

SR 268/N. Thompson Lane Widening Newsletter

November 25, 2026

End of November Update:

Happy (almost) Thanksgiving! We hope you and your family have a safe holiday.

Our team would like to remind the community about the speed limit change from 45 mph to 35 mph on N. Thompson Lane (SR 268) from NW Broad Street to Memorial Boulevard. The speed limit was lowered out of an abundance of caution for our crews and the community. We appreciate our partnership with the City of Murfreesboro and its police department for the speed limit modification education.

Temporary lane closures will be halted from noon on Wednesday, December 25, until 6 a.m. Monday, November 30, to account for Thanksgiving travel.

Completed Work:

- **Haul road creation:** These temporary roadways have been constructed to help with material and equipment movement.
- **Clearing vegetation around the West Fork Stones River Bridge.**

Current Work:

- **Vegetation clearing:** Now that clearing around the bridge is complete, crews will head north.

- **Erosion control:** Erosion control measures will continue to be installed as clearing operations progress.
- **Underground utility relocation:** Relocation of all utilities on this 4+ mile stretch will be a lengthy process.



Haul road construction complete.



Pipes for water line relocation.



Clearing around the bridge is complete.

NOTE: Any vegetated areas within TDOT's right-of-way (ROW) that now visually shield the view of the Thompson Lane Bridge from the Stones River National Battlefield will be retained if possible, and if not, replaced to their original condition post-construction. Additionally, following construction, the Greenway trail will be reconstructed to pre-construction condition in areas of the work zone that may be damaged as a result of the new SR 268 bridge.

Upcoming and Ongoing Work:

- **Clearing and grubbing:** Crews will continue clearing and grubbing at the project area. These activities consist of removing stumps, shrubs, and other materials to prepare the construction site.
- **Continued flagging operations** while clearing and grubbing continue.
- **Grading activities:** When clearing is complete, crews will begin grading the cleared land to create a level base or controlled slope to prepare the construction site.
- **Utility relocation.**
- **Bridge construction:** You may potentially see bridge construction activities near the West Fork Stones River Bridge.

All work is weather-dependent.

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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).

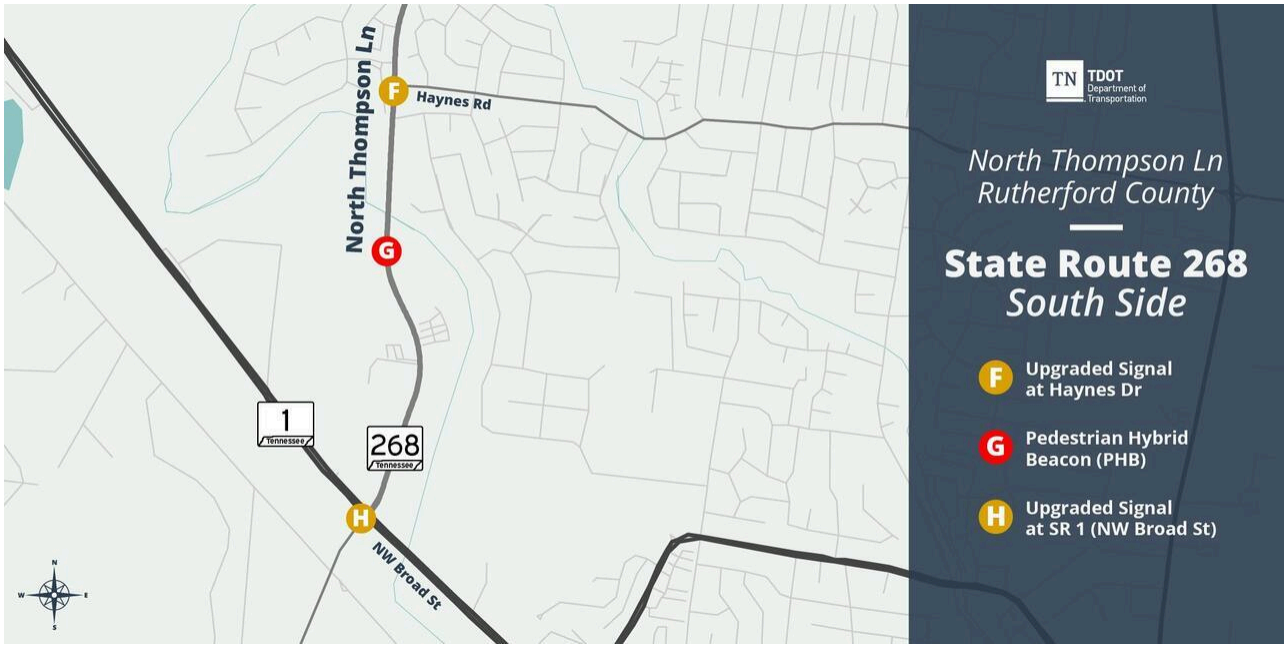
Improvements include widening to four travel lanes with a center turn lane throughout the project footprint, curb and gutter, replacement of the West Fork Stones River Bridge, and traffic signal additions. Sidewalks will also be provided on both sides of N. Thompson Lane, as well as a shared use path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

