



SR 268/N. Thompson Lane Widening Newsletter

July 31, 2026

Welcome and Thank You:

On behalf of the Tennessee Department of Transportation, I want to express a big **thank you** to everyone who joined us on July 27th for our public informational meeting! We truly hope the information and conversations were beneficial. We also want to thank the City of Murfreesboro and Erma Siegel Elementary School for their help coordinating the event.

If you have further questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime (check out 'Project Contacts' at the bottom of this newsletter). If I can't immediately answer your question, I'll route it to the appropriate division.

As construction preparations continue, you'll be able to use this newsletter and the project website as a source of updates for this project. Newsletters are currently anticipated to be published the last week of the month.

Current Timeline:

This project has been officially awarded to Franklin-based contractor Civil Constructors. As noted in the public informational meeting, TDOT will learn

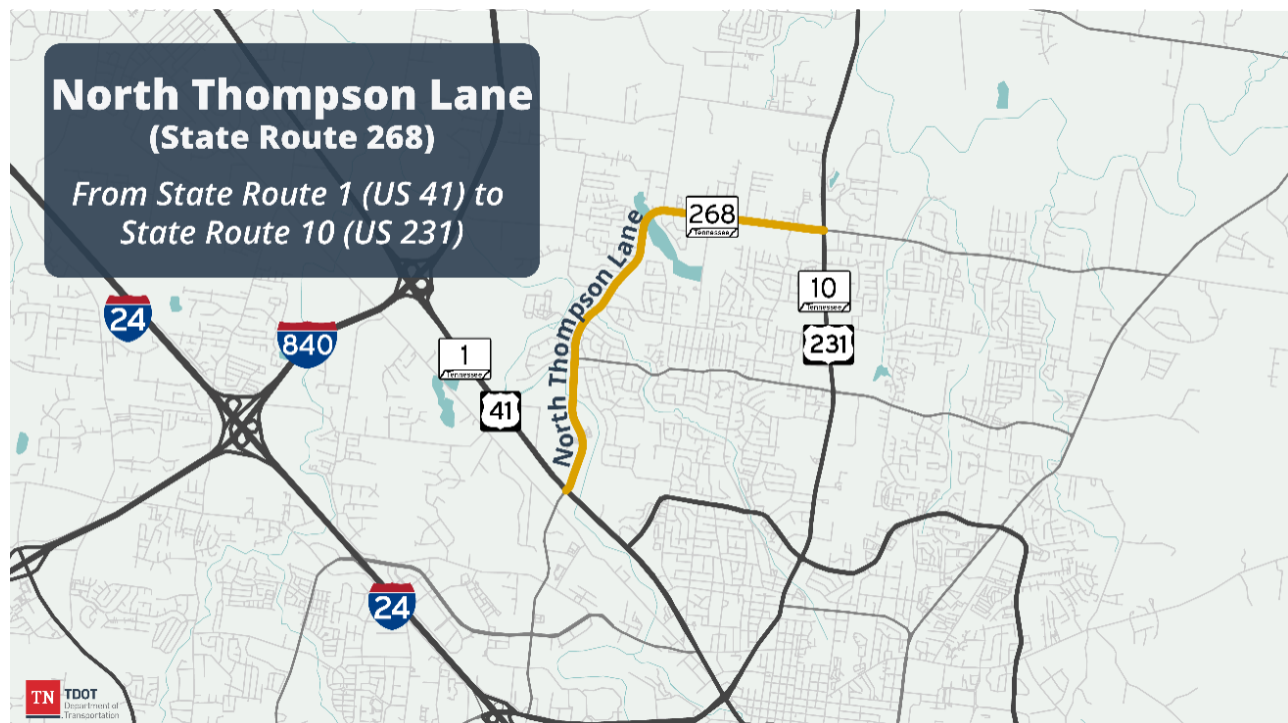
more about timeline and construction plans following a pre-construction meeting with Civil. That meeting is scheduled for **mid-August**, which means I hope to bring you an update in the **August newsletter** that will bring more clarity on when you'll see construction activities begin.

