

---

Henry County Public Meeting  
TDOT Project No. STP-218 (7), 40116-1211-14

State Route 218  
From SR-69 NW of Paris to SR-54 (US-641)

Paris, Tennessee City Hall  
December 15, 2011

---

Reported by: Linda A. Wells, TLCR, CCR

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

\* \* \*

PAT TAYLOR: My name is Ms. Pat Taylor, and I have wondered why they couldn't run the line behind our house and then straight on across over to the, you know, crossing the road. The way it is now, they're coming through our house where we live and also through my daughter's house across the road, and we wondered if it could be changed.

THE COURT REPORTER: Can they have your address?

PAT TAYLOR: Okay. It's 2085 Whitlock Paris Road, Paris, Tennessee. And my daughter's house is 2150.

Could you go up to the map with me and let me show you something? I do need to show you --

(Whereupon, the court reporter explained that the representatives would be presenting shortly and would address any individual concerns on a one-on-one basis after said presentation.)

PAT TAYLOR: Let me just tell you -- basically, tell you what I'm talking about.

They're coming up through, like, what we call our bottomland, you know, from over by the airport over on 69 North. They're coming through the

1 bottomland. And if they went across the road right  
2 there, that's the existing road through the field,  
3 that doesn't belong to us, they could go straight to  
4 the road. And instead, they're coming through on down  
5 and coming through both of our houses.

6

7

\* \* \*

8

MARYANN HARTZFELDT: My name is  
9 Maryann Hartzfeldt. My name is the first name that's  
10 on there (indicating), up there.

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

I was wondering if was going to get --  
well, when I talked with one of the TDOT men, he had  
me show him how my lot went both ways. And he put  
another little stake down for me, and he said most  
likely where the cutoff was was coming across my yard.  
And at first, it was coming through the middle of my  
carport, and they had moved it again because they did,  
you know, several site views from the air and up and  
down the driveway.

20

21

22

So I'm just wondering if they was gonna get  
it this time or what. I hope they do, 'cause with it  
being --

23

24

25

THE COURT REPORTER: Ma'am, what's  
your address?

1 MS. HARTZFELDT: It's 2040 Whitlock  
2 Paris Road. I'm sure hoping they will.

3

4

5

\* \* \*

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Good evening,  
everyone. I think we're going to go ahead and get  
started. If everybody would find a seat. I hope my  
voice carries okay. We opted not to plug in the sound  
system because I have such a loud voice.

And I think Mayor Greer is going to get us  
started off tonight as everyone's finding their seats.

MAYOR BRENT GREER: We do appreciate  
everyone taking time to come this evening. We want to  
let this be an opportunity for you to ask questions  
you need to ask, express the concerns that you may  
have. There will be a recording -- be glad to record  
all of your comments if you want to do that, and  
they'll explain what process you need to go through.

This is the first time that I'm viewing it  
along with you, so I don't have any preconceived  
decisions about the project. So we want to know what  
you think about it, and what concerns you have, or  
what wishes you want to express to our friends from  
the State of Tennessee, and they're going to provide

1 all that information.

2 Mayor Tharpe is here representing the  
3 City of Paris. And Paris and Henry County, jointly,  
4 will be working with you all on this project, and the  
5 property owners. This is a very important phase of  
6 our bypass. This is something that we've been waiting  
7 a long time to have the opportunity to do it, and it's  
8 getting close.

9 We have Representative Wirgan here, and  
10 he's been working with TDOT on the project. And,  
11 certainly, I would invite, Tim, you, to have any  
12 comments you would, or Sam, either one, at this time  
13 before we open it back up to TDOT.

14 REPRESENTATIVE TIM WIRGAN: Just real  
15 quick, I know that this is a project that's been  
16 ongoing for many, many years and on the hearts of  
17 many, to say the least, or whatever. But thanks to  
18 our City Manager, Carl Holder, and to, now, Mayor Sam  
19 Tharpe, and the County Mayor. I remember serving as a  
20 county commissioner and wanting to see this project  
21 through, several projects, you know.

