



# TDOT Keeps Focus on Choice Lanes Amid Leadership Change

## *A Message from the Choice Lanes Team*

On July 10, Governor Bill Lee appointed TDOT Chief Engineer Will Reid, P.E., the next transportation commissioner. He replaces Deputy Governor Butch Eley, who announced last month he would be stepping down at the department but will continue to advise the Governor on long-term statewide projects until he departs from state government later this year.

"Deputy Governor Eley has played an important role in advancing Tennessee's infrastructure efforts, and his work has positioned the state for continued progress," said Gov. Lee. "I'm confident that Will Reid will carry these initiatives forward, and TDOT will continue to advance in the years ahead under his leadership."

The Choice Lanes program is one of those initiatives. Commissioner Reid and TDOT senior leadership are committed to delivering the program. The first project, I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes, is on schedule, and the team will continue updating and informing stakeholders regularly. "The Governor fully supports the department's goal of implementing and delivering what we have promised," said Commissioner Reid. "From the Transportation Modernization Act, which authorized public-private partnerships to help alleviate urban congestion with Choice Lanes, to additional recurring General Fund dollars to pay for the state's growing infrastructure needs, I am steadfast in driving this progress forward." [Click here](#) to read the full announcement from Governor Lee.

## Choice Lanes Overview



## Choice Lanes Attends Southeast Community Day

Multiple members of the TDOT Choice Lanes team handed out flyers and promotional items at the Southeast Community Day back-to-school event last week. Hundreds of Antioch families benefited from the event as kids were able to pick up free backpacks and other school materials. The event celebrated diverse cultures that represent Southeast Nashville through food, music art, dance and community engagement.

The Choice Lanes team handed out transportation-themed activity books and project related information in hopes of informing the many families that use the corridor daily about the proposed project.

If you are interested in hearing from the Choice Lanes team or would like them to present project-related information at your next event, send your request to [TDOT.24ChoiceLanes@tn.gov](mailto:TDOT.24ChoiceLanes@tn.gov).





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