals must consider local land use, transportation, and community plans to assess the actual need for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Key considerations: •Aspire Park (Clinton) and Oak Ridge's 85-mile trail system provide designated greenways for pedestrians and cyclists. •Most residents drive to these recreational areas rather than walking or biking along Edgemoor Road. •Newer sections of TN State Route 131 and Schaad Road show very low pedestrian sidewalk usage despite similar infrastructure. If permissible under TDOT's Road Design Guidelines, wide shoulders would reduce scope, be a more practical and cost-effective alternative to sidewalks and a Shared Use Path.</p> <p>Issue #2: Geotechnical and Environmental Concerns</p> <p>Concern 2A Blazer Branch circumvents Tracts 129 and 130. In the 1959 Edgemoor Road project, TDOT installed a 6' x 10' culvert to maintain its flow. South of the culvert's exit, Tract 129 contains karst topography and limestone caverns (25–35 feet from the culvert). These caverns occasionally capture water, diverting it via an underground aquifer 250–300 yards before it resurfaces. Karst areas are ecologically sensitive, providing: •Filtration for groundwater (critical for human consumption) •Habitat for specialized species Disrupting this area by rerouting water or altering drainage patterns would have long-term environmental consequences.</p> <p>Solution 2A The best resolution is to shift the "Building Alternative" north onto Tract 130, preserving the natural drainage patterns and avoiding costly geotechnical challenges.</p> <p>Concern 2B Stormwater runoff from Edgemoor Road poses risks, carrying sediment, oil, chemicals, and road salt into Blazer Branch, degrading water quality and harming aquatic ecosystems.</p> <p>Solution 2B Roadway drainage must be designed to divert runoff away from Blazer Branch. Specific measures should include: •Proper guttering and drainage systems to prevent direct contamination. •Clear maintenance guidelines for stormwater controls, transferred to TDOT Maintenance Management post-construction.</p> <p>Concern 2C The Edgemoor Road Valley has a large deer population, increasing the risk of deer-vehicle collisions as road width expands.</p> <p>Solution 2C Beyond deer crossing signs, effective engineering controls should be implemented to reduce collision risks, such as: •Wildlife corridors or fencing to direct deer movement •Vegetation management to improve visibility</p> <p>Issue #3: Ensuring Functionality of the Blazer Branch Culvert</p> <p>Concern 3A The 6' x 10' culvert under Edgemoor Road is essential for both Blazer Branch water flow and livestock movement between farm sections.</p> <p>Solution 3A The culvert must be extended and maintained in its current form to preserve both hydrological function and agricultural operations.</p> <p>Conclusion - By implementing the proposed adjustments—shifting the project north, modifying multimodal design, preserving sensitive geotechnical areas, and ensuring functional drainage—TDOT can reduce land acquisition, protect environmental resources, and enhance cost efficiency, all while achieving project goals.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: Issue #1 - As part of the project development process, resources, including farmlands are identified, and measures to avoid and minimize are carefully evaluated. Alternatives under consideration have been included in the project website (https://www.tn.gov/dot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-170-widening.html) under the TPR (https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/dot/infoonprojectsregion1/sr-170-anderson/Anderson%20SR-170%20-%20Technical%20Report%20(2022).pdf). Based on the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Mobility 2025 Plan, SR 170 is heavily congested and projected for worse congestion in the future. Measures to preserve roadway capacity include the median/continuous center turn lane as well as accommodations for bikes/pedestrians. TDOT is completing a Noise Impact Assessment as part of the environmental review to determine potential impacts to noise receptors along the route and preliminarily evaluate whether noise abatement is warranted, in accordance with state and federal guidance. These studies are still underway and will be included in the completed Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>Issue #2 - The proposed improvements would address roadway drainage based on current TDOT design standards. As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate.</p> <p>Issue #3 - Based on the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Mobility 2025 Plan, SR 170 is heavily congested and projected for worse congestion in the future. Measures to preserve roadway capacity include the median/continuous center turn lane as well as accommodations for bikes/pedestrians. Noise barriers will also be considered in accordance with environmental guidelines, as noted above.</p> <p>(Committer discussed with TDOT team during public meeting held 3/6/25, including engineering constraints in the area.)</p>