22 We're seeing it tonight, again, for the  
23 first time, as the Mayor alluded to. It's important  
24 for you to voice and express your concerns, or  
25 whatever, and contact us.

1                   But I want to thank TDOT for coaching (ph)  
2                   this meeting. For keeping us informed. They've been  
3                   a wonderful group to work with. It's great when our  
4                   office calls them, and we get the response from them  
5                   like we do, and it's just been a pleasure working with  
6                   them.

7                   But I would just want to say thank you for  
8                   the opportunity to serve as your state representative.  
9                   And if there's any concern that you have or that you'd  
10                  like to share with us or talk with us outside of  
11                  the -- with TDOT, you've got our information and the  
12                  numbers, and feel free to contact us anytime.

13                  DANIEL SMITH: I want to say I  
14                  appreciate very much your involvement.

15                  I'm Danny Smith. We talked --

16                  REPRESENTATIVE TIM WIRGAN: Yes, we  
17                  did talk. Yes, sir.

18                  DANIEL SMITH: -- several weeks ago,  
19                  and I do appreciate it very much.

20                  REPRESENTATIVE TIM WIRGAN: That's  
21                  just our part of doing our job, sir, but I thank you.  
22                  I know it was late in the evening when we returned the  
23                  phone call --

24                  DANIEL SMITH: That's fine.  
25

1                   REPRESENTATIVE TIM WIRGAN:  -- but  
2                   some days it takes longer.  We thank you and  
3                   appreciate it.

4                   DANIEL SMITH:  Yes, sir.

5                   UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER:  The only  
6                   thing I want to say is please make sure that you voice  
7                   your concerns, and thank you all for coming out.  We  
8                   appreciate your participation.

9                   And we're going to be here to support TDOT  
10                  to make this project work.

11                  MAYOR BRENT GREER:  Absolutely.  We  
12                  certainly want you to know that we want to hear your  
13                  voice in this process also.

14                  Who is going to -- Nichole, we're going  
15                  back to you.

16                  NICHOLE LAWRENCE:  Coming back to me.

17                  My name is Nichole Lawrence.  I'm the  
18                  Community Relations officer for Region IV, and on  
19                  behalf of Governor Haslam and Commissioner Shore, we  
20                  do welcome you here tonight.

21                  We are here to talk about the State Route  
22                  218 Bypass around Paris that starts at State Route 69  
23                  and ends at State Route 54, US641.

24                  The design manager is Larry Jordan.  Your  
25                  project manager is Whitney Sullivan.

1                   We do want to thank the City of Paris for  
2                   letting us use their facilities tonight, so thank you,  
3                   Jennifer. Mayors, thank you; Mayor Tharpe, Mayor  
4                   Greer, Mr. Holder, Representative Wirgan. Thank you,  
5                   guys, for letting us be part of the program tonight  
6                   and be here to hold this meeting.

7                   I'm supposed to be using this clicker. I  
8                   don't usually use the clicker, so I apologize.

9                   Now, we have a sign-in sheet. I hope  
10                  everybody signed in tonight. There are handouts that  
11                  have the comment sheets inside the handouts.

12                  There are three ways that you can give your  
13                  comments. You can talk to your court reporter. You  
14                  can fill out the sign-in -- excuse me. You can fill  
15                  out the comment card, mail it in. You have 21 days or  
16                  you can turn it in before you leave.

17                  I'm going to turn it over to Whitney.

18                  WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Like Mayor Greer  
19                  said -- I'm Whitney Sullivan. I'm the project manager  
20                  which basically means that I'm just kind of overseeing  
21                  everything going on, and I'm here to work with you all  
22                  and answer any questions. And I have cards, business  
23                  cards here, and you can call me anytime and ask  
24                  anything about the design or just any kind of  
25                  questions you have of how we -- you know, we conduct

1 business.

