



PELLISSIPPI PARKWAY EXTENSION
BLOUNT COUNTY, TN
TDOT PROJECT No. # 05097- 1226-04
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SUMMARY OF SCOPING COMMENTS
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HELD ON JUNE 13, 2006

EAGLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 12 TO 2 PM

AND

HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-8 PM

TRANSCRIPT FROM JUNE 13, 2006,
12 TO 2 PM PUBLIC WORKSHOP
AT EAGLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MARYVILLE, TN

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PELLISSIPPI PARKWAY EXTENSION (SR-162)
IN BLOUNT COUNTY
Project No. 05097-1225-04

Taken: June 13, 2006
Eagleton Elementary School
708 Sam Houston School Road
Maryville, Tennessee

COMMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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PURSUANT TO NOTICE, a Public Workshop was conducted by the Tennessee Department of Transportation on June 13, 2006 in regards to: Project No. 05097-1225-04, Pellissippi Parkway Extension (SR-162) in Blount County from SR-33 to SR-73 (US 321), a distance of about 4.4 mile. The purpose of the workshop was to provide input for defining the purpose and need for the project, identifying a corridor, determining the range of alternatives to be considered in the EIS and identifying environmental, social and economic issues and concerns to be addressed in the EIS. Said workshop was held from the hours of 12 Noon to 2 PM at the Eagleton Elementary School, 708 Sam Houston School Road, Maryville, Tennessee.

Present for the taking of any comments, orally, by the public was Cathy Heinze, Notary Public at Large in and for the State of Tennessee and agent of Barringer Court Reporting.

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COURT REPORTER: May I have your name and address for the record?

MR. COLLINS: My name is Gordon Collins. I live at 3230 Sevierville Road, Maryville, 37804. My comment is, you know, the workshops are good and TDOT's doing a wonderful job on coming to the public and getting their input but my comment or question is how can you expect the public to give you answers of how to build a road when you have not given the public the statistics or any proof that we need this road. Thank you.

COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

COMMENT NUMBER 2. WILLIAM DUNCAN:

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3 MR. DUNCAN: My name is William
4 Duncan. I live at 3305 Williams Mill Road, Zip
5 Code 37804. Okay. First of all, I'd like for you
6 to consider putting an entry onto Pellissippi from
7 Cusick Road. It has an exit there but the people
8 coming from Knoxville comes up to get on
9 Pellissippi and it's, it's jamming up the Knoxville
10 Highway with the school and with Clayton's traffic
11 and you could alleviate some of that problem by
12 putting an entry off of Cusick.

13 And the next thing, I don't really
14 care where Pellissippi goes as long as it goes on -
15 it don't dead end on Knoxville Highway continued
16 forever. And I guess that's all the comment I've
17 got. The original route looked good to me.

18 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

19 MR. COLLINS: All right.
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COMMENT NUMBER 3, PATRICIA SMITH:

COURT REPORTER: May I have your name and address for the record?

MS. SMITH: It's Patricia Smith, 420 Luther Jackson Drive, Maryville, 37804. And where we live is considered Jackson, Jackson Hills.

My comment is that we would like to see this finished but our problem right at the present and it's going to get worse and hopefully this was going to be taken care of before now. In order to get out of our subdivision between the hours of 4:30 and 6 o'clock, it's almost impossible. If you have an appointment, you need to get somewhere or even to the grocery store you have to take a back road out. And this is due to the fact that you have Clayton's which is like the lady said previously, 12 - was it 1200 employees? Something to that affect and then you have the end of the Pellissippi of people coming from work from Knoxville or wherever and they're all arriving basically at the same time. They're trying to get on the highway. They are backed up. We have no red light except at the Hunt Road which is how many

yards?

UNKNOWN: And they're backed up to
Hunt Road.

MS. SMITH: Uh-huh (affirmative).
There's no way you can get out because it's bumper
to bumper. This is like between your, this is like
between your work hours especially and it's bad
anytime but those hours, you just might as well
look at the clock when you get ready to go
somewhere 'cause you have to go the back way out.
And that - we just...

UNKNOWN: And in the mornings.

MS. SMITH: And in the mornings of
course.

COURT REPORTER: Is there anything
else you wish to say?

MS. SMITH: Well, nothing other
than I would just like to see this finished as soon
as possible. We have to have some relief. We have
to - we're taking our life in our own hand to try
to get on that road and that's not exaggerated.

COURT REPORTER: All right.

MS. SMITH: They would have to
turn around and go the other way, the back way

which is inconvenient.

COURT REPORTER: Okay, thank you.

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2 COMMENT NUMBER 4, GEORGE MANN:

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4 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
5 name and address for the record please?

6 MR. MANN: George Mann, 2637 May
7 Avenue, Maryville, Tennessee, 37804. One of the
8 reasons I'd like to see the extension completed is
9 that we've lost two lives in Blount County that
10 could have been prevented since this has been
11 shelved. Two people coming back from Townsend on
12 separate occasions crossed over the centerline and
13 deaths resulted. These people that crossed over
14 the centerline lived west of the 3 - Route 33
15 cutoff and could have gone Hunt Road if the
16 extension had been completed. One was from
17 Topside; one was from Alcoa. They would have not
18 been in that accident and the people would not have
19 been killed, others injured. Or maybe more; I'm
20 just positive of two.

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22 Now, another thing is that we have
23 three grandchildren in Heritage High School. From
24 where we live if we go down to Washington Street
25 and back around 321 to go to Heritage, it is over a

10 mile drive each way. This is a severe
inconvenience if we need to take a student out for
the doctor, to go to an appointment of some kind or
if he becomes injured or ill. It also hampers the
activities, the extracurricular activities that,
that are so good on a resume that help them get
into college; that help develop a personality.
They're restricted as to how many they can attend.

We need a better access to Heritage. There are
people worse off than we are that live in Rockford
and in the Wytheville (PHONETICALLY) area still
beyond the extension.

There's also a substantial amount
of increased traffic coming through our area that's
going to the casino in Cherokee. We need a way to
divert them from our area and from the 129 Highway
and downtown Maryville traffic. Those are the main
three points, safety, efficiency and improved
traffic flow. That should do it for today.

COURT REPORTER: Thank you very
much.

MR. MANN: You're welcome. Thank you.

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2 COMMENT NUMBER 5, KATHY LOVINGOOD:

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4 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
5 name and address for the record please?

6 MS. LOVINGOOD: My name is Kathy
7 Lovingood and I live at 3203 Miser Station Road,
8 Louisville, Tennessee 37777. And I'd like to talk
9 about the Pellissippi Parkway extension from State
10 Route 33 to US 321. I've been involved in this
11 project since I first realized that the Chamber of
12 Commerce and, and many of the others in the county
13 who had some clout decided they wanted an
14 interstate to go around the county. We called it
15 the loop and they don't call it that anymore but it
16 is - the long range plan is a loop that goes around
17 a county that is primarily rural, scenic and is -
18 rests and nestles in the lap of the Tennessee
19 Valley at the foothills of the Great Smokey
20 Mountain National Park.