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Doug Bataille	meeting	<p>Support: Yes.</p> <p>Build: Support shared use trail. Traffic Congestion. Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation. Replace parking lost at Haw Ridge Park.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed project is being designed to address traffic and mobility concerns for all users, including residents living along the corridor, with a broader goal of providing an overall safer facility.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities (including Haw Ridge Park) along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed for the project and will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p> <p>The proposed project would include a new shared-use trail to separate non-vehicular and vehicular traffic to support the safety goal while providing access for pedestrians and cyclists to connect communities.</p>
Emily Rice	online and public meeting	<p>Support: Uncommitted.</p> <p>Build: Need to understand more about the project. As one drives West on Edgemoor (from Bull Run toward Oak Ridge) there is no turn lane for Park Meade. I have been in many situations where cars following me do not slow down when I am attempting to turn into Park Meade. Also- the speed increases from 50 to 55 right before the entrance to our neighborhood. So rather than slowing down for the possibility of someone turning, it seems many are simply increasing their speeds.</p> <p>In the public display #1 picture- other neighborhoods appear to have turn lanes from BOTH directions on Edgemoor into their neighborhood. Park Meade needs this as well. The intersection becomes very busy as we also have a fair bit of traffic from Old Edgemoor with people going to Haw Ridge. As one you drive West on Edgemoor Rd (heading to Oak Ridge from Bull Run) there is no dedicated turn lane into Park Meade Neighborhood. Cars following our neighbors as we all attempt to enter our neighborhood have had many situations in which other drivers do not slow down when we are attempting to turn into Park Meade. Also- the speed increases from 50 to 55 right before the entrance to our neighborhood. So rather than slowing down for the possibility of someone turning, it seems many are simply increasing their speeds.</p> <p>In the public display #1 picture- other neighborhoods appear to have dedicated turn lanes from BOTH directions on Edgemoor into their neighborhood. Park Meade needs this as well. The intersection becomes very busy as we also have a fair bit of traffic from Old Edgemoor with people going to Haw Ridge. Could you please update your plan to include a dedicated turn lane into Park Meade Neighborhood and consider moving the speed limit increase either further back from our entrance or to just on the other side of the neighborhood heading West. Thank you!</p> <p>Move increased speed limit to the west side after passing the neighborhood; Traffic Congestion; Geometric Deficiencies (curves, limited shoulder, sight distance, etc.); Impacts to</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: Public Display #1 - The proposed project is being designed to address traffic and regional mobility concerns for all users, including residents living along the corridor, with a broader goal of providing improvements to highway operations and safety. Turn lane needs and speed limit transitions will be reviewed as part of the project design to ensure safe and efficient access to neighborhoods.</p> <p>Public Display #2 - The proposed project would include geometric improvements that would provide positive separation for opposing traffic along the mainline and at intersections along the route and support safety and visibility for all users along the corridor. Proposed geometric improvements would include medians at strategic locations, two-way left-turn-lanes, and acceleration/deceleration lanes along the route would provide additional separation between through traffic and vehicles making turns to/from side streets. The project proposes to expand existing SR-170 into a 5-lane facility, which will provide passing opportunities for faster traffic.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed for the project. Noise, ecological resources, including waters of the US and protected species, and cultural resources will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
Roger Flynn, City of Oak Ridge Public Works Director	postal	<p>Support: Conditional.</p> <p>Build: In 2019, Oak Ridge City staff was contacted by Mr. Jeff Welch, then Director of the Knoxville Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), regarding the Preliminary Proposed Functional Layout for widening of Edgemoor Rd. (SR-170). City staff and TPO staff collaboratively provided comments on December 20, 2019, to Mr. Mark Gilbert, TDOT Strategic Transportation Investment Division. In August 2020, City staff through the TPO received revised conceptual layouts. TDOT was receptive and incorporated many of the suggested changes in its plans dated July 24, 2020.</p> <p>On March 6, 2025, Oak Ridge City Engineer Bryan Mills, P.E., attended a public meeting at Claxton Elementary School, one of the requirements of the NEPA process for federally funded projects. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the plans from this meeting. One of the options presented was the "No Build" alternative. This is not an option that is acceptable to the City of Oak Ridge, although we understand that it is a requirement of the alternatives analysis. The widening of Edgemoor Rd. has been in TDOT's planning stages for over two decades. In 2012, the then TDOT commissioner pledged to expedite the project after the proposed Knoxville beltway was cancelled. This project is vital to relieve congestion for traffic going to and from Oak Ridge employment centers. In 2019, Oak Ridge city staff studied the 2.5-mile section between TN SR-62 and Melton Lake DR. Between 2014 and 2019, there were 114 crashes. Thirty of these were injury crashes, and two resulted in fatalities.</p> <p>Members of several City departments have reviewed the drawing dated March 6, 2025, entitled Public Meeting Display 1. We realize the drawing is generic. Staff has several comments, and we realize some of these would be addressed in a more detailed drawing package. The City engineering department also reviewed Line and Grade Plans dated October 3, 2024.</p> <p>The City is concerned about changes in phasing and project terminus points and believes this has changed. In addition to traffic safety, a major need for this project is to improve traffic operations at the intersection of Edgemoor RD and Melton Lake DR. This location is the most critical intersection along the route. The terminus point of the project between SR-62 and Melton Lake DR has been moved to station 215+00. This is 1,240 feet west of this critical intersection, meaning any improvements would not be possible until the 2nd phase.</p> <p>The proposed crosswalk at station 131+24 appears to be deleted. Proposed right-of-way widths appear to have increased at some locations, specifically at and east of the project near the transition point between phases 1 & 2. Consideration of reducing the cross section on the north side in this area may reduce the negative impact on landowners and development.</p> <p>There are 9 median breaks at locations other than roadway intersections or driveways. The City recognizes the need for authorized vehicles to be able to cross the median to change direction or respond to emergencies. Normally, median breaks not intended for frequent use would be +40' wide. Staff does not see the reason for 80' wide turnarounds with taper and storage. The number of median breaks is also a concern that may make the situation less safe. The westbound right turn deceleration lane for Park Meade Blvd. at station 171+43 has been deleted.</p> <p>In conclusion, the City of Oak Ridge appreciates all efforts by TDOT to move this project toward construction with the hope of improved vehicle and pedestrian safety and also with reduced congestion and delay for motorists.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed projects are noted in the Knoxville Regional Transportation Organization's Mobility 2045 Plan to go to construction in 2030, which is subject to change. Responses to your comments are presented below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phasing/Project Terminus - The intersection of SR-170 and Melton Lake Drive is proposed to be reconstructed to address capacity. With regards to the SR-170 project .01 and .02 segments, the .02 segment (from west of the SR-170 bridge over the Clinch River to SR-9) is initially planned to be constructed first, as the entire SR-170 project would not be operational without improvements to the .02 segment (e.g. it would not be possible to improve the Melton Lake Drive intersection without the bridge improvements). 2. Cross Walks and ROW - Cross walks will be included as part of the proposed improvements for the Melton Lake Drive signalized intersection. Opportunities to cross the improved SR-170 at the west and east ends of the bridge will be provided through the proposed shared use path (connecting to the Melton Lake Greenway) and crosswalks. However, the mid-block crossing was removed due to safety concerns regarding SR-170 traffic speeds. ROW widths are under consideration based on property acquisition procedures and geotech and roadway survey results. 3. Median Openings - Median openings (80-foot typical widths) will be included as part of the proposed improvements to minimize the distance that a driver would need to travel to complete a u-turn safely from the intersection. However, TDOT is in the process of reducing the number of median breaks not associated with intersections or side streets to further improve safety. 4. Right Turn/Deceleration Lane - As of current design, the SR-170 westbound dedicated right-turn/deceleration lane for Park Meade Boulevard is not included because traffic analysis indicate it may not be required. The project proposes to expand existing SR-170 into a 5-lane facility, which will provide passing opportunities for faster traffic. <p>TDOT has advised that they are currently evaluating where traffic signals may be warranted in the corridor. In the event that traffic signals are added at strategic locations, at-grade provisions for non-motorized users will be included.</p>
Harley Douglas Ferguson III	postal	<p>Support: Conditional.</p> <p>Build: Sidewalk and multi-use trail (support). I live on the east side of the bridge and commute to Haw Ridge Park three times a week. Would love the opportunity to ride my bike safely from my home to the trails. However, I am concerned about more traffic on this road due to driving more development out and away from Oak Ridge.</p> <p>No-Build: Perhaps leaving it might stunt growth and persuade people to use another route. Do we really need another OR Turnpike, Clinton Highway, Pellissippi Parkway. Mobility; Bike Lanes. Increased Traffic; Impacts to homes and businesses; impact to noise receptors. My greatest concern would be creating another business thoroughfare with traffic light, strip malls, and generic convenience stores that would disrupt the feel of the area.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: Providing safe and accessible connections for bicyclists and pedestrians is an important consideration for the project. The project aims to address safety and enhance connectivity and mobility for all users. Future development trends along the corridor are included in the traffic study; however, the corridor is one of few crossings of the Clinch River that provides connectivity to Claxton areas further northeast. The land use in the area is varied, including many public recreation areas. As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed for the project. Noise, ecological resources, including waters of the US and protected species, and cultural resources will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
M/M. Griffin	meeting	<p>Support: Uncommitted.</p> <p>Build: Property owner was concerned with how the proposed ROW cuts through their property. They are developing a subdivision on their property and the proposed ROW cuts off 9 of their properties. As well as where they plan to build several condominium buildings on tract 15. They wanted to know if retaining walls could be used or if the slope could be reduced to limit the amount of their properties impacted.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project.</p> <p>Build: TDOT thanks you for providing information about your planned development. The Project Team is aware that the proposed right-of-way may impact some parcels. TDOT is working to minimize property impacts where feasible, and your input is valuable in guiding those considerations. During the design phase, options will be evaluated to reduce impacts on developable land and preserve as much usable area as possible. The project team will coordinate with affected property owners as design advances to explore site-specific solutions and maintain communication throughout the right-of-way acquisition process.</p>