2 But we do want to gather your comments  
3 tonight, and if you have any kind of suggestions you  
4 have for us, we'd welcome those, but that's just the  
5 meaning of this meeting tonight. And as most of you  
6 all have had a chance to look at those plans on the  
7 wall but, basically, these are just aerial photography  
8 shots with what we're proposing. Where we're  
9 proposing to put this road.

10 And these shots were made a few years ago  
11 so if you're looking for something in particular that  
12 was built, you know, recently or some kind of land --  
13 you know, work that you did on your land, you might  
14 not see that and that's why, but you can look at that.

15 And we have plans up here on the table and  
16 feel free to come up here and look at those as well,  
17 and those are -- they'll give you a little bit more  
18 detail of what you're wanting to see, possibly, on  
19 your property.

20 But I think that's -- but this one we have  
21 up here, it's -- with TDOT we have five phases, and we  
22 went through the planning stage and where we planned  
23 the entire 218 corridor, the entire bypass. We have  
24 the environmental stage, which we've already been  
25 through as well, where we actually -- our biologists

1 went out there and looked for any kind of remains of  
2 any sort, just anything on the land. And then right  
3 now we're at the design phase. We're at the third  
4 stage. We're just, you know, showing you our proposed  
5 design.

6 We're a pay-as-you-go state and that means  
7 each phase, we get the money from the legislator and  
8 then we spend that money, and then we go to the next  
9 phase. And so right now we do not have money to  
10 actually build the road, which is normal, but we'll  
11 request that from the legislator when the time is  
12 appropriate. So I just want to make that clear that  
13 right now we just have the money to work on the  
14 design. And we do have a projected letting (ph) date,  
15 which means we'll actually hold a bid, and we will  
16 welcome bids from road contractors and to start  
17 construction.

18 So right now our projected letting date is  
19 October 2013 but, like I said, we don't have money for  
20 that yet. And with the state of congress and just the  
21 economy right now, you know, it's very up in the air  
22 but, you know, we want to do that. We want to begin  
23 construction there, so we're doing everything we can,  
24 and your local folks are doing everything they can to  
25 meet that schedule.

1                   But we will hand off -- after we complete  
2                   and finalize these plans, and we listen to your  
3                   comments and address all of your comments, we'll  
4                   finalize these plans, and we'll hand the plans over to  
5                   the City and the County, and they'll start actually  
6                   acquiring property. So we'll let them do that and  
7                   then it will come back to us, and we'll finalize plans  
8                   and then we'll hopefully begin construction in  
9                   October.

10                   This is Robert McIvor. Robert is with  
11                   Parsons, and his firm is actually doing the plans --  
12                   are physically doing the plans. And he's going to  
13                   come up here and give you some more specific  
14                   information, just what you can expect. I mean, a lot  
15                   of you can look at what you have right now on 218, and  
16                   it's going to look the same. But he's a smart guy, so  
17                   he'll tell you what it's supposed to look like.

18                   ROBERT McIVOR: Good evening.

19                   This project is an extension of the project  
20                   that was recently completed up to State Route 69, and  
21                   we will go to, as we showed earlier on the location  
22                   map, to State Route -- excuse me, up to 754 (ph).

23                   We'll have the same type roadway that's out  
24                   there now on the south side, two 12-foot lanes,  
25                   10-foot shoulder, which 8 foot will be paved up

1 through there. And the alignment, itself, will have  
2 intersections at -- let me see where -- Whitlock Paris  
3 Road and -- I always forget the first intersection. I  
4 don't know why it is. Iron Banks Road. We'll have an  
5 offset intersection at Iron Banks.

6 We'll have grade separations go over the  
7 railroad tracks there just past Whitlock Paris with a  
8 bridge there. And I think currently the plans are at  
9 the end of the project we will have -- a traffic  
10 signal will be installed at that location, and we have  
11 not made a determination yet as far as where that  
12 traffic signal will be installed on the job.

13 And with that, I guess, we'll open it up to  
14 questions that anybody may have.

15 Yes, ma'am?

16 CARMEN TAYLOR: You've got --

17 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Please state your  
18 name and address.