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22 As far as transportation needs in
23 Blount County, we don't need an interstate that
24 brings people from - the only way - place you can
25 from to come here is from the west in Oak Ridge and

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1 the North in Knoxville and the south which is also
2 rural and the only place you're going is - other
3 than Blount County is the Great Smokey Mountains
4 and nobody lives there. And so what you're doing
5 is building a huge interstate that is just going to
6 choke a small county that happens to be at the base
7 of a beautiful national park. You're just going to
8 continue to erode the small town charm and rural
9 nature of the outlying areas of the Smokies and
10 create eyesores and commerce that now is not being
11 built here. And I - therefore, the only reason
12 you'd want to build this road is to do that very
13 thing; is to increase commerce, increase
14 residential use, increase population and that -
15 with that will come increased pollution, increased
16 crime, lower paying service industry jobs, tourism
17 attractions, whereas now we have industries that
18 are restricted to industrial parks. We have
19 farming areas. We have a major horse industry in
20 Blount County. We have many horse-related
21 industries. We have saddle builders; we have
22 farriers and hay producers and sales and this
23 brings in quite a bit of money into the county and
24 it will drive that sort of healthy business out.
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Ridge complex of the Department of Energy,
Knoxville and it's, it's high density metropolitan
area and the University of Tennessee and other
major attractions and to the Great Smokey Mountains
National Park. Having three transit systems going
to these - out these three major spokes could carry
people who fly in here and need to get to these
destinations. It would make it convenient for
them. It would minimize the traffic on our
roadways and it would eliminate the need for any
more highways that primarily carry traffic to these
destinations.

Secondly, if I can't have my
transit system, I'd like to have our current roads
made safer. There are ways to get from Knoxville,
Oak Ridge, to the Smokies and one is Alcoa Highway
which is going - undergoing a major renovation and
upgrade. This will be going from Singleton Station
Road to Hunt Road to bypass some business - very
high traffic business areas and this is, this is
right in the area where this new parkway - this
parkway extension is proposed. I see no reason
that anybody would be planning a parkway extension
before the airport bypass plans are finished and it

1 makes no sense to me at all to do these two
2 projects independently without corroboration to see
3 if they cannot be combined into one project.

4 If the traffic coming from Oak
5 Ridge and Knoxville needs to get to the mountains,
6 we should make use of a bypass around the airport
7 and funnel this traffic through the large
8 four-lanes on Hall Road on around past Maryville
9 College and on out Lamar Alexander Parkway. These
10 are already four lane highways. If it is necessary
11 to widen them and make them a limited access, I
12 think that would be a good way to do it just like
13 Lamar Alexander Parkway going through the south of
14 Maryville handles that traffic. And if other roads
15 such as Sevierville Road and Morganton Road and
16 Montvale Road were improved and widened and had
17 shoulders and had passing lanes, turn lanes, then
18 the people that live on these spokes could also
19 come in and hitch on to these perimeter roads such
20 as Lamar Alexander Parkway and the Hall Road, my
21 proposed Hall Road improvements to get to Knoxville
22 and Oak Ridge by connecting with the Pellissippi
23 Parkway at the Alcoa Highway interchange.
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main - many - I have many concerns. I think my number one concern is all of the, the things listed here on your, your questionnaire, environment, existing development, agricultural lands, impact on historical or archaeological resources, all these things are of concern to me and they are all damaged when populations are increased as building interstate highways does. People aren't there before they build the roads. I don't go anywhere where there is, is not a road and I doubt that anybody else does either. So first come the roads and then comes the industries and then come the people and out goes the, the clean streams, the good soils, our (INDISCERNIBLE).

Homes that come in are built with no concern as to whether this school systems can handle them. Homes do not return in property taxes what they cost us in services and the people who come to live in these homes are not the ones that are paying; it's those of us who have been here for so long have - who already have electric service; we already have sewage service; we already have water. We have to pay to build somebody else's utility systems.

1 Of course my primary concern is
2 agricultural impact because I am a farmer and I
3 realize that once you've got it, if you lose it you
4 can't get it back. I don't believe that this is
5 true of residential homes. I do believe that you
6 can find another residence. If someone builds a
7 road, widens a road and it's required to take a
8 house on the side of an existing road, I think
9 those can be replaced but I don't believe that
10 agricultural land can be replaced. I'm not
11 familiar with the historical and archaeological
12 resources so I will make no comment on that.

13 Which alternatives would you like
14 to see considered for this project? No build? I'm
15 not a no build person. I believe that we need some
16 traffic - some transportation improvements in this
17 area. I will go back to my comments before; I
18 think we need to use the airport bypass as a way to
19 move people from - coming in from Knoxville and Oak
20 Ridge and get them past the airport and onto Hall
21 Road. Hall Road is practically a commercially
22 blighted area. It is coming back slowly but it -
23 this would give a lot of opportunity for Alcoa to
24 build a beautiful boulevard of businesses that
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could serve people that are coming through.

You could have a main thoroughfare with a, a traffic light system that's synchronized so that once you get a green light you go all the way through and then you can have perimeter roads that would get you to your local businesses and that would make the primary Hall Road route a limited access. The same is true when you get into the Maryville side although it's going to be a little tighter because they've already done a lot of - the, the commerce there is a little more lively. The - there are - to build a divided four lane with perimeter roads would take quite a bit of business. It would be possible to make the road two lane and still have - I mean four lane and still have the synchronized stop lights to help with movement of the traffic uninterrupted or you might remain - keep the - that, that road and I can't remember what it's call but it's what Hall Road becomes when it goes into Blount County where the Chamber of Commerce is. Maybe after going over the bridge there could be an alternative route that could bypass that area, perhaps behind the hospital.

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Miser Station Road.

Therefore, I would, I would think of, of building more roads like Lamar Alexander Parkway south of Maryville closer into town; making a network of those and having those to be limited access; improve the spoke roads so that we can get safely into our, our circular roads that go around the county and remember that no - this interstate loop is taking nobody anywhere. It is dumping everybody out of the I-40, I-75 interstate system into Blount County and it doesn't go through. It doesn't go anywhere. So if it happened - if it were happening and you lived on a, on a - envision yourself living in a county that's in a cul-de-sac and that everybody that comes through has to go around in a circle by your house. This is what we're talking about. And let me think.

I am available if anyone would like to talk to me more. I have been - I, I am fourth generation in this county. In a couple more years I'll be able to, to register my farm as a century farm and there are many, many century farms in Blount County. That, I do know about historical significance and I do believe that you're going to

1 go through quite a few century farms with this plan
2 on Pellissippi Parkway and I think that I will
3 conclude my statement now.
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2 COMMENT NUMBER 6, SHERRILL SEATON:

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4 MR. SEATON: My name Sherrill
5 Seaton, S-E-A-T-O-N. I live 670 Sam Houston School
6 Road, Maryville, Tennessee. I was wanting to make
7 a comment on this possible new proposal that the
8 Transportation Department is going to give us or
9 work out and maybe change the proposed A-route
10 which has been pretty well, in my opinion, decided
11 upon until it was contested in court and they put a
12 halt on it and it's been four years now
13 approximately. But in going about it in a
14 different direction, about three and half years ago
15 I lived next door to this school. And
16 approximately three and a half years ago they
17 decided to purchase this property here from a, a
18 real estate man that lives up the road a little
19 ways and they paid a fantastic amount of money for
20 it but it was the public's money so I guess it
21 didn't make that much difference. But they could
22 have got the money - they could have got the land,
23 a lot better land down here on the corner of
24 Maryville Pike and Sam Houston School Road. But
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1 they said that the people who owned it were rich
2 and they couldn't fight them in court. Well, they
3 could have took them for eminent domain if they
4 wanted it.