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Doug Colclasure Committee Member Greenways Oak Ridge	email	<p>Support: N/A</p> <p>Build: If it wasn't for the significant traffic congestion getting from O. R. to Claxton school especially in late afternoon (ha - what this mtg is about) I would be at the public meeting this evening. Since I won't be attending here is my 2-cents in writhing [sic]. I would appreciate any feedback you care to offer at this stage of the project relative to this request .</p> <p>Topic---- Public Input Edgemoor Rd Widening. One inexpensive feature that would be a tremendous benefit (think economic development value \$'s ROI) to Oak Ridge and our greenway trails system would be a pedestrian/bicycle crossing (underpass?) at some point along the road segment between the cemetery and the river. This would offer safe access for pedestrians/cyclists from multiple residential areas to the 820 acre Haw Ridge O. R. City Park its 28 miles of trails , lakefront water & fishing access, & poplar [sic] Melton Lake Greenway.</p> <p>If you have visited Townsend you may be aware that the pedestrian bike/walking paths on both sides of the highway are connected at two intermediate points by concrete box pathways under the full 4 lane + median and shoulders width ~ 160'. Relative to pedestrian overpass bridges this is economical way to connect safe pedestrian access across a roadway . Prefabbed concrete sections of 8' x 10' "culvert" are fit together. As part of the up front highway design the cost could be little more than the culvert segments.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: TDOT has advised that they are currently evaluating where traffic signals may be warranted in the corridor. In the event that traffic signals are added at strategic locations, at-grade provisions for non-motorized users will be included. Two SR-170 crossing will be provided (at each end of the SR-170 bridge over the Clinch River). The proposed sidewalk on the north side of SR-170 and share use path on the south side of SR-170 will provide opportunities for crossing under SR-170 and recreational connectivity and accesses along the corridor.</p> <p>Your concerns and suggestions will be taken into full consideration during the design development to ensure the safety of motorized and non-motorized users on our state routes. Your comment and this response will also be added to the record of the meeting held on March 6, 2025.</p> <p>(response to comment provided 3/11/2025)</p>
Eric Hamby	meeting	<p>Support: Yes.</p> <p>Build: Dislikes Melton Lake turn, wants less traffic, and newly planted trees. Traffic Congestion; No buffer sound for park; new trees. Impacts to the natural environment; Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation; Impacts to homes and businesses</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed project is being designed to address traffic and mobility concerns for all users, including residents living along the corridor, with a broader goal of providing an overall safer facility. The Melton Lake Drive intersection will be improved to ad an additional left-turn lane for eastbound motorists and expand the number of lanes for southbound motorists along Melton Lake Drive. Under the Build Alternative the queue lengths and delay times at this intersection would be improved along each of the approaches.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed for the project. TDOT is completing a Noise Impact assessment as part of the environmental review to determine potential impacts to noise receptors along the route and preliminarily evaluate whether noise abatement is warranted, in accordance with state and federal guidance. Ecological resources, including waters of the US and protected species, and cultural resources will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
Nikki & Josh Tipton	meeting	<p>Support: Yes.</p> <p>Build: Wideness of Edgewood helps with traffic congestion, worried 5-lane will be to close and noise will impact community. Traffic Congestion; Red light at Dogwood Rd, and road noise increase needs addressing. Impacts to the natural environment; Impacts to homes and businesses; Impacts to noise receptors</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed project is being designed to address traffic and mobility concerns for all users, including residents living along the corridor, with a broader goal of providing an overall safer facility. The Dogwood Road intersection would be realigned and improved to a conventional 4-way intersection, improving traffic flow and sight distance.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed for the project. TDOT is completing a Noise Impact assessment as part of the environmental review to determine potential impacts to noise receptors along the route and preliminarily evaluate whether noise abatement is warranted, in accordance with state and federal guidance. Ecological resources, including waters of the US and protected species, and cultural resources will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
Aaron Alexander	meeting	<p>Support: Uncommitted.</p> <p>Build: Traffic Congestion. Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation; Impacts to homes and businesses</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed project is being designed to address traffic and mobility concerns for all users, including residents living along the corridor, with a broader goal of providing an overall safer facility.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed in support of the Environmental Assessment for the project. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
Gregory Schank	meeting	<p>Support: Uncommitted.</p> <p>Build: Noise truck traffic. Impacts to homes and businesses; Impacts to noise receptors</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. TDOT is completing a Noise Impact Assessment as part of the environmental review to determine potential impacts to noise receptors along the route and preliminarily evaluate whether noise abatement is warranted, in accordance with state and federal guidance. These studies are still underway and will be included in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
Aaron Otterstein	online	<p>Support: Yes.</p> <p>Build: I love the idea to expand the road. As a resident of someone who lives off of Edgemoor road, the traffic of people flowing to Clinton is terrible and I have witnessed many traffic accidents. Currently it limits access to haw ridge park and neighborhood access is not great during high traffic times. I wish that this project included or addressed the exit ramp from highway 62 as well. There are many issues with people not yielding to the traffic even though there are several yield signs and road indicators that the traffic is supposed to yield. Traffic Congestion. It would be great if there were plans to look at adding a bridge to Clinton to decrease the funnel flowing through Edgemoor road.</p> <p>No-Build: Something should definitely be done. I don't like the no-build alternative.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed project is being designed to address traffic and regional mobility concerns for all users, including residents living along the corridor, with a broader goal of providing improvements to highway operations and safety.</p> <p>Specific proposed improvements would aim to improve access to neighborhoods and recreational sites/facilities like Haw Ridge Park.</p> <p>The proposed project does not currently include changes to the SR-62 exit ramp; however, the SR-170 proposed improvements and roadway widening will provide lanes for the SR-62 exit ramp that would address the current traffic pattern/yielding.</p> <p>At this time, there are no programmed TDOT projects to construct a new connection from the project route into Clinton. Broader regional traffic and development suggestions, such as this, will be forwarded to the appropriate TDOT Staff for consideration.</p>

