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A Long-Range Multimodal Strategy

An opportunity for you to help plan the future of transportation in Tennessee.



A Message from the Commissioner



Commissioner
Gerald Nicely

Over a ten-day period in September, we conducted nine Regional Working Group meetings and nine public meetings throughout the state. While Tennesseans share many of the same concerns and needs when it comes to transportation, it probably comes as no surprise that the challenges we face vary from region to region in our diverse and rapidly growing state.

In November we will hold more meetings where you can see how the input we have received is being incorporated into the plan. You can also go to our Web site to see a summary of the input we have received.

The old way of transportation planning will no longer get us where we want to go. Planning for one mode of transportation at a time is no longer good enough if we are going to have a seamless interconnected transportation system that is efficient, dependable and safe.

As we move into the next phase of the plan, we encourage you to attend and participate in this important process. A detailed meeting calendar can be found on the opposite side of this newsletter.

More Ways for You and Your Organization to Get Involved:

Speakers Bureau and Traveling Exhibit

Public input is crucial to the development and success of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). We want to give you every opportunity to provide input and to learn more about the future of Tennessee's transportation system. In addition to this newsletter, we have other ways to communicate with you.

We have a traveling exhibit booth that has already been set up at over 15 different events. We would love for your conference, trade show or festival to be our next event.

We have also made over 50 presentations throughout the state at various conferences, to local civic clubs and to local and regional government agencies. We have several speakers ready to present information about the LRTP to your organization.

To arrange for a speaker or the traveling exhibit to visit your area, please call 866-389-8443 or email us at PlanGo@state.tn.us.

The Next Steps – Putting Your Input Into the Plan

In the meetings to be held in November, we will take a look at our transportation needs and the options we have to meet those needs. During the September meetings, we heard valuable input on the challenges and opportunities ahead in providing the type of transportation system we want. In addition to the 500 people who participated in the September meetings, we have received over 1,800 comments from comment forms, email and hotline calls.

Our technical teams have been working to combine this input with the research they have been performing on our transportation needs. The teams have been looking at existing statewide transportation plans, our current transportation infrastructure and the list of transportation projects that state legislation currently requires.

At the November meetings, we will present all of this information for your review and input. We will also look at how we will evaluate all of the options available to us according to these principles:

- Preserve and Manage the Existing Transportation System
- Move a Growing and Active Population
- Support the State's Economy
- Maximize Safety and Security
- Build Partnerships for Livable Communities
- Encourage Stewardship of the Environment
- Encourage Financial Responsibility

Later in the plan, we will develop a "report card" so we can see how well individual projects measure up to these guiding principles. When the plan is complete, we will have a systematic process for evaluating and delivering transportation projects in a responsible way. That process will be based on public input – so don't miss this opportunity to help shape the future.

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November Public Meetings

The following meetings are open to everyone. We want to hear your comments and questions.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Presentation

- Summary of public input from across the state
- Future transportation needs
- Transportation system report card

Questions and Answers

Monday, November 15, 2004

Memphis Area

Central Station
545 South Main St.
Memphis, TN 38103
Directions: From I-40 W, take Exit 1A toward Third St. Turn slightly left onto Second St. heading south. Follow Second St. for 1.5 miles and then turn right on G E Patterson Ave. and then left onto South Main St.

Greater Nashville

Tennessee Technology Center Nashville
Room 229
100 White Bridge Rd.
Nashville, TN 37205
Directions: The campus is located approximately 1.5 miles south of I-40 on White Bridge Rd. just past Nashville State Tech.

First Tennessee

Northeast State Technical Community College
Wayne G. Basler Library
2425 Highway 75
Blountville, TN 37617
Directions: Exit off I-81 at Exit 63. Turn right onto Airport Pkwy. Exit right at the Northeast State/Air Cargo exit. Turn left onto Hwy. 75. Northeast State is on the right past Tri-Cities Airport.

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Northwest Tennessee

West Tennessee Agricultural Museum
3 Ledbetter Gate Rd.
Milan, TN 38358
Directions: From Hwy. 45E, turn onto Hwy. 70/79. The Ag Museum is about 2 miles east of Hwy. 45E (just past Milan High School).

South Central Tennessee

Columbia State Community College
Waymon L. Hickman Building, Room 123
1665 Hampshire Pike
Columbia, TN 38401
Directions: Traveling on Hwy. 412/243 Bypass, turn left onto Hwy. 412 Hohenwald/Columbia ramp. Turn right onto Hwy. 412. Columbia State Community College is on the right.

East Tennessee

Knoxville Convention Center
Room 200 A, B and C
701 Henley St.
Knoxville, TN 37916
Directions: Accessible from I-40 and I-275, the Convention Center is on the corner of Henley St. and Clinch Ave. in Downtown Knoxville. Parking is available on the corner of Cumberland and Poplar St.

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Southwest Tennessee

Tennessee Department of Transportation
Region Four Office
300 Benchmark Pl.
Jackson, TN 38305
Directions: Take Exit 76 off of I-40. Turn left on Lower Brownsville Rd. then the next left onto Benchmark Pl.

Upper Cumberland

The Upper Cumberland Career Center
3300 Williams Enterprise Dr.
Cookeville, TN 38506
Directions: From I-40 take Exit 287 south on Hwy. 136/42/South Jefferson Ave. Turn left on Williams Enterprise Dr. and go .2 miles to the Upper Cumberland Career Center on the left.

Southeast Tennessee

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
University Center
642 East Fifth St. (between Maclellan Gym and Holt Hall)
Chattanooga, TN 37403
Directions: Take Exit 178 (Broad St.) off of I-24. Exit toward Chattanooga/Lookout Mountain. Merge onto US 27 North, then take Exit 1A. Turn right on Martin Luther King Blvd. Proceed to Douglas St. and turn left. Turn right on E. Fifth St. Parking is available behind the University Center.

Regional Working Group Meetings

November 15, 16, and 18, 2004
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For all groups except Southwest Tennessee, the dates and locations of the Regional Working Group (RWG) meetings correspond with the public meeting dates and locations listed above. The Southwest Tennessee RWG meeting will be held at:

McKellar Sipes Regional Airport
Airport Authority Boardroom
308 Grady Montgomery Dr.
Jackson, TN 38301

Statewide Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2004
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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