5 But you've got to put the school
6 somewhere; I understand that. I was against the
7 school. I never said a word to anyone that I was
8 against the school. But I'd rather have a school
9 here as a trailer park or a used car. There's a
10 lot of things that I'd rather have a school here.
11 But we lived next door and I'm 78 years old and
12 sometimes it gets pretty loud when you're out in
13 the yard and all the children playing and this and
14 that and the other. But the children's got to go
15 to school. That all ties in with what I'm saying.

16 They put the school here; I couldn't do anything
17 about it.

18 Well, they decided four years ago
19 according to Mr. Love - I've got a letter in my
20 pocket I can show it to anybody who wants to see
21 it, that they had decided to use the A Route which
22 was the shortest, the straightest and the least
23 amount of people being displaced and that's why
24 they decided on the A Route over the B and C Route.
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1 Well, now after four years this impact study came
2 up and it's been in the court now for some time and
3 all of a sudden they've decided that they had to do
4 another impact study or a more thorough study
5 obviously and we're right back now to a good
6 possibility of not using the straightest, the best
7 route, according to Mr. Love and the Department in
8 Nashville, and using other routes.

9 I have an idea that the Raven
10 Committee - I'm not saying any harm against the
11 Raven Committee. I'm just saying they have fought
12 it in court and it could be that they're still
13 fighting it. I don't know. But I as an individual
14 don't have any political pull and I'm not rich. I
15 have a, a salary I live on, retired from the Postal
16 Department and that's about it.

17 I'm just afraid now that they're
18 going to turn around and instead of having a
19 straight route off of Maryville Pike over to
20 Heritage High School, they'll wind it around and
21 wind it around to where it won't, it won't impact
22 those people that was fighting it all. It'll
23 impact somebody else and I'm afraid it will be
24 possibly me. I've got 13 acres here that I worked
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1 hard for and I bet you that before it's over with
2 there's a good outside chance that it'll be run
3 right through my property.

4 Now I've already put up with the
5 school being here that I hated and couldn't do
6 anything about but I accepted it. Now they're
7 going to, in all probability, run this thing right
8 through my property. I, I don't have any proof of
9 that but I have an idea that's what will happen.

10 I think, I think the Department of
11 Transportation should work for the man in the
12 street, not a entity or small group that's got an
13 ax to grind. It just as well be where the A
14 section takes it as another section. What they
15 want to do is change it from where it is now. I'd
16 like to see it kept where it is now because they
17 said it was the best route and that's about it in a
18 nutshell.

19 I appreciate the chance to at
20 least express my opinion. I just hope it does some
21 good but I don't think, I don't really think it
22 will. You can cut it off as far as I'm concerned.

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25 COURT REPORTER: All right. Thank

you very much.

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2 COMMENT NUMBER 7, GREG MCCLAIN:

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4 MR. MCCLAIN: My name is Greg
5 McClain, Deputy City Manager for the City of
6 Maryville. My address is 404 West Broadway,
7 Maryville, Tennessee 37801. My comment is simply
8 that as a representative of the City of Maryville,
9 as representing our mayor, city counsel and the
10 citizens, we just wanted to restate on that for
11 really 20 years we've been unwavering in our
12 support of Pellissippi Parkway.

13 We will in fact encourage our
14 folks to call individually but many, many, many of
15 our citizens have felt like the local process is
16 being - the message is being carried by our elected
17 officials. So we just want to be on record saying
18 that many, many folks that you may not hear from we
19 have as a local government in support. We have had
20 some descentors that, that are opposed but that is
21 in very much the minority. So thank you for this
22 opportunity. COURT REPORTER: Thank you, Greg.

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24 MR. MCCLAIN: Thank you.
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COMMENT NUMBER 8, REUBEN PAYNE:

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2 MR. PAYNE: Reuben Payne, 3049
3 Wildwood Road, Maryville, Tennessee 37804. And my
4 comment would be, I'd like to see it completed and
5 finished 'cause now we create a, a traffic problem,
6 you know, by dumping all the traffic off over here
7 on Highway 33. And those people who live in
8 Rowland and Townsend are all dumping off over here
9 and hitting the back roads. It's creating a
10 traffic hazard. You can't get out of your driveway
11 at certain times of the day. I would like to see
12 it finished and I guess that A loop is about as
13 good a one as any for it. I don't know; ain't
14 really smart enough to know that. I'd just like to
15 see it finished.

16 COURT REPORTER: All right.
17 Anything else?

18 MR. PAYNE: Nah....gotta go.

19 COURT REPORTER: Okay. Thank you.
20 Mr. Payne is there something else you wanted to
21 say?
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23 MR. PAYNE: Yes. And I lived on
24 the Wildwood Road which is a small country road and
25 I really don't want to exit or I think there should

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1 not be an exit on that road on account of - that's
2 it. I just don't want an exit.

3 COURT REPORTER: Okay.

4 MR. PAYNE: I think it'd be a bad
5 traffic problem on that small road.

6 COURT REPORTER: Could be. Thank
7 you.

8 MR. PAYNE: Thank you.
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COMMENT NUMBER 9, MARIAN FITZGERALD:

COURT REPORTER: May I have your name?

MS. FITZGERALD: My Name is Marian Fitzgerald, M-A-R-I-A-N, Marian Fitzgerald.

Address is 1123 Havenwood Drive, Maryville, 37804.

I live just off 411 Highway where it goes through what we call the 13 curves on a wooded hilltop. The 411 North is, is already a problem road because it has more traffic than it can handle now. This has happened in the past 10 years or so just because of our growth in the county in general.

The road is only two lanes because it's just historically been that way and it would be so difficult to widen it because so many people live right up next to the road, especially in Maryville. I don't know how in the world anybody would widen that road but at least, at the very least, we need to put shoulders on it because it's dangerous. I don't like the idea of widening that road because it would be hard to get in and out of my subdivision but it's something that needs to happen for safety. So I think it would be a good idea to have shoulders at least on Highway 411.

The proposed new highway goes through of the valley of the Little River which is a priceless resource. It's the source of the drinking water for 80 percent of Blount County. That's almost 100,000 people and currently the river, the river water is relatively clean and, and they don't have to do a whole lot to it before we can drink it. I'm worried that the highway which comes through the valley, the lower end valley's river and goes past these two plants where we take our water supply out is going to have long-range harmful affect. I'm not worried about the immediate affect of constructing the road; that's pretty small potatoes compared to what is going to happen on down the road after the development occurs at each interchange and the commercial and residential explosion occurs in the valley where they're removing this farmland and everybody now has to have subdivisions here and building commercial stuff at the interchanges of highway. Every time you build a highway like this that's what happens. Look at North Shore Drive over in Knoxville where North Shore Drive intersects with Pellissippi Parkway and what happened to it. I can

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see that happening to the place where I live, the area where I live and this is not a good thing. If we build this road we're going to create even more traffic problems on the intersecting roads, 321, 411 and 33. We already have problems with 33 since the highway comes there and stops.