19 CARMEN TAYLOR: My name's Carmen  
20 Taylor. My address is 2150 Whitlock Paris Road. And  
21 you've got it listed as one house and two barns, but  
22 there's two houses.

23 ROBERT McIVOR: Okay.

24 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: There was a  
25 gentleman back here (indicating).

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

ROBERT McIVOR: Mr. Smith?

DANIEL SMITH: My understanding --

NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Please say your name and address.

DANIEL SMITH: Daniel Smith, 200 Leroy Lane.

NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Thank you.

DANIEL SMITH: My understanding -- I know this is a long project like she just said, but when it gets to my property, which is right on 641 North, my understanding is that the last proposal is they're gonna maybe put a caution light, or whatever, like you said, but they're going to go back and make it a four-lane for a short ways for you to go out and merge into the traffic and people coming from the north or south to pull over. Well, right there where you're coming out, there's a big hill. I mean, it's -- as a matter of fact they had a person got killed there yesterday -- the day before yesterday -- right at that point.

Are you all going to cut that hill down?

LARRY JORDAN: Not on this project. There will be a project to widen State Route 54 at a later date.

1 DANIEL SMITH: I heard they were gonna  
2 try to drop it down.

3 LARRY JORDAN: That will be adjusted  
4 on that. This project just goes to 218 and just to  
5 tie in right there.

6 DANIEL SMITH: The name of that  
7 trailer park you see in there is going to happen,  
8 like, way off (ph)?

9 LARRY JORDAN: Right.

10 DANIEL SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

11 ROBERT McIVOR: What we will do is we  
12 will put a turn lane there for traffic to turn onto  
13 State Route 218.

14 DANIEL SMITH: Coming from north to  
15 south?

16 ROBERT McIVOR: Yes, sir. Well, south  
17 to make a left-hand turn to go...

18 DANIEL SMITH: You'd put a turn lane  
19 in the middle or something?

20 ROBERT McIVOR: Yes, sir, we'll have a  
21 turn lane there.

22 DANIEL SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

23 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Okay.

24 ROBERT McIVOR: Anybody else have a  
25 question?

1 DANIEL SMITH: Well, I guess I'll ask.

2 What do you base -- I guess the first step  
3 that we're concerned with is, of course, how this is  
4 actually going to lineup with the final, final deal.

5 In my case it involves a business, a rental  
6 house, and cutting a portion of my property off. It's  
7 not going to be worth anything because the way it's  
8 going to be, you know, leaving a piece from here to  
9 that wall, how are you gonna base paying for that when  
10 you damage the rest of it? Does anybody know that?

11 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Somebody I forgot  
12 to introduce was our right-of-way department. This is  
13 LaJeana Dodd and Kimberly VanWinkle. They might be  
14 able to better answer that question.

15 LAJEANA DODD: The property will be  
16 appraised by the appraisers, and they will -- you  
17 know, they have to meet certain qualifications and  
18 criteria to establish that price per acre or the  
19 damages. And so at this point there would be no way  
20 that we could give you any indication of a price.

21 DANIEL SMITH: Well, I was just asking  
22 if they was gonna take that into consideration --

23 LAJEANA DODD: Oh, yes, sir.

24 DANIEL SMITH: -- because if the  
25 damage is done. You know, I've got a pasture in one

1 place here that when you cut it off, I may have a  
2 piece from here to that wall left that you can do  
3 nothing with.

4 LAJEANA DODD: Okay. What -- the  
5 appraiser, again, will look at those particular  
6 instances, and it may be that it's determined as --  
7 some of it may be loss of access, or it may be an  
8 uneconomic remainder (ph). That if that's what the  
9 appraiser establishes, then we would make you an offer  
10 to purchase the entire piece. And then we'd also make  
11 you an offer to where we purchase just what we need  
12 and pay damages to that remainder, then you would make  
13 the choice of whether you wanted to retain ownership  
14 or sell the entire piece.

