

**Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability of the Approved
Pellissippi Parkway Extension (SR 162) Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Pellissippi Parkway Extension (SR-162) in Blount County. The DEIS addresses the purpose and need, alternatives considered, and environmental impacts and potential mitigation measures for the proposed extension of Pellissippi Parkway from SR-33 (Old Knoxville Highway) to SR-73 (US-321, Lamar Alexander Parkway), a distance of about 4.4 miles.

A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at the Heritage High School, 3741 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville TN 37804, from **5:00 to 8:00 PM**. The purpose of the hearing is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the findings of the DEIS and the proposed project prior to completion of the final environmental document. A formal presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. Representatives from TDOT will be present to address questions pertaining to the general location of the alternatives, and the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the proposed improvements. TDOT will also have representatives available to answer questions on the relocation assistance program, the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction.

The DEIS on this project was approved for circulation by the Federal Highway Administration on April 14, 2010. Copies of the document are available for public inspection at the locations listed below. Comments on the DEIS should be submitted by August 30, 2010 to Mr. Mike Russell at the below address.

Blount County Public Library
508 N. Cusick Street
Maryville, TN 37804

Blount County Chamber of
Commerce
201 S. Washington Street
Maryville, TN 37804

Michael W. Russell
TDOT Region 1
7345 Region Lane
Knoxville, TN 37914

An electronic copy of the DEIS is also available at <http://www.tn.gov/tdot/pellissippi>

The public is invited to ask questions and make comments during the hearing and will be given the opportunity to make their opinions known concerning this project. Questions regarding the public hearing or this project should be directed to:

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TDOT Project Management Office
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Mike.Russell@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.

Ms. Margaret Mahler
ADA Compliance
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 400, James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243

or by email: Margaret.Z.Mahler@tn.gov
615/741-4984 (phone)
615/532-5995 (fax)
615/253-8311 TTY Relay

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 by **August 30, 2010** to the following address:

Project Comments-Attn: Pellissippi Parkway Extension
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 700, James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0332
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