What - I want to know what TDOT proposes to do to, to handle the extra traffic that is going to come to the secondary roads that cross there. How are we going to handle these traffic (INDISCERNIBLE)?

As for mobility in getting around the county in general, it seems to me that the highway in this location isn't going to solve the problems that we currently have in our county. Our congestion is over on the bypass and in the town in certain upward intersections and in places like 411 which has more traffic than it can handle. I don't see how building a road across this way going toward the mountains is going to relieve any of that congestion. I see it as creating more instead of solving the problem. Okay, I think I'm done.

COURT REPORTER: All right. Thank you very much.

MS. FITZGERALD: Okay, thank you.

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COMMENT NUMBER 10, HARRY GROTHJAHN:

COURT REPORTER: May I have your name for the record please?

(ADDRESS AS LISTED IN NOTES BUT NOT SPOKEN BY MR. GROTHJAHN: 134 Rock Hill Road, Maryville, 37804)

MR. GROTHJAHN: Harry Grothjahn and I live in the Wildwood community which uses 411 North as its primary route into town. And I'm concerned about the increased traffic that your parkway would create on that road which I call it death highway already. There have been eight people that have died in the last two years on this road because there are no shoulders on it. And when I look at the impact of your Pellissippi Parkway built in 1984, the - and I compare the Pellissippi Parkway then to the impact it had on Topside Road, Topside Road's impact was predicted to have a traffic count of only 3,000 cars a day 20 years later. It presently has 9,000 cars a day because common sense dictates to me and everyone else that there will be more traffic on feeder roads than there would be relief of traffic by

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1 limited access highway construction. That's why
2 rural communities always pursue and want to have
3 limited access highway construction in order to
4 acquire new business, new traffic and new
5 residents. So therefore, new roads do not reduce
6 traffic congestion; they increase traffic
7 congestion and therefore, you need to be honest
8 with the people who you build these roads for.

9 Secondly, we spend 20 million
10 dollars a year at the pump in Blount County as
11 Blount County taxpayers but yet we only get 5
12 million dollars a year from TDOT to maintain our
13 roads. We presently have 43 highways - excuse me,
14 63 highway, highway intersections identified by our
15 bus drivers as being hazardous conditions. Those
16 hazardous conditions would cost us 4 years ago 43
17 million dollars to repair.

18 Wilbur Smith tells us that just to
19 get our feeder roads, our arterial roads that feed
20 the Blount County transportation system now up to
21 where they need to be to manage the traffic that's
22 on them would cost us 35 million dollars. We need
23 78 million dollars just to accommodate the hazards
24 that our school children drive on every day and you
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1 want us to spend or you propose to spend 25 million
2 dollars on a 4.2 mile road that we don't need and
3 don't want.

4 You take 20 million dollars from
5 our economy every year; you give us 5 million
6 dollars back and the only way that we can get any
7 of our roads fixed is to pass a wheel tax to create
8 another million dollars a year revenue so that we
9 can match 20 percent of a 5,000 - 5 million dollar
10 grant from the Regional Transportation Office in
11 Knoxville who doesn't even allow our highway
12 superintendent to sit on it to be able to tell them
13 what the needs are in our county. Instead you have
14 our mayor who sits on there that doesn't know
15 anything about transportation and doesn't have any
16 sense of what planning needs to be done to, to help
17 accommodate safe healthy traffic in Blount County.
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19 You people are a disgrace to
20 Tennessee by financing this highway system to the
21 destruction of local community resources. There
22 are - 84 percent of the fatalities that occur in
23 Blount County and in Tennessee occur on secondary
24 roads. How much of your budget pays for secondary
25 road improvements? And yet 14 percent of the

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1 fatalities in Tennessee occur on interstate
2 highways. How much of your budget goes to maintain
3 interstate highways? You have your priorities
4 misdirected. You're spending money based on
5 traffic count, not on fatalities. I want to
6 preserve lives in Tennessee. I want you to
7 readdress your spending priorities and I think you
8 need to take this road somewhere else and give us
9 our 25 million dollars so we can repair our
10 highways, protect our children and restore safety
11 in communications in traveling in Blount County.
12 Thank you.

13 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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15 THIS CONCLUDES THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE COMMENTS
16 RECORDED AT THE TDOT PUBLIC WORKSHOP.
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6 TO 8 PM PUBLIC WORKSHOP
AT HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL, MARYVILLE, TN

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC WORKSHOP
Initiation of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
for
Pellissippi Parkway Extension (SR 162)
From SR 33 to SR 73 (US 321)
Blount County, Tennessee
Project Number 05097-1225-04
Tuesday, June 13, 2006
Heritage High School
3741 E. Lamar Alex. Parkway
Maryville, TN

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COURT REPORTER: May I have your
name and address for the record?

MRS. GARNER: Linda Garner, 3338
East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804.
I would just like to say that the hold that's been
on this road and all, it's just really put a
hardship on us. We own the business at the end of
where it's coming off at. It's supposed to
completely take us, and we have closed. My husband
is retired, and we've got it up for sale, and it's
just hard to sell it with the possibility of it
being taken, and we've had people look at it and
all, but we've not had any response because we have
to tell them about the situation and all. And it's
costing us. We're having to pay on the tanks and
all that's in the ground and the commercial land
and all of that. So it's just really, really hard
on us right now.

COURT REPORTER: All right. Thank
you.

MRS. GARNER: Uh-huh.

COURT REPORTER: May I have your
name for the record?

MR. HICKS: Norman Hicks.

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1 COURT REPORTER: And your address?

2 MR. HICKS: 527 Wells Court,

3 Walland, Tennessee 37886. I guess the only comment

4 I have is that I would like to see Pellissippi

5 Parkway Extension completed to 321 from its present

6 terminus. I think it would be a foolish move to

7 leave it as it is now because it's of no great

8 benefit. Whereas, if we complete it to 321, then

9 that would alleviate a lot of traffic through

10 downtown Maryville coming from Walland, Townsend,

11 all that area. That's about all I've got to say.

12 COURT REPORTER: Well, we thank

13 you.

14 MR. HICKS: Yes, Ma'am.

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16 COURT REPORTER: May I have your

17 name and address for the record?

18 MR. ANDERSON: Hayden,

19 H-a-y-d-e-n, Anderson, 2772 Tuckaleechee Pike,

20 Maryville, 37803.

21 COURT REPORTER: And your comment?

22 MR. ANDERSON: My comment is that

23 I completely support the completion of the parkway.

24 I think it should be expedited any ways possible.

25 The traffic concerns in Maryville are becoming

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1 outrageous, and because of safety and pollution, we

2 need the parkway, and we need it as planned, and it

3 should be a straight shot from where the completion

4 area is now to Highway 321.

5 COURT REPORTER: Is that it?

6 MR. ANDERSON: That's, that's

7 basically -- I have a bunch more they, you know,

8 individual things such as, you know, trying to,

9 trying to get now onto 321, Highway 321, Lamar

10 Alexander Parkway, having to sit and wait for

11 traffic to clear out so you can get onto it.