15 DANIEL SMITH: Okay. One other  
16 question pertaining to that.

17 With you coming out there, I have a  
18 business. It's a trucking company.

19 LAJEANA DODD: Uh-huh.

20 DANIEL SMITH: And the latest line  
21 that they showed me over here in the side where you're  
22 coming out to the road is going to be coming pretty  
23 close to that business. Now, it's going to affect his  
24 business and then -- and he's been leasing from me  
25 for, like, 17, 18 years.

1                   And will the company, or whoever the  
2 contractor is if he's taking a lot off here -- and,  
3 like, in behind that particular building there's kind  
4 of a slope back there, so if we can put dirt in there  
5 it would maybe sustain his business because he will  
6 not be able to park there anymore.

7                   LAJEANA DODD: That -- once again,  
8 that will be -- the appraiser will look at that --

9                   DANIEL SMITH: The same thing as --

10                  LAJEANA DODD: -- as a cost to cure --  
11 to cure the parking problem, or the entrance and exit  
12 problem. That, again, will be part of the appraisal.

13                  DANIEL SMITH: Thank you.

14                  MARYANN HARTZFELDT: Okay. I have a  
15 question. The cutoff comes from --

16                  NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Ma'am, will you  
17 start with your name and address?

18                  MARYANN HARTZFELDT: My name is  
19 Maryann Hartzfeldt. I live at 2040 Whitlock Paris  
20 Road.

21                  The cutoff coming from Whitlock going to  
22 Paris is at my house, and it's coming right across my  
23 yard. And I was wondering if they was going to  
24 consider buying my house, or would it be any -- what's  
25 going on there?

1                   ROBERT McIVOR:  Currently what I show  
2                   in buying your house -- well, actually, I don't  
3                   believe we're going to get any property from you.

4                   MARYANN HARTZFELDT:  You don't?

5                   ROBERT McIVOR:  No, ma'am.

6                   MARYANN HARTZFELDT:  It's going to get  
7                   the front yard?

8                   WHITNEY SULLIVAN:  It might just be a  
9                   little sliver, and you might not even notice.  I mean,  
10                  it's might -- that might be an easement, don't you  
11                  think, Robert?  It's right here (indicating).

12                  ROBERT McIVOR:  Right.  I think we're  
13                  showing it right inside the --

14                  WHITNEY SULLIVAN:  Oh, it is right --

15                  ROBERT McIVOR:  -- right of way,  
16                  existing right of way.

17                  WHITNEY SULLIVAN:  It is inside.  It  
18                  is inside.  Yeah, we'll be working under the existing  
19                  right of way, so we won't -- it's right next to the  
20                  road.

21                  ROBERT McIVOR:  Yes, ma'am?

22                  CARMEN TAYLOR:  My name's Carmen  
23                  Taylor, 2150 Whitlock Paris Road.

24                  Out of all that area, I don't know -- why  
25                  did you all go through both of our houses?

1                   LARRY JORDAN: During the planning  
2 phase they looked at the alignment through here and  
3 this is what they came up with. We developed plans  
4 based on what the planning department did, and we're  
5 here to show you this, and if we need to make  
6 adjustments that's what we need to hear.

7                   CARMEN TAYLOR: Well...

8                   MAYOR BRENT GREER: Brent Greer, Henry  
9 County Mayor.

10                   In some of the original information that we  
11 had received back some time ago, they had basically  
12 shown coming out closer to what we call Vaughn Road.  
13 We haven't seen this diagram but, of course, this  
14 project's been ongoing for several years now.

15                   And in several meetings we show you coming  
16 out up here close to where Vaughn Road was coming in.  
17 So, evidently, that will be coming in and going to hit  
18 Vaughn Road down here (indicating).

19                   See, we've got a thing going forward.  
20 Certainly, it stops here at this leg, but the next  
21 leg's going on around, and we'll eventually get to 79.  
22 I don't know whether it will be in this century or  
23 not, but we're working towards that.

