

I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes Public Comment Period:

What We Heard, What's Next



Thank you to everyone who attended the I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes public meetings and provided feedback on the proposed project. As the most congested route in Tennessee, I-24 Southeast needs improvements, and the proposed Choice Lanes project seeks to address these challenges.

Many questions from the public focused on funding for this project and the role of Public-Private Partnerships (P3). Our team clarified how a private sector partner will design, build, finance, operate and maintain the additional lanes, allowing state funds to be redirected to other important projects across Tennessee. Having two additional lanes in each direction would improve overall traffic flow, as motorists who choose to use the Choice Lanes will also alleviate congestion in the existing general purpose lanes, providing benefits for everyone!

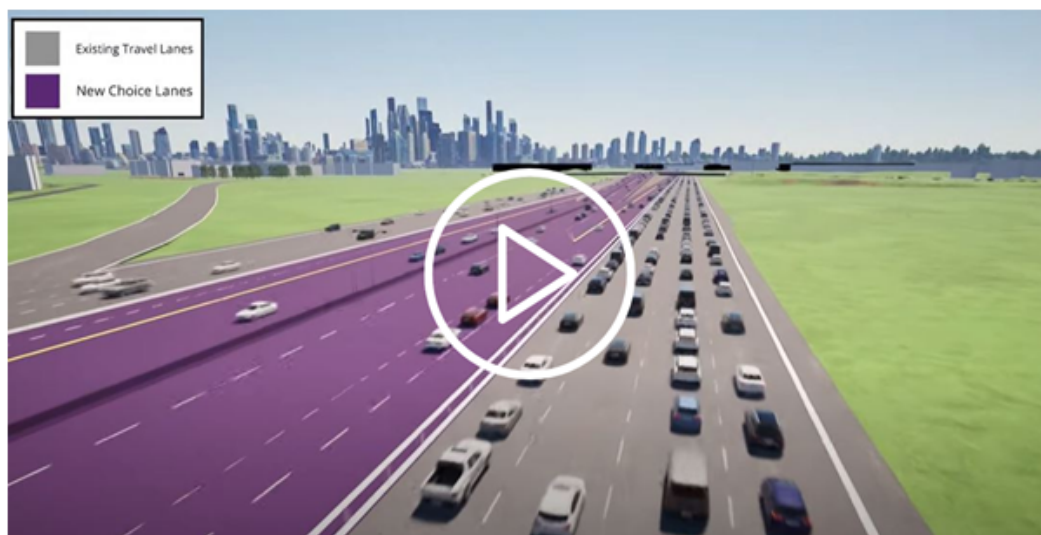
Participants appreciated the abundance of clear and updated visuals and materials provided at the meetings. Overall, many residents had a positive understanding of the plan, asked many questions and spent time perusing the many visuals that explained the design, traffic, environmental and right-of-way processes.

The open comment period closed on September 19, and all comments will be taken into consideration on the project. As the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process continues, we will evaluate the environmental impacts of the project and move further into the environmental, right-of-way and procurement processes. Public Hearings will be scheduled during the first quarter of 2025. You will be kept informed through our various platforms, including this project newsletter. Please follow us on social media at the links below to stay up to date.

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CHOICE LANES PROJECT



What Could Choice Lanes Look Like?



We understand that sometimes a new concept like Choice Lanes can be difficult to visualize, so we created a helpful video illustrating these concepts of the new, optional lanes for the I-24 Southeast corridor. For example, you'll see our proposed design includes:

- Two new Choice Lanes in each direction
- No change in access to the existing general purpose or HOV lanes
- Widening of I-24 Southeast between Nashville and Murfreesboro

The video also shows how a plaza-style interchange could look, how transit and emergency vehicles could enter and exit the lanes and how the lanes could be separated from the general purpose lanes by a flexible buffer delineator. There is still much to be determined, so stay tuned for more updates in the months to come!

A Game-Changer for Tennessee Traffic!



It's football season and we know how much Tennesseans enjoy tailgating and cheering for their favorite Tennessee teams - meaning more congestion on game days! You may have heard Nashville is getting a new football stadium, but did you know that enough people are moving to Nashville to fill that stadium every two years? On average, 86 people are moving to Nashville per day according to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#) - that's 62,780 people in two years! While this population growth yields economic opportunity, challenges are presented to effectively move people, goods and services.

An efficient transportation design solution is necessary to maintain mobility across the Nashville area. With Choice Lanes, motorists would be given the choice to bypass congestion in exchange for a user fee. Adding capacity to heavily traveled, urban interstates results in motorists experiencing more reliable travel speeds and trip times. Choice Lanes are an emerging urban congestion solution in Tennessee and could make all the difference in getting football fans and players to the big game in time for kickoff each weekend.

Out & About with Team I-24 Southeast!



P3 Communications Officer Rebekah Hammonds, Statewide P3 Project Manager John Davis and members of the I-24 Southeast project team shared information on the I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes project at the La Vergne Fall Festival on September 14.

The proposed I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes project team has been out and about in the community this month. We've spoken to community groups, hosted booths at local events and have held excellent meetings with stakeholders. We look forward to more opportunities to listen to and address your questions and concerns!

Is your organization or group interested in learning more about the proposed project? Complete and email the attached form to TDOT.24ChoiceLanes@tn.gov to request a member of the project team to discuss the proposed I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes project at your next meeting!

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