12 That's actually a five-lane highway, and the

13 problem that I see on that is it seems like more

14 than half of the cars that you see on that are

15 out-of-state license plates, and those cars would

16 be rerouted over to the parkway and bypass downtown

17 Maryville and avoid the gridlock that we're getting
18 with the ten stop lights that are in Maryville.
19 And I guess my other comment, you know -- one of
20 the comments that I would like to see addressed,
21 that if for some reason the parkway should not be
22 completed, does the State have -- DOT have some
23 plans to work on those ten stop signals to expedite
24 the traffic flow of 129 into 321. It's becoming
25 ridiculous at the gridlock.

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1 COURT REPORTER: All right. Thank
2 you very much.

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4 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
5 name and address for the record?

6 MR. GALLAGHER: Okay. My name is
7 Joe Gallagher, Joseph C. Gallagher, and I live at
8 3151, 3-1-5-1, Hardy Boulevard in Louisville,
9 spelled like Louisville, Tennessee 37777, and for
10 the record, it should be noted that I am a
11 candidate for Blount County Mayor. And I would
12 just like to offer my observation that two months
13 ago I was speaking at a forum of other candidates,
14 along with other candidates, and it was held in
15 this very building here that we're in now at
16 Heritage High School. I had to leave a meeting on
17 Kingston Pike to come here, and I drove out
18 Pellissippi Parkway to Alcoa Parkway, and from the
19 intersection of Pellissippi and Alcoa Parkway, so I
20 drove on 129 to 35, and then, of course, Hall Road
21 with all of its stop lights, about six or seven.
22 I'm not sure. And I made it to the high school in
23 twenty minutes, which included at least a couple of
24 traffic stops. And I asked somebody about how long
25 it would have taken if Pellissippi Parkway

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1 Extension existed, and the answer was 15 minutes.

2 So I'm suggesting that for the
3 saving of five minutes, that the amount of work and
4 money and the disruption to the community and to a
5 lot of beautiful neighborhoods in the community,
6 that the Pellissippi Parkway Extension is not

7 necessary. Further, I have expressed my opposition
8 to Pellissippi Parkway Extension based on the
9 perception that if it is completed from -- at the
10 present juncture to 321 near Heritage High School,
11 that it will be the first step to the completion of
12 a -- the southern route encircling Maryville and
13 Alcoa, and in, in my opinion that will create a
14 county that will be more like Marietta, Georgia
15 than the beautiful scenic county that we now have.

16 And in my opinion, we can have
17 growth in Blount County, and we will have growth in
18 Blount County, but it's not necessary to accomplish
19 it by urbanizing the county to that degree. So I,
20 I recommend that you just change the plans and not
21 continue the Pellissippi Parkway except perhaps to
22 create a, a better connection from the juncture of
23 Alcoa Parkway and Pellissippi to the Hall's Road
24 area or to the area around Blount, Blount Hospital,
25 but not through the present route that, that has

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1 been proposed. That's it.

2 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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4 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
5 name and address for the record, please?

6 MS. BALLEW: Yes. My name is Mary
7 Ballew, B-a-l-l-e-w. My husband's name is William
8 Ballew, and my address, we live at 3811 East Lamar
9 Alexander Parkway, Maryville. We're right next
10 door to Maryville -- or excuse me, Heritage High
11 School, and -- but our mailing address is Post
12 Office Box 624, Alcoa, Tennessee 37701. We do not
13 receive mail at our Lamar Alexander Parkway because
14 we don't want to put a mailbox down there.

15 COURT REPORTER: Then your
16 comments?

17 MRS. BALLEW: Okay. Our comments
18 are, we cannot wait for this highway to be
19 finished. We've been looking forward to it for a
20 long, long time, and we don't care which path it
21 takes just so it gets here. We have, we have -- we
22 avoid Alcoa Highway, getting on Alcoa Highway to go
23 to Pellissippi. So we always went down and
24 went -- we went through Alcoa and went to Cusick

25 Street to pick it up, but now we can't get on there

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1 since it's been extended to the Old Knoxville
2 Highway. So we cut through the back way, and we go
3 to the Old Knoxville Highway to get on and off of
4 Pellissippi mainly because we don't like to get on
5 and off at Alcoa Highway. The traffic is so bad
6 there. It's just too congested there, so -- and we
7 have no objections, endangered species, farmland,
8 environmental impact, anything. We just want the
9 highway. We, we lived here on 321 before it was
10 four lane, and a lot of these people just can't --
11 don't even know or remember when this was two lane
12 and the traffic was always just bumper to bumper.
13 Now it's bumper to bumper with four lanes, but we
14 just, we just can't understand why people are
15 against it, and I don't know if there's anything
16 else. Do you want to say anything else?

17 MR. BALLEW: Well, where would we
18 be today if we didn't have the 321 out here? If we
19 didn't have 321, where would we be in the
20 Pellissippi Extension. Where would we be today?
21 We'd have to go to Knoxville and backtrack around
22 to, to get to all kind of offices and dealerships
23 over there, if you go to trade cars and all like
24 that. It's, it's a problem to get around.

25 The Pellissippi Parkway has really

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1 made a nice avenue really of approaching Knoxville.
2 It's done away with a lot of the traffic.

3 MRS. BALLEW: And I will say
4 one, some other things, too. We -- I'm from the
5 Nashville area. I have ancestors who lost property
6 for I-40 to be built. Another even sold her
7 property and all for the Nashville airport to be
8 built. We, we used to have to go through -- up
9 Alcoa Highway in through Knoxville and back out to
10 even get to 40 or 70 to go to Nashville. So all
11 these new roads that we've had built, I just --
12 these people driving, and I cannot understand why
13 they're so against a new extension of the parkway.
14 I guess I've said enough.

15 MR. BALLEW: All -- we're all for
16 progress.

17 MRS. BALLEW: Yeah. We're for
18 progress, and we're wanting it.

19 MR. BALLEW: I don't care about
20 the environment.

21 COURT REPORTER: I can't hear you.

22 MRS. BALLEW: She can't hear you
23 over here.

24 MR. BALLEW: I said I don't, I
25 don't care too much for the environment.

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1 MRS. BALLEW: Okay. We're just for
2 progress. That's what we're for.

3 COURT REPORTER: Okay. Thank you
4 very much.

5 MRS. BALLEW: Thank you.

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7 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
8 name and address for the record?

9 MR. WILLS: Reese Wills, 3438
10 Baxter View Drive, Maryville, Tennessee 37804.
11 Basically I'm for the extension of Pellissippi to
12 321. I'm concerned that with the development
13 increasing in the area we need better roads and,
14 and I'm concerned that by delaying it, the costs
15 are going to be increasing, going through developed
16 property versus undeveloped property. I am
17 concerned about the environmental factors and want
18 to try to do it as less intrusive as possible, and
19 also about the upgrading Sevierville Road, putting
20 shoulders on and Alcoa Highway stop lights. People
21 are killed there every day, and we've got to do
22 something about stopping that. We can't wait
23 around anymore. It's been decades. People have
24 been trying to get them to put stop lights in.
25 Thank you.

