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## SmartFIX40 Re-Opening Ceremony Broadcast Live on Satellite I-40 in Downtown Knoxville Re-opens Friday after 14 Month Closure

**Ceremony Available Via Satellite at 2:00 P.M. ET / 1:00 P.M. CDT Friday, June 12**  
**Video pre-feed at 1:50 P.M. ET / 12:50 P.M. ET**

**Knoxville, Tenn.** – On Friday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m. ET, the Tennessee Department of Transportation will re-open a new and improved section of Interstate 40 through downtown Knoxville 18 days ahead of the contractual completion date of June 30, 2009. TDOT closed the short segment of I-40, located between James White Parkway (Exit 388) and Hall of Fame Drive (Exit 389), on May 1, 2008 for total reconstruction. During the 14 month closure travelers used I-640 as a detour route. The SmartFIX40 project, which began in 2005, utilized total closures of James White Parkway and I-40 along with other accelerated construction techniques to save more than two to three years of construction time.

A live feed of the re-opening ceremony, as well as a video pre-feed featuring two time-lapse videos and project b-roll, will be available via satellite. The satellite window will begin at 1:45 P.M. EDT / 12:45 P.M. CDT with test bars and tone preceded by the video pre-feed at 1:50 P.M. EDT.

The re-opening ceremony will feature Governor Phil Bredesen, TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely, Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam, and Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale. A large procession of Knoxville motorists lead by vehicles from the three Tennessee auto manufacturers will officially re-open the interstate following the ceremony.

**WHAT:** I-40 Re-opening Ceremony in Knoxville  
B-roll (two time lapse videos and project video)

**WHEN:** Friday, June 12  
**1:45 P.M. EDT – 2:45 P.M. EDT / 12:45 P.M. CDT – 1:45 P.M. CDT**

**WHERE:** Satellite coordinates:

Satellite:	<b>Horizons 2 (Ku)</b>	Transponder:	<b>9-C</b>
Uplink Freq:	<b>14344.5000 (V)</b>	Downlink Freq:	<b>12044.5000 (H)</b>
Carrier	<b>9 MEG</b>	FEC:	<b>3/4</b>
Data Rate:	<b>5.5</b>	Symbol Rate:	<b>3.9787</b>
Orbital Slot:	<b>74° West longitude</b>		
Satellite Time:	<b>1:45 – 2:45 P.M. EDT</b>		

**Trouble numbers: 334-399-0059 or 334-399-7281**

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