[Visit Project Web Page](#)

Project Description and Overview:

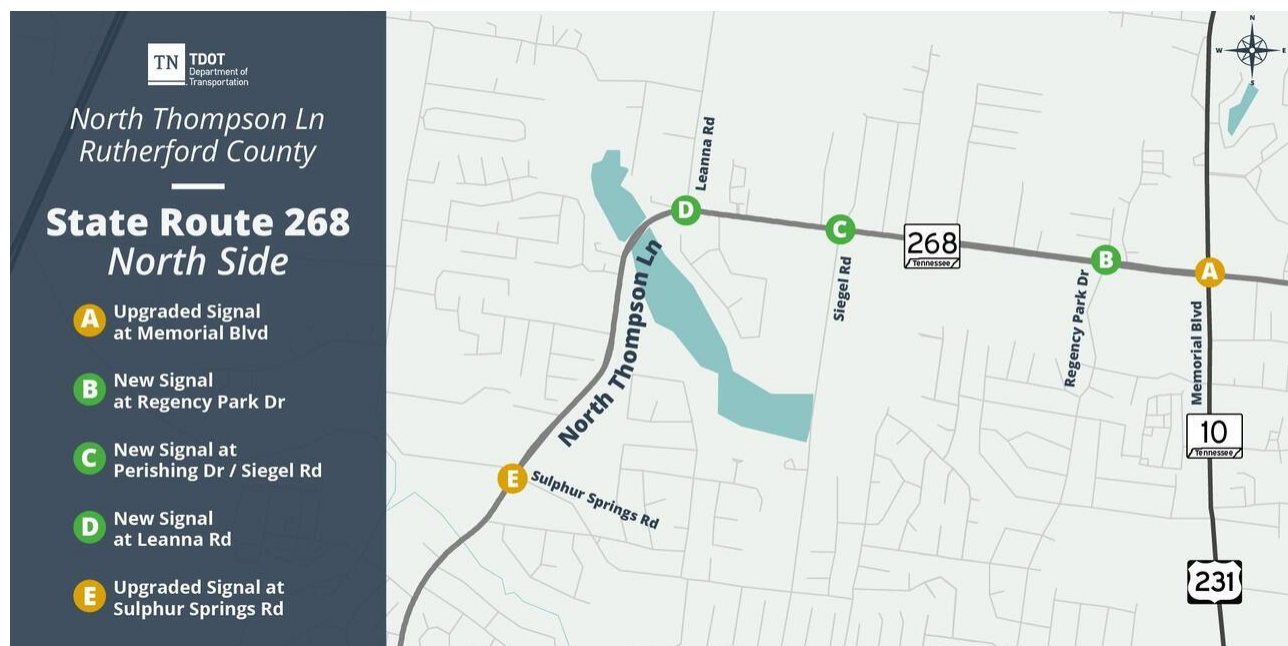
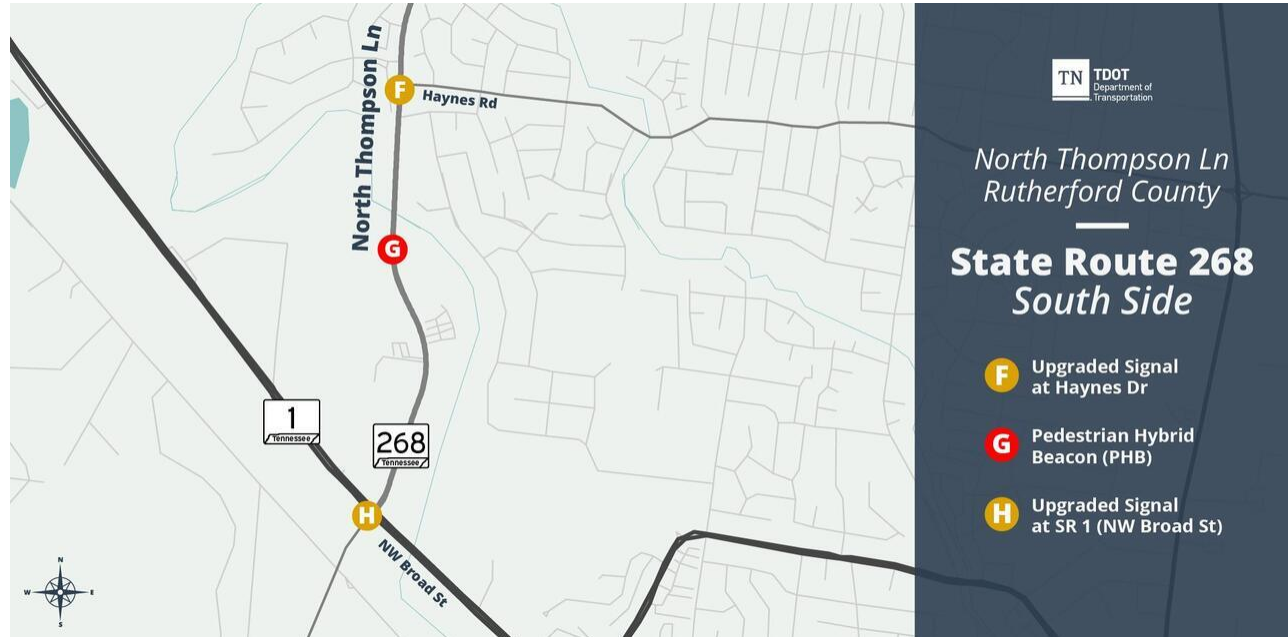
The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will construct widening improvements to approximately 4.3 miles of North Thompson Lane (State Route 268) from NW Broad Street (State Route 1) to Memorial Boulevard (State Route 10).

