

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will conduct a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Design Public Hearing on Thursday, March 25, 2010 to discuss the Interstate 40 Interchange at SR-196 (Hickory Withe Road) in Fayette, County. The meeting will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Oakland Elementary School, 14925 Highway 194 North, Oakland, TN.

This NEPA/Design Public Hearing is being held in order to provide the public an opportunity to provide input on the approved Environmental Assessment (EA) prior to completion of the final environmental document and an opportunity to provide input on the design of the proposed interchange. A brief presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. Representatives from TDOT will be present to address questions pertaining to the general layout and design of the proposed new interchange, along with the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with it. TDOT will also have representatives available to discuss the steps that will occur following the completion of the environmental phase of the project, including answering questions on the right-of-way acquisition process.

Two alternatives were evaluated in the EA, the No-Build Alternative and one Build Alternative. The No-Build Alternative would mean that no new interchange would be constructed at I-40 and SR-196. Secondary roadways would continue to be used to distribute traffic to the nearest existing interchanges located to the east and west of SR-196. The Build Alternative would result in construction of a new grade-separated interchange at I-40 and SR-196 and would provide improved access to the interstate for nearby communities and surrounding areas, including Arlington and Gallaway to the north, and Hickory Withe and Oakland to the south.

The EA was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on January 25, 2010. A copy of the EA can be viewed online at the TDOT project website www.tn.gov/tdot/i40sr196. The EA is located under the "Project Library" tab located at the top of the main page of the website. Hard copies of the document are also available for public inspection at the locations listed below.

Sam T. Wilson Public Library
11968 Walker Street
Arlington, TN 38002
(901) 867-1954

Somerville-Fayette County Library
216 West Market Street
Somerville, TN 38068
(901) 465-5248

Fayette County Mayor
13095 North Main
P O Box 218
Somerville, TN 38068
(901) 465-5202

Gallaway City Hall
607 Watson Drive
P O Box 168
Gallaway, TN 38036
(901) 867-3333

Arlington Town Hall
5854 Airline Road
P O Box 507
Arlington, TN 38002
(901) 867-2620

Oakland City Hall
170 Doss Circle
Oakland, TN 38060
(901) 465-8523

A copy of the EA can also be viewed at the following TDOT Offices listed below.

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300 Benchmark Place
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 935-0140

The public is invited to ask questions and make comments during the Public Hearing and will be given the opportunity to make their opinions known concerning the need for the project, their preferred alternative, and any other issues. Anyone with questions regarding the hearing may contact Mr. Joe Matlock at (615) 741-5365 or Joe.Matlock@tn.gov.

Persons with a disability, who require aids or services to participate at the meeting, may contact Ms. Margaret Mahler at the following address no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

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615/741-4984 (phone)
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A court reporter will be available to receive oral statements to be included in the project transcript. In addition, comment sheets are available for those who prefer to make written statements. Written statements and other exhibits to be included in the project transcript may be submitted within 21 days after the meeting date to the following address:

Project Comments
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 700, James K. Polk Building
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Nashville, TN 37243-0332
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