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Gina Wesley	online	<p>Support: Yes.</p> <p>Build: Traffic resolution. Traffic Congestion. Bridge safety/condition; Impacts to Noise Receptors. Has ANYONE considered connecting Emory Valley Rd (Which is mostly 4 lanes ALREADY) with a new bridge to Old Emory then Wolf Valley to establish a NEW main route instead of widening Edgemoor? This would divert the PLANT traffic off Edgemoor by establishing an alternative route to Clinton Highway and making it easier to exit Oak Ridge and access Pellissippi Parkway by those heading to West Knoxville. Bypassing TVA land would minimize environmental issues caused by the plant contamination. Any future development at that sight would have Old Emory as an alternative access to separate that traffic from the Oak Ridge traffic. It would also address traffic disruptions caused by the elementary school, allow easier access and exit to the Karns area and while not disrupting established business currently on Edgemoor. Since Emory Valley is mostly 4 lanes already and Wolf Valley is pretty much a straight shot to Clinton Highway, this just seems like a more reasonable solution.</p> <p>No-Build: Not an option!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed project is being designed to address traffic and mobility concerns for all users, including residents living along the corridor, with a broader goal of providing an overall safer facility.</p> <p>Various preliminary design options were considered in the planning phase. However, the proposed design was selected as the Build Alternative due to its ability to address the identified transportation needs and contribute to the overall project goal of improving safety along the route.</p> <p>At this time, there are no programmed TDOT projects to construct a new connection from the project route into Clinton. Broader regional traffic and development suggestions, such as this, will be forwarded to the appropriate TDOT Staff for consideration.</p>
Donna Briscoe	online	<p>Support: N/A</p> <p>Build: A red light with turn arrow was installed at the entrance to subdivision. At times it is extremely difficult to pull out of subdivision and turn left. Without a red light, it probably for a school bus to turn in or get out of the subdivision. If it 4 lanes, it is basically an interstate for drivers. The speeds will increase making it difficulty to get out of subdivisions. The bridge should be widened before the road. Traffic will still back up with cars trying to get in one lane. People use the turn lane to subdivision as a pull off area and then we can not see to get out. They also use the middle turn lanes to pass both at our subdivision and the subdivision right before us (?apartments-and houses). Impacts to Homes and Businesses.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed project is being designed to address traffic and regional mobility concerns for all users, including residents living along the corridor, with a broader goal of providing improvements to highway operations and safety.</p> <p>Access to subdivisions and local roads is an important consideration, and intersection and median designs are being evaluated to help manage turning movements and visibility. The project is being analyzed to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow. Avoidance and minimization measures for homes and businesses are being evaluated with use of retaining walls for example and is being included as part of the environmental assessment.</p> <p>With regards to the SR-170 project .01 and .02 segments, the .02 segment (from west of the SR-170 bridge over the Clinch River to SR-9) is initially planned to be constructed first, as the entire SR-170 project would not be operational without improvements to the .02 segment (e.g. it would not be possible to improve the Melton Lake Drive intersection without the bridge improvements).</p>
Kenneth Rueter	online	<p>Support: Yes. Build: Traffic Congestion.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p>
Henry F. and Vicki McLane	postal	<p>Support: No.</p> <p>Build: Like: Fix bridge area problem Dislike: Enlarging road, creating more traffic, and forcing people to move.</p> <p>No-Build: Eliminate the traffic light at Melton Hill Road with an overpass. Traffic congestion at bridge only. Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation; impacts to homes and businesses; impacts to noise receptors.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The need for improvements along Edgemoor Road has been identified through regional planning (Knoxville Regional Transportation Organization Mobility 2045 Plan), technical studies, and public input (for additional background on the project planning, please see the Transportation Report at this link: https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/infoonprojectsregion1/sr-170-anderson/Anderson%20SR-170%20-%20Technical%20Report%20(2022).pdf). Increasing capacity to address the congestion and mobility needs is one of the project purposes. By increasing the project footprint to accommodate the additional capacity, additional right of way would be required.</p> <p>Due to the restricted space with the steep northern slope and the SR-170 bridge over the Clinch River, mixed use of property in this location, and cost, it would not be feasible to install an under/overpass at this location. An under/overpass would require more conversion of property to transportation use and increase duration of construction. Under the Build Alternative the queue lengths and delay times at this intersection would be improved along each of the approaches.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Efforts to avoid and minimize right of way impacts by including retaining walls, for example, are under evaluation. One minimization measure is to provide access for side roads and increased concentrations of populations north of Melton Lake by installing a two-way center turn lane. Impacts to homes and businesses will be analyzed by the TDOT ROW Division and any impacts resulting in loss of access or relocation will be subject to the UNIFORM Act. TDOT will provide assistance and services: https://www.tn.gov/tdot/right-of-way-division/relocation-office.html.</p> <p>Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed for the project. Noise, ecological resources, including waters of the US and protected species, and cultural resources will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
Elizabeth Peck	postal	<p>Support: Yes.</p> <p>Build: Hopefully gets rid of light at Melton Hill Road. I would like to see TVA tear down Bull Run completely and take the easements from that side of Emory Valley Road. Bike path are a great idea (and sidewalks). Mobility; Traffic Congestion.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build:The Melton Lake Drive intersection would remain a signalized intersection with the SR-170 proposed improvements because it meets TDOT's Signal Warrant Analysis. Under the Build Alternative the queue lengths and delay times at this intersection would be improved along each of the approaches.</p>
Michael Fisher and Sherry Hinton	postal	<p>Support: Yes.</p> <p>Build: Provides for protected turn lanes, which is a particular issue at our intersection. Very pleased that there are plans for sidewalk and multi-use path. Traffic congestion. Impacts to noise receptors. I would not recommend increasing speed limit.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: The proposed SR-170 roadway improvements would include additional travel lanes and selected intersection improvements to address safety, mobility/connectivity, and traffic congestion. As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. TDOT is completing a Noise Impact Assessment as part of the environmental review to determine potential impacts to noise receptors along the route and preliminarily evaluate whether noise abatement is warranted, in accordance with state and federal guidance. These studies are still underway and will be included in the completed Environmental Assessment.</p>
Phyllis Harrington	postal	<p>Support: Yes.</p> <p>Build: Do we need a sidewalk on the north side? How many traffic lights on Edgemoor? It will be a race track without traffic controls. Traffic congestion. Impacts to the natural environment; Impacts to home and businesses. Impact on the valley as a whole.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: A plan for sidewalks was proposed in the original design in 2011. Additional project planning and background can be found at the project website: https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-170-widening.html under the TPR https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/infoonprojectsregion1/sr-170-anderson/Anderson%20SR-170%20-%20Technical%20Report%20(2022).pdf. Two signalized intersections are found along the project corridor at SR-170 and Melton Lake Drive and at SR-9/US-25W. The need for improvements along SR-170 has been identified through technical studies and public input. As the project moves forward, a range of roadway features including intersections, signal placement, and traffic control options will be evaluated to best support safety, mobility, and community needs.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to natural resources, including waters of the US and protected species, will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>