Improvements include widening to four travel lanes with a center turn lane throughout the project footprint, curb and gutter, replacement of the West Fork Stones River Bridge, and traffic signal additions. Sidewalks will also be provided on both sides of N. Thompson Lane, as well as a shared use path from near the bridge over the West Fork Stones River to near Memorial Boulevard.

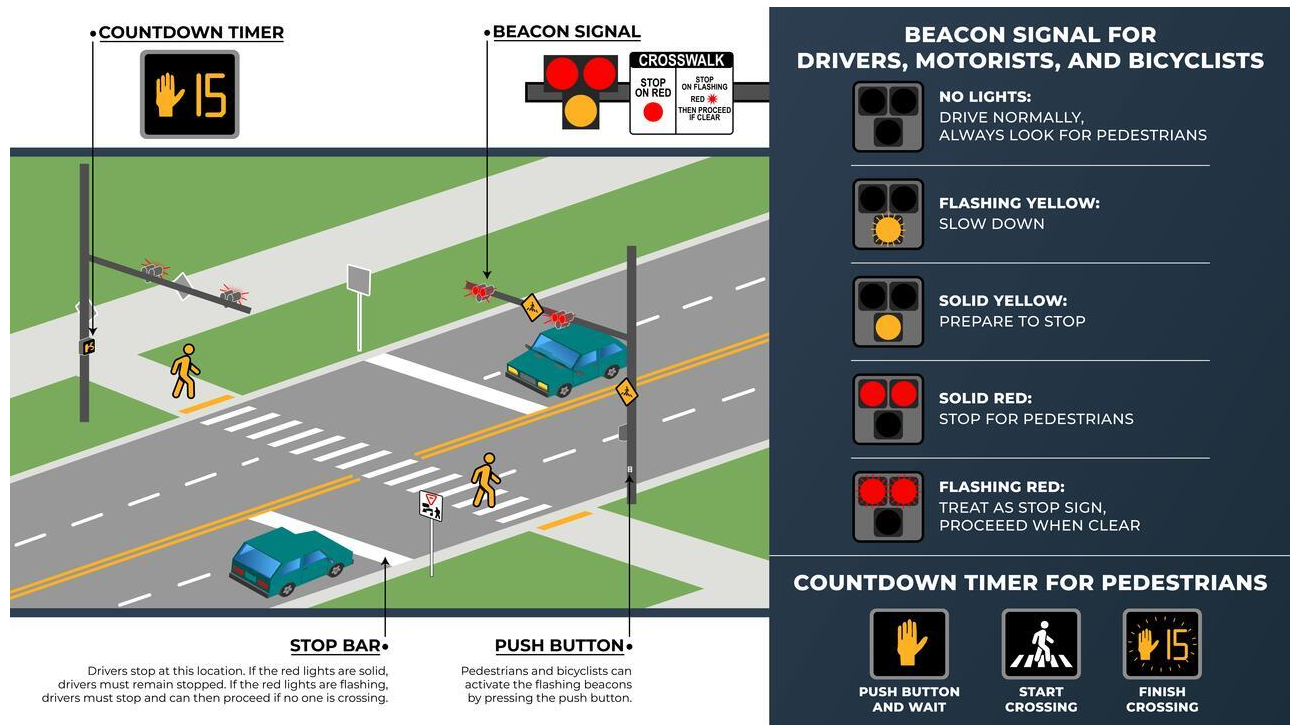


Improvements also include three additional signals and four upgraded signals that will be interconnected into the existing fiber optic network to provide for future coordinated arterial signal system.

