



SR 268/N. Thompson Lane Widening Newsletter

August 28, 2026

End of August Update:

We hope everyone had a great summer! While a lot of you are settling back into the school year routine, our crews are heading out to work on this major widening and improvement project. Preliminary construction activities began last Friday.

A note for folks traveling for Labor Day:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation will halt all lane-closure activity on interstates and state highways for the Labor Day Weekend travel period. While construction work will continue, no **lane closure** activities will take place beginning at noon on Friday, September 4, through 6 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8.

Please note that the timing of construction activities is subject to change due to a variety of factors, including weather, materials procurement, utility delays, and more. We're committed to relaying any delays or changes to you as soon as possible.

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Thank you!

-- Erin

Current Work:

- **Staking and sign installation:** Even though this work is not being done on the roadway, you may experience lane and shoulder closures (9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on weekdays) while these activities are being done to give contractors a safe distance to work.

Upcoming Work:

- **Erosion control:** As a result of this work, you will likely see silt fencing, sediment tubes (used to reduce runoff), and other erosion control equipment being installed along the outside of the project.
- **Grading for future widened roadway:** Grading is the process of reshaping land, which can include the raising or lowering of ground levels, adding or removing slopes, or leveling the ground surface.
- **Underground utility relocation:** Relocation of all utilities on this 4+ mile stretch will be a lengthy process.
- **Storm sewer work**

Three-Month Look Ahead:

- **Tree clearing:** No tree cutting will be done until after October 1, 2026.
- **Bridge work:** Anticipated to begin in late November.
- **Trailhead & boat access closures:** Anticipated to go into effect in early to mid-December.

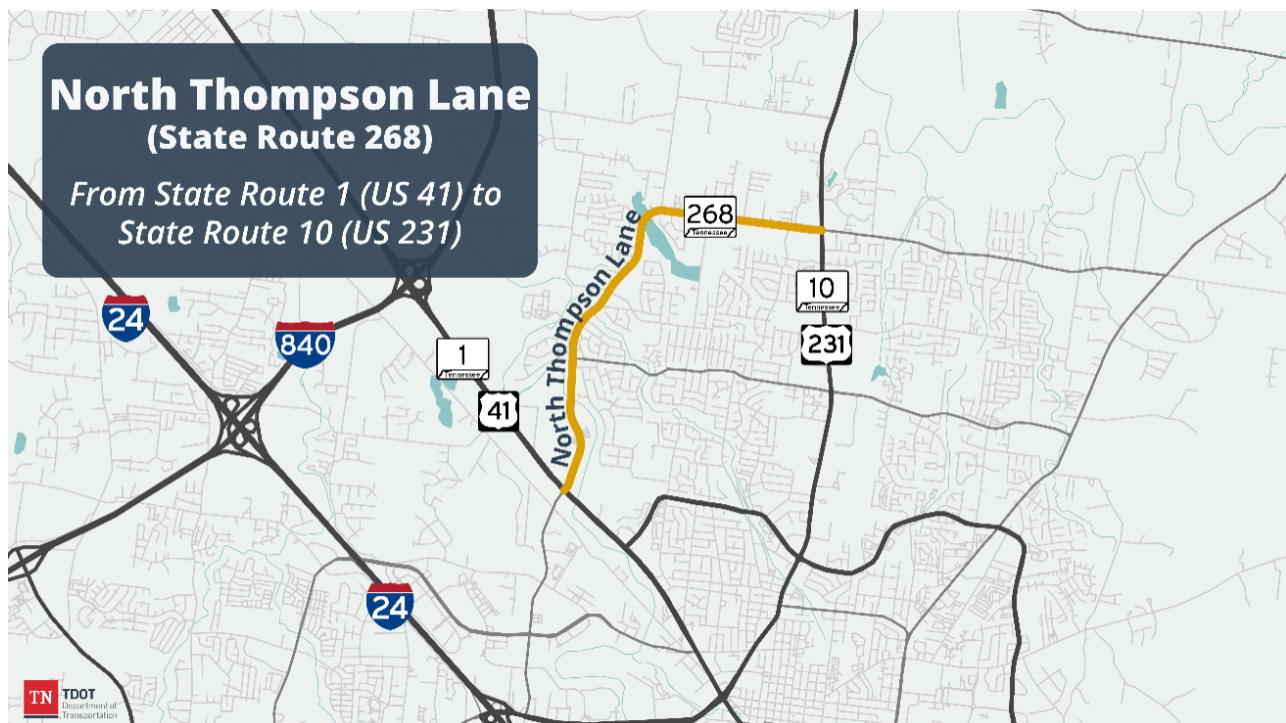
Traffic and Pedestrian Impacts:

- 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).
- To come: A section of the greenway beneath the West Fork Stones River Bridge will be closed while the new bridge is being constructed.
- To come: 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.

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).

