

**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT**  
**STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is seeking comments on Amendment #215 to the 2017-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program. Amendment #215 is for amended Sevier County project number 1778085, SR-XXX, Jake Thomas Connector, from SR-71/73 (US-321/441) to SR-449 (Veterans Blvd). The Federal Highway Administration is allowing this state route to be known as "XXX" until a number is assigned. The two mile long project consists of pavement markings on Jake Thomas Road from SR-71/73 (US-321/441) to Teaster Lane. The existing two-lane road will be widened to a four-lane divided road with a median from Teaster Lane to the Ripken Experience Ballpark. A five-lane road will be built on new location as a connector from the Ballpark to SR-449 (Veterans Blvd). All funds on the old and amended project pages are state funds. The \$800,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2019 environmental studies has been dropped because the \$800,000 allotted in 2017 is sufficient; the \$2.0 million for FY 2019 design will not be required and has been dropped. The construction phase has been added on the amended page in the amount of \$28.0 million for FY 2020. The total project cost is \$28.8 million. The project will be let to contract by TDOT.

The amendment is posted on the Tennessee Department of Transportation web site at <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/program-development-and-administration-home/program-development-and-administration-state-programs/proposed-stip-amendments>

The public is being asked to review this document and provide comments to TDOT within 15 days of this publication date. After 15 days, the comments and suggestions will be reviewed and incorporated into the plan as appropriate.

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