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Tracy Reinke	postal	<p>Support: Yes.</p> <p>Build: Will the standing and stagnant water on the north end of Melton Hill Lake be addressed? Drainage there needs to be addressed. Will more speed limit signs be added along this road? Not enough now. Will the traffic signal at the Melton Lake Drive have better timing when needed? During plants at Oak Ridge ending shifts. Traffic congestion; More street lights at intersections and by business driveways - especially at entrance to Claxton Community Park. Impacts to natural environment; Impacts to communities, parks, and recreation; Impacts to homes and businesses; People walking in the dark and it being hard to see. I'm happy that there will be sidewalks for pedestrians. I have almost hit people at night walking along the road. The only way I knew they were walking is because they had a flashlight.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <p>Build: Drainage is being evaluated and will be adjusted as needed. The need for additional speed limit signage will also be reviewed during the design phase. Under the Build Alternative the queue lengths and delay times at the Melton Lake Drive intersection would be improved along each of the approaches.</p> <p>As part of the environmental review and design process, potential impacts to nearby residences, businesses, and the environment will be evaluated, and mitigation strategies will be considered where appropriate. Potential impacts to communities and recreational facilities along the project route are included in the Section 4(f) and Socioeconomic studies completed for the project. Noise, ecological resources, including waters of the US and protected species, and cultural resources will be included and discussed in the completed Environmental Assessment. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the surrounding community and environment.</p>
Commissioner Ebony Capshaw	email	<p>Greetings! My name is Ebony Capshaw and I am the Anderson County Commissioner for District 6 which includes Y-12 National Security Complex. I am writing to inquire about the State Route 170 project which I understand is currently under development and its impact on traffic coming in and out of Oak Ridge. I drive daily to work in Knoxville and thankfully avoid the traffic leaving out of Oak Ridge. When traffic backs up over the Solway bridge, I use State Route 170 to hit Clinton Highway and enter Knoxville. With this project, both options will be affected. One car wreck on Solway Bridge has traffic backing up all the way into Oak Ridge on South Illinois Avenue to Oak Ridge Turnpike and it is a nightmare. I have the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will TDOT have a community meeting in Oak Ridge to discuss State Route 170 and its potential impact on the City of Oak Ridge, Y-12 National Security Complex, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory traffic? We'd be happy to accommodate a meeting or meetings with the City of Oak Ridge, etc. to provide an update on our status of the planning and design phases of the SR 170 project. Please provide us with a few dates that would work for you, and we'll help facilitate a meeting. How many community meetings will be held during the scope of the project for public outreach? Currently, we are planning our next public meeting in late summer/early fall 2025 as part of our Environmental Assessment for the corridor. A specific date with details will be forthcoming. When will TDOT start working on State Route 170? What is the timeline for completion? The tentative schedule for project letting is early 2029, construction typically begins 90-120 days after that lasting approximately 60 months. What steps are proposed to minimize disruptions for residents and commuters that utilize the route during construction? Current capacity will be maintained throughout the duration of construction to minimize impacts to the travelling public. Will there be detours and/or road closures during construction? There will be traffic shifts, possibly diversions, and intermittent lane closures in off peak hours. Plans are preliminary at this time and traffic control plans have not been developed yet but presently we don't expect any detours. Will there be ongoing assessments or updates on the project's status? Our website will be continuously updated, and we'll provide in-person updates at the public meetings. Are there any environmental impact concerns with this project? If yes, what strategies will be used to minimize them? Technical studies are currently underway assessing environmental impacts. We will coordinate with jurisdictional agencies to minimize areas that may be impacted by the project and secure permits for the project. <p>Commissioner Tracy Wandell shared the flyer information for the meeting held on March 6, 2025 in his Claxton community. Unfortunately, I had 2 meetings back to back in Clinton and Oak Ridge and was unable to attend. I attended a Townhall meeting this past Tuesday and brought the project up to City of Oak Ridge officials. We all agreed that a public meeting between all stakeholders and TDOT needs to be held in our city to make our citizens aware of what's to come and how traffic will be affected.</p> <p>Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated. I hope you both have a blessed and stress-free week!</p>	<p>(Email response provided 8/13/25)</p> <p>Thank you for your comment and interest in the proposed project. Your comment has been added to the official project record.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will TDOT have a community meeting in Oak Ridge to discuss State Route 170 and its potential impact on the City of Oak Ridge, Y-12 National Security Complex, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory traffic? <i>We'd be happy to accommodate a meeting or meetings with the City of Oak Ridge, etc. to provide an update on our status of the planning and design phases of the SR 170 project. Please provide us with a few dates that would work for you, and we'll help facilitate a meeting.</i> How many community meetings will be held during the scope of the project for public outreach? <i>Currently, we are planning our next public meeting in late summer/early fall 2025 as part of our Environmental Assessment for the corridor. A specific date with details will be forthcoming.</i> When will TDOT start working on State Route 170? 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Mr. Mike Conger Knoxville- Knox County Planning Knoxville Regional TPO	email	<p>I was recently made aware that a public meeting was held as part of the NEPA phase for the subject project on March 6th in Claxton. Roger Flynn with the City of Oak Ridge forwarded me a copy of their comments a couple of days ago and I found information about the project on the TDOT website so I understand that the comment deadline was yesterday. I have not had much time to go through the functional layout displays as yet but there were a couple of items that I wanted to mention and to see if we can have an opportunity to provide input at other opportunities prior to the final design stages. Therefore, the following questions/comments don't need to be addressed as part of the official public meeting record, but we would like an opportunity for further dialogue as this project moves forward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Knoxville TPO staff needs to be notified of public meetings involving projects within our planning area whenever possible. Please add myself and/or TPO Coordinator, Doug Burton to any future meeting notices on this corridor or any other upcoming projects of this nature. The "Public Meeting Display 1" pdf on the project website appears to need a revised legend as the colors don't seem to match the roadway features. For example, the legend calls out the sidewalk as being orange but I believe the orange color-coded sections seem to be roadway shoulders instead. I share some of the concerns noted in the City of Oak Ridge comments about there seeming to be more frequent and wider median openings on the western segment of roadway that could perhaps be reduced. The "Display 2" appears to show much more detail such as with pavement striping than Display 1 so it would be helpful to update it to match for future posting on the webpage. I understand that the functional layouts are very preliminary at this stage and exact pavement marking designs are probably still to be determined, but there will need to be careful consideration given to the crosswalks and other features needed to ensure bike/ped safety. I would encourage further discussion and evaluation of this aspect, especially as it pertains to any potential pedestrian crossings between the north and south sides of the roadway. I know that our staff has submitted comments about this aspect as part of initial Technical Reports and I can send those again if you do not already have a copy so please let me know. If you have any more detailed plans available at this stage that you send me via a sharefile link please let me know. It looks like the most recent set of roadway plans that I have are dated 2018. <p>As I mentioned, please let me know of any further opportunities for review and comment on this project and I'm happy to coordinate with City of Oak Ridge staff as we have done in the past on this very important project for Oak Ridge and the Region (Roger Flynn and Brian Mills are CC'd on this email).</p>	<p>(Email response sent 5/5/2025)</p> <p>Good afternoon.</p> <p>I have been assigned as the Project Manager to oversee this project, so moving forward I'll be your point of contact. However, please continue to copy John Sherk on your correspondence as he is still a member of the project team.</p> <p>We are currently in the process of developing the functional plans for both segments of the SR 170 (Edgemoor Road) project as a combined corridor. Various options/solutions are being considered during the planning and design phases to create a balanced multimodal system throughout the corridor; for instance, traffic signal and lighting locations, median openings, bike/ped facilities, etc. Technical studies are underway assessing environmental impacts as well. Currently, we are planning our next public meeting in late summer/early fall 2025 as part of our Environmental Assessment for the corridor. We will be combining the required NEPA public hearing with a design public meeting when it is scheduled. A specific date with details will be forthcoming. At this meeting we will encourage feedback on the details presented to the public for review in advance of the functional plans being completed. We can assure you that public notifications will be sent in advance of the meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.</p>