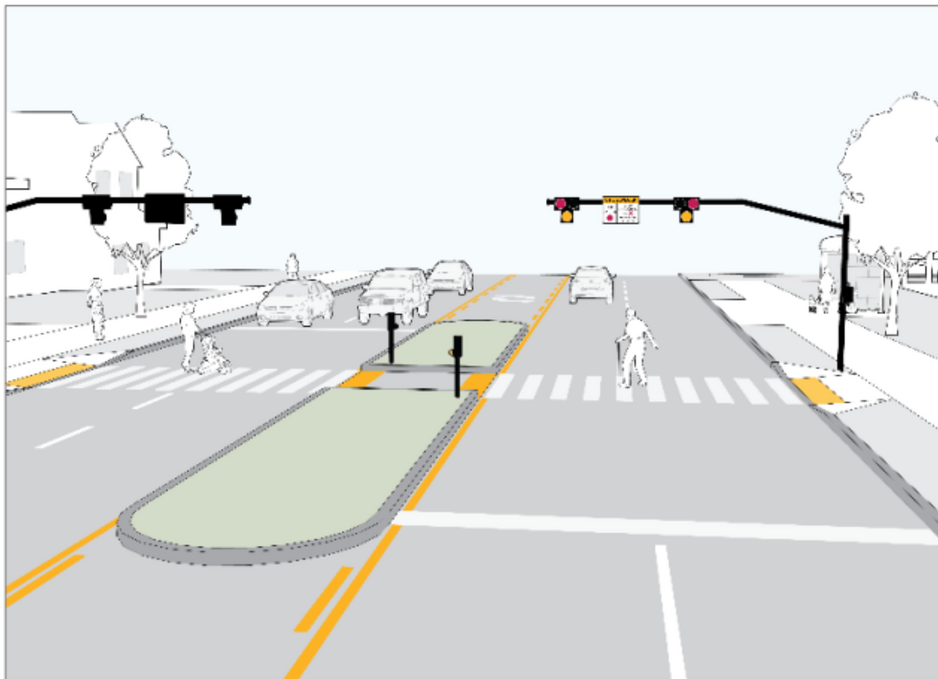
It is important to note that upon project completion, pedestrian crossing near the entrance of Erma Siegel Elementary will take place at the new signalized intersection at Regency Park Drive.



Installation of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) near the West Fork Stones River bridge will provide a safer crossing for Stones River Greenway users.



The PHB for this project will have a grassy median, better visualized by this rendering:



Visualization courtesy arlingtonva.us.

Traffic and Pedestrian Impacts:

- SR 268 (N. Thompson Lane) from NW Broad Street to Memorial Boulevard will be under construction for the duration of the project.

- Lane closures will be permitted from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (when school is in session) or 4:00 p.m. (school not in session).
 - A section of the greenway beneath the West Fork Stones River Bridge will be closed while the new bridge is being constructed.
 - The Thompson Lane Trailhead Canoe Ramp will close during construction. Alternate boater access points are as follows:
 - Manson Pike Boat Ramp (2.8 miles/9 minute drive south)
 - West Fork Boat Ramp (6 miles/11 minute drive north)
 - Nice Mill Recreation Area Boat Ramp (6.3 miles/12 minute drive north)
 - Access to McFadden Farm will be maintained during construction via Van Cleve Lane.
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In Closing:

Materials shown and handed out at Monday's meeting are now on the project website.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns! Additionally, you may want to pass along this newsletter and [subscription information](#) to a neighbor... my colleague, Halen, and I had some trouble deciphering some handwriting from those meeting sign-up sheets.

Thank you!

-- Erin

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