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1 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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3 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
4 name and address for the record.

5 MR. LOHMANN: That would be Frank
6 T. Lohmann, L-o-h-m-a-n-n, 233 Creekwood Drive,
7 Maryville, 37804.

8 Some of the comments that I would
9 make regarding this project is that, Number 1, it
10 is a misnomer in that they're talking about the
11 Pellissippi Parkway Extension, whereas in fact, it
12 is the Pellissippi Parkway completion, and I feel
13 that it should be completed. I know there are a
14 number of people that are against it, and the
15 reason I am here is to lend my note or my voice for
16 those that, in fact, would like to have it
17 completed to Highway 321. I empathize with the
18 people who are against it.

19 My family had a centennial farm
20 that was bisected by an interstate highway in the
21 State of Illinois. We hated to see it happen, but
22 on the other hand, if it hadn't had been ours, it
23 would have been somebody else's.

24 And we feel that the traffic that
25 takes place in Maryville and Alcoa and Blount

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1 County, if much of it can be diverted by coming
2 through the Pellissippi Parkway completion, we are
3 entirely for it. Thank you very much. I
4 appreciate the opportunity.

5 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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7 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
8 name and address for the record?

9 MR. EVERETT: Bobby R. Everett,
10 2738 Sevierville Road, Maryville, 37804. And I
11 would like to see the road put in, the Pellissippi
12 Parkway finished in the same way that has been
13 started, a straight shoot to Highway 73 or 321, and
14 I would like to see it finished as quick as
15 possible to be -- to alleviate a bunch of traffic
16 problems. Thank you.

17 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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19 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
20 name and address for the record, please?

21 A. Kay Norton, N-o-r-t-o-n, 4702
22 Green Road, Maryville, Tennessee 37804. I just

23 wanted to make some comments on tonight's hearing
24 and about the progress of the proposed Pellissippi
25 Extension. My family is involved in an estate

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1 settlement that cannot be settled because of the
2 uncertainty of the completion of the extension. Of
3 course, no one will buy property not knowing what
4 the extension, or how the extension is going to
5 affect it, but other than that -- those are
6 personal issues. Other than that, I feel very
7 strongly that the, the federal -- I'm sorry. I
8 have lack of words here, but the federal judges
9 stopping this extension, the CAP movement in
10 general, I don't, I don't think its motivated for
11 the right reasons. I think that the taxpayers are
12 losing out big time in the cost of this project. I
13 don't see -- I don't foresee that the project will
14 be stopped, but the cost to the taxpayers is going
15 to be huge, and I think that's very sad. I think
16 it should be completed as quickly as possible and
17 get these people out of their pain in this holding
18 pattern, waiting for settlement, and I appreciate
19 the opportunity to voice my opinion.

20 COURT REPORTER: Well, we thank
21 you.

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23 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
24 name and address for the record?

25 MS. WILLOCKS: Marilyn Willocks,

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1 3860 Davis Ford Road, Maryville, 37804. My comment
2 is I would like to see the road go through and as
3 straight as possible. The shortest and fastest
4 route between two points is a straight one. So I
5 would like to see the road, I believe as it was
6 proposed or as straight as possible, and I would
7 like to see it finished as quickly as possible. I
8 would like to live long enough to have an
9 opportunity to drive on it.

10 COURT REPORTER: Thank you,
11 Marilyn.

12 MS. WILLOCKS: Thank you very
13 much.

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15 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
16 name and address for the record?

17 MR. MOORE: Zach Moore, 3505 East
18 Lamar Alexander Parkway, 37804, Maryville,
19 Tennessee. I think that if we get the new road in,
20 the mountains will be crowded, and by the time I
21 grow up and have kids, they won't even know what a
22 farm is, and I think that the mountains would
23 definitely get too crowded because look at Pigeon
24 Forge and Gatlinburg right now.

25 COURT REPORTER: Is that all you

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1 have for us tonight, Zach?

2 MR. MOORE: Yes.

3 COURT REPORTER: Thank you very
4 much.

5 MR. MOORE: You're welcome.

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7 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
8 name and address for the record, please?

9 MS. WILLS: Okay. My name is
10 Eleanor Wills, and I live at 3438 Baxter View
11 Drive, Maryville, Tennessee 37804, and even though
12 my husband is in favor of continuation of the
13 Pellissippi Parkway, I am not. I mean of it going
14 on through that beautiful farmland area. I am not
15 in favor of that as is the current plan. Where the
16 Pellissippi now ends, there should be a cloverleaf,
17 and traffic can travel from that point by way of
18 currently existing roads, and the currently
19 existing road such as Route 411 needs to be
20 upgraded, widened where possible with shoulders
21 built, and also Alcoa Highway needs urgent
22 attention before more deaths occur there. Alcoa
23 Highway needs a traffic light at Maloney Road where
24 many deaths have occurred.

25 I understand that there are future

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1 plans in the works for Alcoa Highway, but we can't
2 wait for another death. We need a traffic light
3 now. Thank you.

4 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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6 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
7 name and address for the record, please?

8 MS. DEAN: Yes. It's Carol,
9 C-a-r-o-l, Dean, D-e-a-n, and the address is 434
10 Mistletoe Drive, and that's Maryville, 37804. And
11 I'm opposed to this for several reasons. I live in
12 a trailer park that would be affected by the
13 extension, and I think there would be a definite
14 negative environmental impact, and I don't think
15 the increased traffic would be good for the area,
16 and I don't feel that enough environmental studies
17 have been done, you know, to prove to us whether
18 this is going to be a good thing or a bad thing.
19 That's pretty much it.

20 COURT REPORTER: All right.

21 Thank you very much.

22 MS. DEAN: In a nutshell.

23 COURT REPORTER: Okay. Thank you.

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25 COURT REPORTER: May I have your

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1 name and address for the record, please?

2 MR. FLEMING: Nelson Stewart
3 Fleming, 433 Mistletoe Drive, Maryville, Tennessee,
4 and the Zip Code is 37804. I'm against it because
5 I have a little one, and I don't need that heavy
6 traffic, which a lot of kids will be getting hurt.
7 You have another option to hook into the Foothills
8 Parkway, which would be a much better choice.
9 Thank you.

10 COURT REPORTER: Thank you,
11 Nelson.

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13 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
14 name and address for the record?