Dawood, Laura

From: Marlena Gore <Marlena.Gore@tn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:45 AM
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Subject: FW: Response to Public Meeting Inquiry - SR 170 (Edgemoor Road) | PIN: 124121.00 | Anderson County

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Good morning,

I believe this is the only other response/correspondence that I've had in regard to the SR 170 project since the public meeting. I have not received any phone calls.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thank you,



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From: Steve Borden <Steve.Borden@tn.gov>
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To: Kurt Warmbrod
Cc: TDOT Comments
Subject: RE: SR-170 widening

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the planned improvements to State Route 170 in Anderson County and potential alternatives.

I have forwarded your comments to the TDOT Region 1 Project Management Office in Knoxville. Their office has advised that they will coordinate a review of the location for future needs. While there are alternative options to the current state highway system, routes such as New Henderson Road are not currently up to the minimum standards allowable for adoption as a state highway. If both Anderson and Knox Counties are agreeable to this route becoming a state highway, substantial improvements will need to be completed before the State can assume jurisdiction. These improvements may include roadway widening, updating roadway signage, bridge repair/widening, and more. Additionally, unless there is a request from both Anderson and Knox Counties, TDOT cannot consider utilizing local roadways for future projects. To that end, TDOT and the Knoxville TPO have conducted multiple studies that included the Solway area in recent years including the Hardin Valley Mobility Study by the TPO. These studies will be used to develop future projects to improve both safety and capacity within the area.

Your concerns and suggestions will be taken into full consideration during the review to ensure the safety of motorists on our state routes.

We appreciate your concern for highway safety.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Borden, P.E.
TDOT Region 1
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From: Kurt Warmbrod [REDACTED]
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TDOT,

It seems to me that the Solway area is already a bottleneck and this project is going to make it worse. In addition to improving the bridge near Bull Run, you are also going to accelerate the need to improve the Solway bridge.

