

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability

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

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is announcing the availability of the approved **Environmental Assessment (EA)** document for the proposed State Route (SR) 170 (Edgemoor Road) widening project, from the SR-62 (Oak Ridge Highway) interchange to SR-9 (US-25W, Clinton Highway), in Anderson County, Tennessee. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the EA evaluated two alternatives: the No-Build Alternative and the Build Alternative. Based on the completed environmental studies and feedback from relevant agencies, stakeholders, and the public, TDOT has identified the Build Alternative as the recommended Preferred Alternative for the proposed project, as presented in the EA. The EA was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on October 10, 2025, and, along with all associated technical appendices, is currently available for public inspection and comment prior to the completion of the final environmental decision document as required under NEPA.

The **Recommended Preferred Build Alternative** would implement the following improvements along the approximately 6.18-mile segment of the existing two to three-lane roadway:

- **West of Walnut Valley Road:** Widen SR-170 to four lanes (two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction) with a variable median and eight-foot shoulders.
- **East of Walnut Valley Road:** Widen SR-170 to five lanes (two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction and a 12-foot center Two-Way Left-Turn Lane) with eight-foot shoulders.
- **Additional improvements:** Provide curb and gutter, a five-foot sidewalk to the north, a 10-foot shared-use path to the south, turn lanes at strategic intersections, realigning and reconfiguring several intersections, replacing the existing two-lane bridge over the Clinch River with a four-lane bridge, and guardrails as needed.

The proposed project is intended to address the transportation needs that have been identified through coordination with local officials, agencies, and the public. The purpose and need for the proposed project is to:

- Correct existing geometric deficiencies to be consistent with design standards;
- Improve mobility and connectivity for efficient movement of people and freight;
- Provide additional capacity with operational and intersection improvements to address traffic congestion and travel delays; and
- Meet the Legislative Intent of the “Improving Manufacturing, Public Roads, and Opportunities for a Vibrant Economy” (IMPROVE) Act and the “Transportation Modernization Act” (TMA).

The **Environmental Assessment** is available for download via the TDOT Project Website at:

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

(or scan the QR Code to go to the website)

Copies of the **Environmental Assessment** are also available for public inspection at the following locations:

- **TDOT Region 1 Office**
7345 Region Lane, Knoxville, TN 37914
- **Clinton Public Library**
118 S Hicks Street, Clinton, TN 37716
- **Oak Ridge Public Library**
1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830
- **Tennessee Centennial Golf Course**
101 Centennial Boulevard, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

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