15 MR. VAN HOOZIER: Yes. My name is
16 Carl Van Hoozier, and I live at 736 Summit Lake
17 Court, and that's in Knoxville, Tennessee, but I
18 am the Chair Elect for the Blount County Chamber of
19 Commerce, and I just wanted to make a statement on
20 behalf of the Chamber that we're -- this road has
21 been in plans since 1970, and it was part of the

22 1987 Better Roads that the I. S. legislative body
23 approved to do back in 1987. So it's certainly
24 well over, overdue. The, the road has been
25 supported by many resolutions, this extension has

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1 by many resolutions by the City of Maryville, the
2 City of Alcoa, and the Blount County itself, and
3 also it's been supported by the business community
4 with the Blount County Chamber of Commerce has also
5 made several resolutions in support of this project
6 to carry the parkway over to 321, and also the
7 Industrial Board for Blount County Chamber of
8 Commerce also has had several resolutions for it.
9 We've also had a lot of regional support with other
10 chambers in this -- in the area that has given
11 support as well, and those, those counties are
12 Anderson County, the City of Oak Ridge Chamber of
13 Commerce, the Loudon Chamber of Commerce, the Roane
14 Chamber of Commerce, Farragut Chamber of Commerce,
15 Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Chamber of
16 Commerce, Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, Gatlinburg
17 Chamber of Commerce and also Union Chamber of
18 Commerce. So you can see that there's been a lot
19 of support for the completion of this project
20 through the chambers and the business community.
21 And Blount County right now has 113,000 residents,
22 and it's getting pretty difficult to get through
23 Maryville at times, and this would certainly help
24 alleviate some of the traffic in Maryville. It
25 would also help with air quality due to congestions

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1 of cars just sitting still and not moving in
2 Maryville, and it probably would help as far as
3 limited access. I think there's only one entrance
4 ramp on 411 planned, and therefore, it would
5 probably help eliminate limited access would keep
6 maybe some urban sprawl from taking place.
7 Also it would be very helpful for
8 the tourism. It gives a direct, more direct route
9 to the Great Smokey Mountains and Townsend, which,
10 as you well know, tourism is a very -- important to
11 this community, to this county and, therefore, we

12 feel like it's very vital to go ahead and carry on
13 with this project as soon as possible. We've been
14 waiting a long time to get it done, and we would
15 love to get it completed. Thank you for your time,
16 and we appreciate TDOT and what they do for us.

17 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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19 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
20 name and address for the record, please?

21 MR. TULLOCH: Okay. My name is
22 Mike Tulloch. I live at 3027 Old Niles Ferry,
23 Maryville, Tennessee 37803, and the property I'm
24 involved with is Plot 54. It's on the Wallen
25 Highway, Highway 321. It's across the street from

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1 Empire Gas. My comments on this is I, I think the
2 State going back and starting from ground one is a
3 waste of time. This whole project is -- it's
4 nothing new. This has been going on -- I can
5 remember standing at the top of the hill at my
6 uncle's property with my dad when I was about
7 twelve years old, my uncle talking about the new
8 highway that was going to come in right down the
9 hill. Well, he said it would be five or six years
10 before it ever got built. Well, that was back in
11 the late Sixties, around 1970, somewhere in that
12 area. So, you know, this is nothing new. He knew
13 about it back then. He was a property owner. I
14 think this whole deal with the CAP outfit stopping
15 this -- I mean I understand their concern. Any
16 time you get a person that's going to be displaced
17 through their home or lose part of their family
18 farm or something, they're going to be upset. I
19 understand that. We've been through this before
20 with other projects, but that's part of progress.
21 Any time something's built, somebody is going to be
22 displaced, somebody's going to have to suffer a
23 hardship, and it doesn't matter whether you go with
24 Plan A and build here. You're going to have one
25 group that's upset because they're going to lose

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1 property or they're going to be displaced, or
2 they're going to be put at a inconvenience. So
3 they want it moved. Okay. You got to Plan B and
4 build it over here. Guess what? Somebody over
5 there is going to be just as upset. So you're not
6 going, going to please everybody. I think the road
7 needs to be built. Traffic in downtown Maryville
8 is awful, especially trying to come up Washington,
9 Hall Road area from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the
10 afternoon through the weekdays. You can't move.

11 Concerning our property, Lot 54,
12 we've been trying to settle an estate involving
13 that property. My aunt passed away a few years
14 ago. My mother's executor on the estate, and we've
15 been trying to settle it. We signed papers with
16 the State of Tennessee the day the court order came
17 down to cease and desist on all actions. The
18 property is sitting there. We can't do anything
19 with it. Her estate is in limbo. It's about to
20 drive us all nuts. We're not the only ones in this
21 same situation. Neighbor lady down the hill, and
22 she's already talked with you, her husband's passed
23 away. She's wanting to move. She can't sell the
24 house, her property. She can't do any upgrades on
25 the property because she doesn't know what's going

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1 to happen, you know.

2 This needs to be resolved. We
3 need to get this taken care of, go ahead and get
4 the road built. And as far as CAP, all this money
5 that this environmental impact study and all is
6 costing, I think they ought to have to be the ones
7 to foot the bill. Thank you.

8 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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10 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
11 name and address for the record?

12 MR. TINSLEY: Robert Tinsley,
13 T-i-n-s-l-e-y, 536 Tsali Lane, T-s-a-l-i,
14 Strawberry Plains, Tennessee 37871. Okay. I am a
15 property owner. I'm an heir, heir to my aunt's
16 estate, and my aunt is the executor, and she was
17 giving -- given the rights of my aunt that passed

18 away to take care of the estate and to see that it
19 was given to her nieces and nephews. They came on
20 the 17th, and they made the agreement to purchase.
21 As my aunt was lead to believe, it was a purchase,
22 and comes to find out there was no purchase because
23 the next day it was stopped. Well, if it was
24 stopped, why was it stopped when the people -- I
25 don't know why it was stopped, but why does the

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1 agreement not go? They're 22 people that TDOT did
2 not even know about that are property owners on
3 that line, and I am one of them. I'm not happy for
4 my aunt. I'm not looking for my aunt for my money.
5 I'm looking for my aunt for her closure for her
6 sister.

7 I know we have laws. I do not
8 know why that we waited until the end of the last
9 extension, the most beautiful place in the world,
10 to start all this except for greed and money, and I
11 know of many people that have profited since then,
12 and I'm sure they still will if they can keep it
13 out and keep everybody's mouth shut about talking
14 about it. I would like for whoever's listening to
15 please let this be settled with the estate of Hazel
16 Lowe, L-o-w-e, and to price -- my aunt is only
17 going to take the price they offered now. The
18 house is falling down. It's just worth nothing.
19 We can't do anything. We can't sell it. We can't
20 -- she can't do anything with it. It just sits
21 there because of TDOT or because of someone and
22 someone's greed, someone's want, and it's not my
23 want. All I want is this to be settled.

24 I don't care about the parkway. I
25 would love to see it in, but I just want this to

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1 end. This -- they started -- TDOT started it.
2 They made the contract. They made the agreement.
3 The judge said no. That was after the fact. So
4 let's just come back and reappraise it, and you
5 give the right price and settle this. Thank you.

6 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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8 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
9 name and address for the record?

10 MS. BRICE: Yes. Deanne Brice,
11 1533 Crestridge Drive, Maryville, Tennessee 37804.
12 Okay. Here is my statement. I wrote this earlier
13 today. What it is, is I wish there was something I
14 could say or do to get the message across that if
15 we keep paving over this beautiful area, then it
16 won't be beautiful anymore. It's sad to see that
17 this area is becoming overcrowded and polluted.
18 People are trying to save their farms, and it seems
19 like you don't care. How would you like it if
20 someone wanted to build a road in your yard?
21 Remember do unto others. Everybody knows that
22 if the roads are built, then here comes the
23 businesses and the subdivisions and more traffic,
24 and it keeps going on and on.
25 Well, it's time to think beyond a

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1 pocketbook for a change. Get a backbone, stand up
2 for something that actually matters and stop raping
3 the land. Don't worry, there's plenty of money to
4 be made without messing up the land more than it
5 already has been.