A better option would be to make New Henderson Rd a state road and improve just one bridge. This will alleviate congestion through Solway.

I live off of Edgemoor Rd in the Park Meade subdivision. I look forward to hearing about this alternative.

Thanks,

Kurt Warmbrod

Cell 865 [REDACTED]

Dawood, Laura

From: Steve Borden <Steve.Borden@tn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 4:18 PM
To: doug [REDACTED]
Cc: TDOT Comments
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Widening SR-170 Edgemoor Rd- SR-62 to US-25W

Dear Mr. Colclasure:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the planned improvements to State Route 170 in Anderson County and potential alternatives.

I have forwarded your comments to the TDOT Region 1 Project Management Office in Knoxville. Their office has advised that they are currently evaluating where traffic signals may be warranted in the corridor. In the event that traffic signals are added at strategic locations, at-grade provisions for non-motorized users will be included.

Your concerns and suggestions will be taken into full consideration during the design development to ensure the safety of motorized and non-motorized users on our state routes. Your comment and this response will also be added to the record of the meeting held on March 6, 2025.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Borden, P.E.
Director/Assistant Chief Engineer
TDOT – Region 1

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From: doug [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 10:56 AM
To: Steve Borden <Steve.Borden@tn.gov>; John Sherk <John.Sherk@tn.gov>; TDOT Comments <TDOT.Comments@tn.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Widening SR-170 Edgemoor Rd- SR-62 to US-25W

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Hello Mr John Sherk -- TDOT SR-170 Project Manager :

If it wasn't for the significant traffic congestion getting from O. R. to Claxton school especially in late afternoon (ha - what this mtg is about) I would be at the public meeting this evening .

Since I won't be attending here is my 2-cents in writhing . I would appreciate any feedback you care to offer at this stage of the project relative to this request .

Topic---- Public Input Edgemoor Rd Widening. One inexpensive feature that would be a tremendous benefit (think economic development value \$'s ROI) to Oak Ridge and our greenway trails system would be a pedestrian/bicycle crossing (underpass?) at some point along the road segment between the cemetery and the river.

, This would offer safe access for pedestrians/cyclists from multiple residential areas to the 820 acre Haw Ridge O. R. City Park its 28 miles of trails , lakefront water & fishing access, & poplar Melton Lake Greenway .

If you have visited Townsend you may be aware that the pedestrian bike/walking paths on both sides of the highway are connected at two intermediate points by concrete box pathways under the full 4 lane + median and shoulders width ~ 160'.

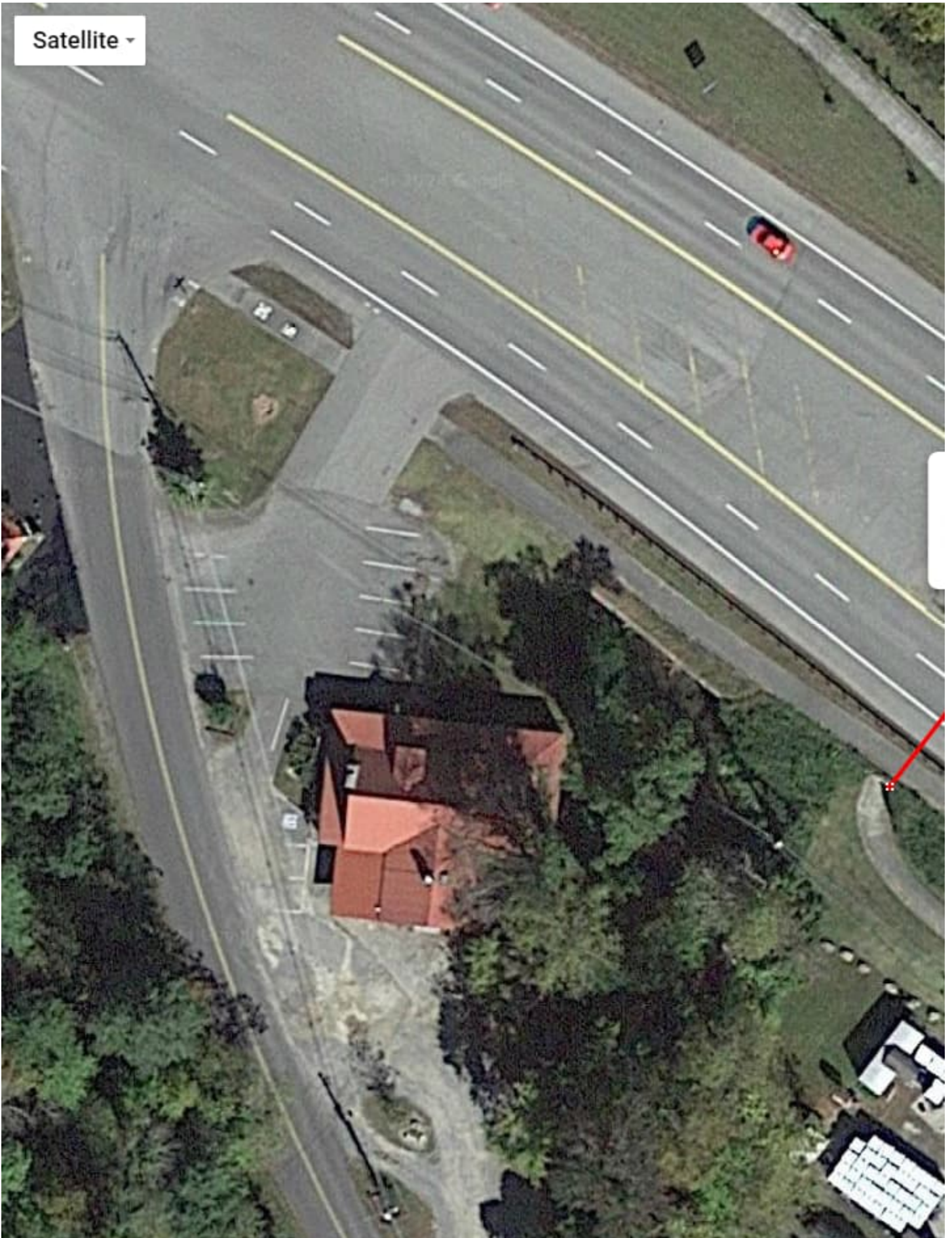
Relative to pedestrian overpass bridges this is economical way to connect safe pedestrian access across a roadway . Prefabbed concrete sections of 8' x 10' "culvert" are fit together.