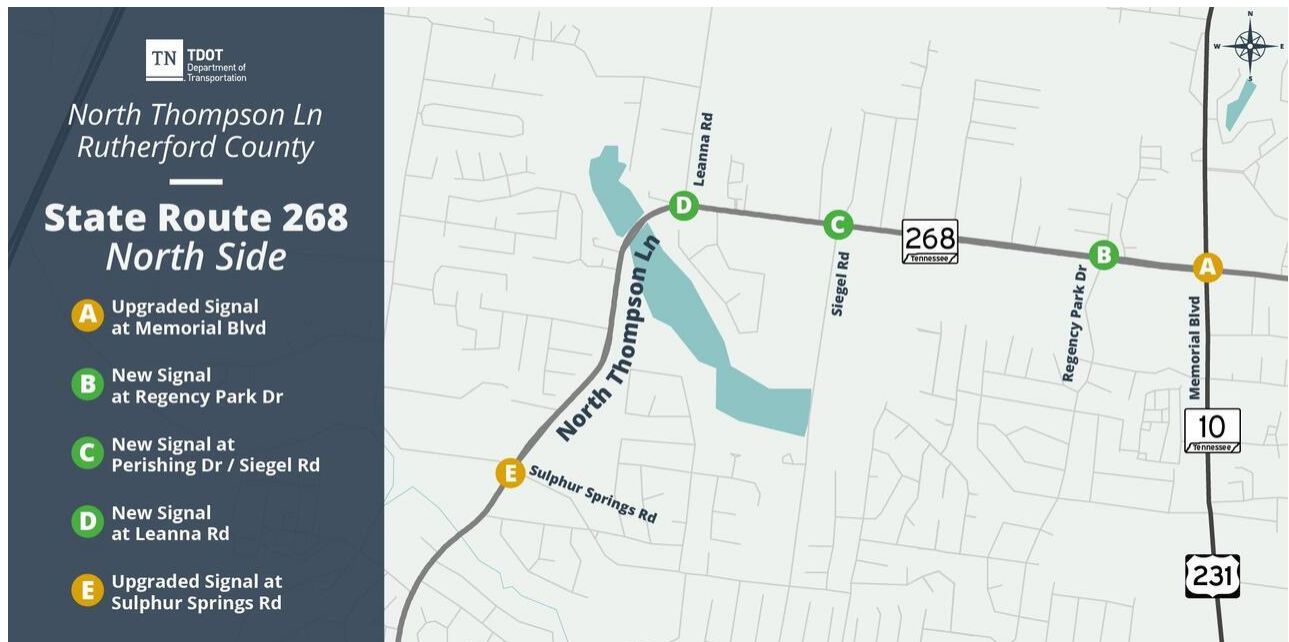
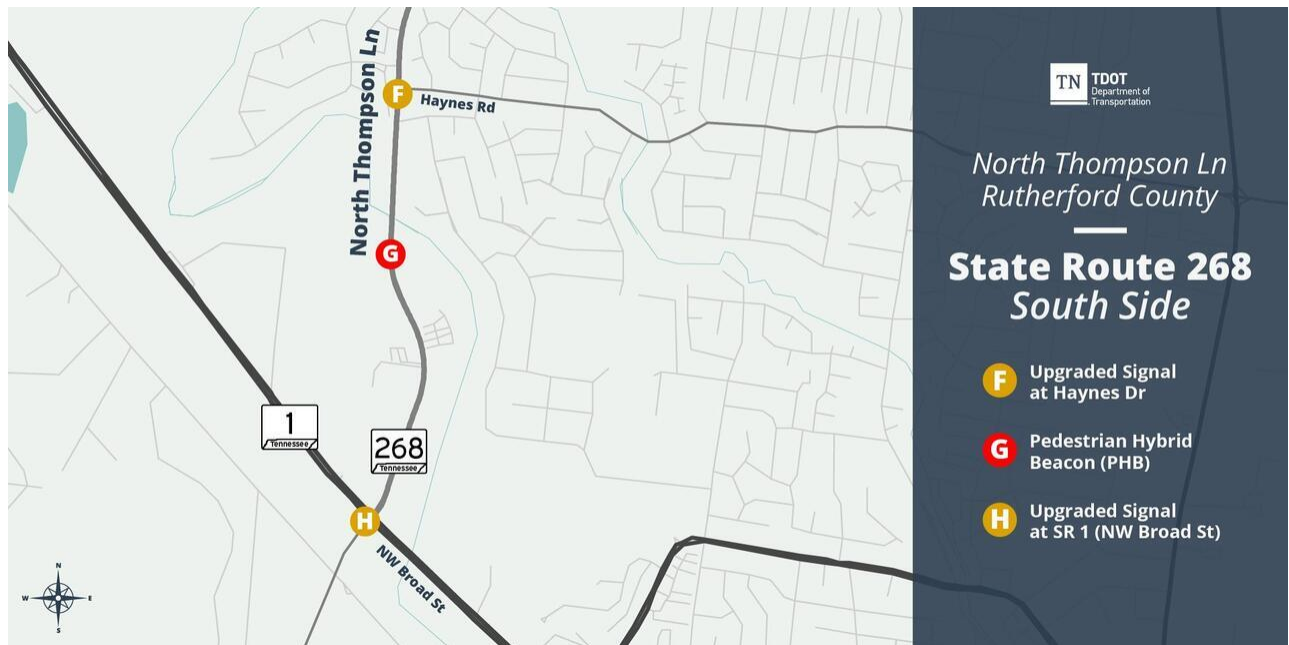
Improvements include widening to four travel lanes with a center turn lane throughout the project footprint, curb and gutter, replacement of the West Fork Stones River Bridge, and traffic signal additions. Sidewalks will also be provided on both sides of N. Thompson Lane, as well as a shared use path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



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