6 Also I would like to point out
7 that there is a better traffic light system that
8 could help avoid any traffic congestion. Speaking
9 of congestion, our health would improve if we wised
10 up and stopped polluting and improved the air
11 quality. Maybe our insurance would go down. How's
12 that for thinking about money? Why can't we
13 maintain the roads in the areas that have already
14 been developed? Why not do something interesting
15 with the old abandoned, shopping areas? Think up,
16 not out. Think classy, not trashy. It took the
17 Europeans a long time to figure this out. Why
18 can't we just jump ahead and learn from their
19 mistakes. We're smarter than that. Right?

20 I believe God wants us to take
21 care of the earth and not abuse it. It's like
22 giving a child his own room. A selfish, spoiled
23 brat would trash it with no regard. A good child
24 would show respect and take care of it. Think

25 about it.

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1 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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3 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
4 name and address for the record, please?

5 MS. KELLER: My name is Susan
6 Keller, and I live at 1565 East Brown School Road
7 in Maryville. I own property, which is in the
8 route of the presently proposed Pellissippi
9 Parkway. Not only just because I'm a property
10 owner, but I think this road will be a very, very
11 bad thing for Blount County and for our part of the
12 county. It will open up for development that we're
13 not prepared for, and there's a lot of things that
14 could be done to alleviate the problems that this
15 would come.

16 We need to improve the existing
17 roads that we have. We need to look at the
18 problems that will result economically to
19 businesses if a lot of traffic is taken away from
20 town. But the primary thing that needs to be done
21 is the need and purpose of this road needs to be
22 established. This has not been done so. It keeps
23 changing, and we think it's very, very important
24 that this be done before any further development be
25 done. We appreciate this opportunity to express

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1 ourselves, and we hope that we will be given an
2 opportunity to do so further. Thank you.

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4 MR. BUCK: One of the main things
5 I see that they need to start doing...

6 COURT REPORTER: Before we start
7 the comment, may I have your name and address for
8 the record?

9 MR. BUCK: Okay. David Buck, 867
10 Darwin Street, Alcoa, Tennessee. And my first
11 suggestion is that where Pellissippi ends now, that
12 before they even wait for a design, to four lane
13 both directions from where it terminates on Old
14 Knoxville Highway for a short distance until

15 it -- to the intersection of East Hall Road in the
16 south direction and to the intersection of Sam
17 Houston Road to the northeastern direction. It
18 needs it right now, and, of course, it will need it
19 in spades when the other highway gets done. But
20 I -- I'm sorry to see the Pellissippi now ended
21 without addressing that issue, but I don't think
22 it's too late for that to be done. It wouldn't
23 cost any more or less other than what inflation
24 does to do it now. As far as going cross country
25 where it does, there's nowhere to put it that you

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1 can't go across somebody, and I think the original
2 design I saw before was pretty good at minimalizing
3 -- minimizing the amount of people that it were
4 damage. You're always going to damage somebody,
5 but it, it looked like there was a great effort put
6 to use the existing topography and still avoid
7 damaging as many people and as many homes as you
8 could.

9 I think it is needed very badly.
10 The level of service that people have to face
11 driving through Alcoa, Maryville, and the other
12 urban areas to get from those two points from start
13 to finish of this highway is very bad, and I think
14 this would improve it very much, and, and to put
15 this off any longer is just going to make the need
16 more apparent as years go by.

17 I also think that even though it's
18 not needed now, by the time this gets built, I
19 think there will need to be an interchange at
20 Wildwood Road, not necessarily for what's there now
21 but for what we all know will be there eventually,
22 and it's better to build it before it gets there
23 than afterwards, and less damage to developments
24 that will certainly grow up around this, and that's
25 about all I have to say.

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1 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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3 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
4 name and address for the record?

5 MS. MORABITO: Betty Reese Davis
6 Morabito, 3831 Davis Ford Road, Maryville. My
7 concern is that properties were surveyed and
8 environmental tests were done on the first three
9 routes of the Pellissippi Extension. My concern is
10 that the reasons why some of the routes were
11 accepted and some were rejected, will these results
12 be incorporated into the new studies? And that's
13 it.

14 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

15 MS. MORABITO: You're very
16 welcome.

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18 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
19 name and address for the record, please?

20 MR. BURNETTE: Les Burnette, 3838
21 Davis Ford Road. I think them putting in the
22 extension is necessary. It's almost got to
23 do -- it's got to happen because of the traffic
24 that's where the highway ends right now, where the
25 Pellissippi Highway ends right now is causing some

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1 major problems. I think the concern about the
2 watershed is probably valid, but it looks to me
3 from what I'm seeing that -- of course, I don't
4 know what farms are in the way, but to go straight
5 from where the road ends, the shortest route to
6 where it comes out looks like the best idea because
7 I know that's less expensive. And it looks -- it
8 makes sense. It's through fewer housing
9 developments, and one of the routes that -- we've
10 already seen a lot of traffic accidents happen out
11 of the -- there's a trailer park at a bottom of a
12 hill, and apparently that's kind of hard to see
13 coming in and out of there, and a lot of, like I
14 said, a lot of accidents result in there, too, and
15 that's where one of the routes came through, I
16 thought. That's all.

17 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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19 COURT REPORTER: May I have your
20 name and address for the record, please?

21 MR. REAGAN: Okay. It is Steve
22 Reagan, and my address is 2906 Davis Ford Road,

23 Maryville. Okay. And my comment is that the
24 current end of the Pellissippi Parkway Extension on
25 Highway 33 has got to have something done with it.

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1 It doesn't work right now. It is really a mess
2 with traffic. My other comment is that in the
4 original proposal that was sent out before with the
5 drawings, my wife and I disagreed with the layout
6 of the Pellissippi where it crossed 411 because it
7 interfered with my wife's parents' property. I
8 asked for a realignment and do not take the
9 property, my father-in-law's house. I was told
10 that they didn't build straight roads because
11 people fall asleep on them, and that made us a
12 little mad.

13 We decided to start a petition
14 which led to this CAP group filing the lawsuit. We
15 do not belong to CAP any longer. It has become a
16 political action committee. They're very good at
17 what they do, but they don't have I don't feel the
18 best concerns for the public in Blount County. I
19 regret that this has been a waste of taxpayers time
20 and money. But I am glad that my father-in-law has
21 got to remain in his house this length of time.

22 I just want to make a comment that
23 I would like for the road to be finished to
24 alleviate the traffic problem, but I would like for
25 it to go straight along the property line of the
1 farm rather than going through the middle of it and
2 leaving a large triangular area that we have
3 limited or no access to. That was our problem in
4 the beginning that led to this lawsuit. Thanks.

5 **THIS COMPLETES RECORDED COMMENTS AT THIS MEETING.**

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I, Betty B. Neal, Notary Public
and Court Reporter, Barringer Court Reporting,
hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
complete transcript to the best of my ability and
understanding of the comments at the Public
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WITNESS my hand and official seal
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