As part of the up front highway design the cost could be little more than the culvert segments.

---Thanks, Doug Colclasure- Committee Member Greenways Oak Ridge -- Oak Ridge Resident

Satellite view of one of the under-highway pedestrian connectors in Townsend TN

Satellite ▾



Dawood, Laura

From: Marlena Gore <Marlena.Gore@tn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 3:52 PM
To: Dexter Justis; John Barrett
Cc: John Sherk; Sheena A. Foster
Subject: RE: External: TDOT Project: State Route 170

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Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you,



Marléna Gore, CPM

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From: Dexter Justis <Dexter.Justis@tn.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 4:43 PM
To: Marlena Gore <Marlena.Gore@tn.gov>; John Barrett <John.Barrett@tn.gov>
Cc: John Sherk <John.Sherk@tn.gov>; Sheena A. Foster <Sheena.A.Foster@tn.gov>
Subject: FW: External: TDOT Project: State Route 170

Need a proposed response by Tuesday of next week.

Thanks,



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From: Mark Nagi <Mark.Nagi@tn.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 4:32 PM
To: Dexter Justis <Dexter.Justis@tn.gov>; Sheena A. Foster <Sheena.A.Foster@tn.gov>
Subject: FW: External: TDOT Project: State Route 170

See below

From: Commissioner Ebony Capshaw <ecapshaw@andersoncountyttn.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 4:31 PM
To: Amanda K. Tidwell <Amanda.K.Tidwell@tn.gov>; Mark Nagi <Mark.Nagi@tn.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: External: TDOT Project: State Route 170

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Dear Ms. Tidwell and Mr. Nagi,

Greetings! My name is Ebony Capshaw and I am the Anderson County Commissioner for District 6 which includes Y-12 National Security Complex. I am writing to inquire about the State Route 170 project which I understand is currently under development and its impact on traffic coming in and out of Oak Ridge. I drive daily to work in Knoxville and thankfully avoid the traffic leaving out of Oak Ridge. When traffic backs up over the Solway bridge, I use State Route 170 to hit Clinton Highway and enter Knoxville. With this project, both options will be affected. One car wreck on Solway Bridge has traffic backing up all the way into Oak Ridge on South Illinois Avenue to Oak Ridge Turnpike and it is a nightmare. I have the following questions:

1. Will TDOT have a community meeting in Oak Ridge to discuss State Route 170 and its potential impact on the City of Oak Ridge, Y-12 National Security Complex, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory traffic? We'd be happy to accommodate a meeting or meetings with the City of Oak Ridge, etc. to provide an update on our status of the planning and design phases of the SR 170 project. Please provide us with a few dates that would work for you, and we'll help facilitate a meeting.

2. How many community meetings will be held during the scope of the project for public outreach? Currently, we are planning our next public meeting in late summer/early fall 2025 as part of our Environmental Assessment for the corridor. A specific date with details will be forthcoming.
3. When will TDOT start working on State Route 170? What is the timeline for completion? The tentative schedule for project letting is early 2029, construction typically begins 90-120 days after that lasting approximately 60 months.
4. What steps are proposed to minimize disruptions for residents and commuters that utilize the route during construction? Current capacity will be maintained throughout the duration of construction to minimize impacts to the travelling public.
5. Will there be detours and/or road closures during construction? There will be traffic shifts, possibly diversions, and intermittent lane closures in off peak hours. Plans are preliminary at this time and traffic control plans have not been developed yet but presently we don't expect any detours.
6. Will there be ongoing assessments or updates on the project's status? Our website will be continuously updated, and we'll provide in-person updates at the public meetings.
7. Are there any environmental impact concerns with this project? If yes, what strategies will be used to minimize them? Technical studies are currently underway assessing environmental impacts. We will coordinate with jurisdictional agencies to minimize areas that may be impacted by the project and secure permits for the project.

Commissioner Tracy Wandell shared the flyer information for the meeting held on March 6, 2025 in his Claxton community. Unfortunately, I had 2 meetings back to back in Clinton and Oak Ridge and was unable to attend. I attended a Townhall meeting this past Tuesday and brought the project up to City of Oak Ridge officials. We all agreed that a public meeting between all stakeholders and TDOT needs to be held in our city to make our citizens aware of what's to come and how traffic will be affected.

Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated. I hope you both have a blessed and stress-free week!

Cordially,

*Commissioner Ebony M. Capshaw
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Chelsea Wyrick

From: Steve Borden
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 8:42 AM
To: 'MacKenzie via MAC'
Cc: TDOT Comments
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] State Route 170 Project

Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

Thank you for your support and comments regarding the planned improvements to State Route - 170 in Anderson County and potential alternatives.

The Region 1 Project Management Office has advised that as the design progresses, our design team will be re-evaluating the entire corridor for the following features:

1. Determine if additional traffic signals are warranted at key intersections with the side streets intersecting State Route - 170. If signals are warranted, pedestrian crossing would also be added at those locations. This would also provide gaps in traffic on State Route -170 to ease some of the turning movements you identify in your comments.
2. Restricted turn movements: At some unsignalized intersections, restricting left hand turning movements, i.e. requiring a 'right in/right out' turning movement may be appropriate.
3. Turn lanes or pockets with appropriate storage volume so turning vehicles do not impact the flow of through traffic on State Routs – 170.
4. Acceleration lanes at select intersections based on traffic projections.

Note that Dogwood is proposed to be aligned as a conventional intersection from its current configuration of an offset intersection.

Your concerns and suggestions will be taken into full consideration during the design development to ensure the safety of motorized and non-motorized users on our state routes. Your comment and this response will also be added to the record of the meeting held on March 6, 2025.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Borden, P.E.
Director/Assistant Chief Engineer
TDOT – Region 1

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From: MacKenzie via MAC <bobl [REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 9:15 AM
To: TDOT Comments <TDOT.Comments@tn.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] State Route 170 Project

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