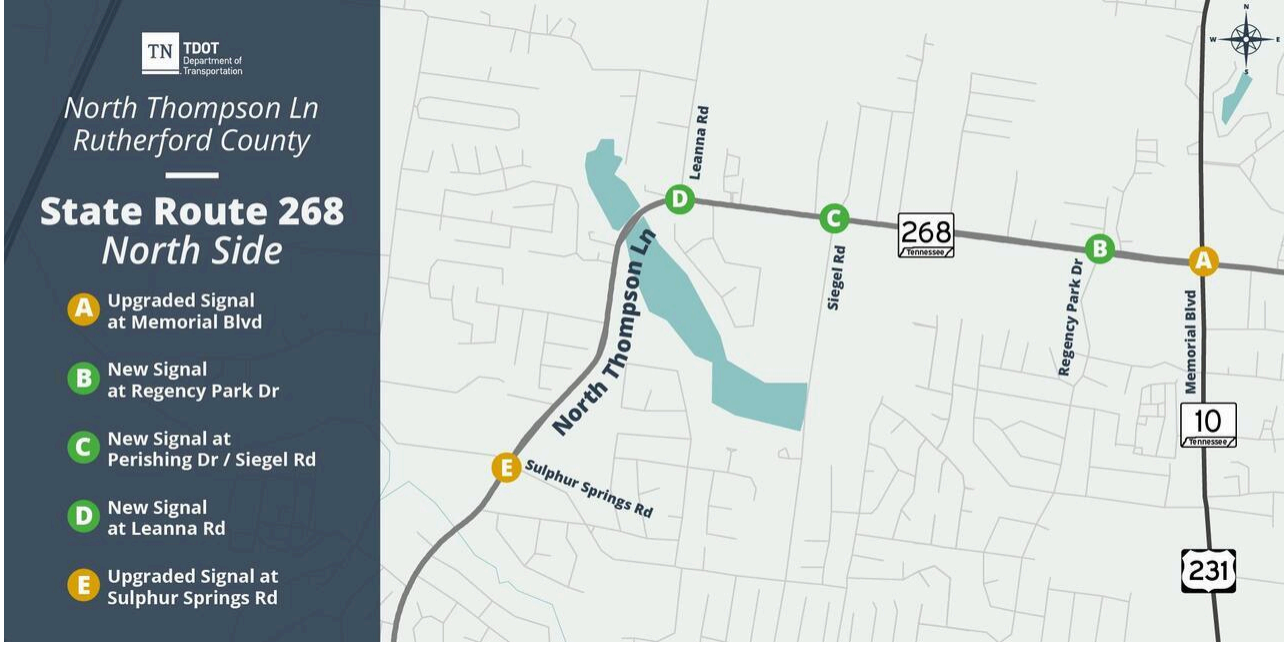


Improvements also include three additional signals and four upgraded signals that will be interconnected into the existing fiber optic network to provide for future coordinated arterial signal system.

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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