24                   But the original drawings, and I think  
25 the -- what had gone in our RPO was showing it coming

1 out up here closer to Vaughn Road, maybe even going  
2 north of this house here (indicating) and coming up  
3 this way.

4 Are you following a ridge there? Is that  
5 what -- or -- this is an aerial. Is the -- there's  
6 not been any land design work done or any surveying  
7 done on the land?

8 Okay. What was the reason for maybe  
9 dropping down from Vaughn (ph) Road?

10 LARRY JORDAN: What we have is what  
11 Planning gave us.

12 MAYOR BRENT GREER: Okay.

13 LARRY JORDAN: This is the line --  
14 now, I'm not aware of any of the lines. This is what  
15 Planning gave us to do the design on.

16 DANIEL SMITH: I've got a pond (ph).  
17 One of the original deals, and I -- you know, I've got  
18 the whole pond.

19 What it done, it across -- one of them come  
20 across a third of my pond there and come and took that  
21 trailer out where they're gonna take it out now. You  
22 know, that was -- the latest one I got where they  
23 cleaned it out (ph). That was -- this was after the  
24 one you're talking about.

25 MAYOR BRENT GREER: Okay. So that

1 was --

2 DANIEL SMITH: That's another one  
3 between the two.

4 MAYOR BRENT GREER: Okay. But is  
5 there -- you all are saying now that this is just your  
6 initial concept that we're talking about to see if  
7 anybody's got a better idea, right? You or the  
8 residents here, we've all got a better idea to talk  
9 about this?

10 LARRY JORDAN: Yes.

11 MAYOR BRENT GREER: Nothing basically  
12 set in stone at this juncture, right?

13 LARRY JORDAN: Right.

14 MAYOR BRENT GREER: So we're just  
15 going to talk, and see all the comments, and see if  
16 somebody's got a better idea?

17 I am excited to see you say that, and I do  
18 appreciate TDOT's help. Very excited to see it.

19 I guess it just throws me off a little bit,  
20 especially in Mr. Smith's case. I didn't realize it  
21 was coming down as low, far down the hill as it was.

22 DANIEL SMITH: It's not coming to my  
23 house.

24 MAYOR BRENT GREER: Yeah, right.

25

1 DANIEL SMITH: It is up at the farm up  
2 on the hill.

3 MAYOR BRENT GREER: Okay. This farm  
4 on up on the hill, I can see the house there, but it's  
5 still where the hill comes down this way --

6 DANIEL SMITH: Right here is where  
7 people got killed yesterday on that hill.

8 MAYOR BRENT GREER: You can't see over  
9 that hill.

10 DANIEL SMITH: That's right. And  
11 that's why when they come over that hill, I don't care  
12 who they are and how good they can see, but if there's  
13 a big truck -- this right here is the most dangerous  
14 spot. They could put a road anywhere in here, and if  
15 I had anything to do about it, it would either go down  
16 the hill further or go up higher, because they're  
17 gonna have to knock that hill down right there.

18 What you were talking about, one time they  
19 proposed where it went close to Vaughn Road...

20 MAYOR BRENT GREER: Vaughn Road.

21 DANIEL SMITH: See, when you get to  
22 Vaughn Road, you can't see that road that they have  
23 built right now. You're gonna come over that hill,  
24 depending on the speed limit -- in front of my house  
25 is 45. They run 75. There, it's 50 right beside it,

1 and they run 75. And there's no way, unless they cut  
2 that hill down, and until you slope this way, they're  
3 gonna have a lot of bad accidents.

4 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: If there is a sight  
5 distance problem, we may not --

6 DANIEL SMITH: That is a very bad  
7 road.

8 LARRY JORDAN: We have looked at it  
9 and...

10 DANIEL SMITH: He knows what I'm  
11 talking about, right?

12 LARRY JORDAN: It's borderline right  
13 in there for this facility right here. We realize  
14 that eventually 54's going to be widened, and there's  
15 going to have to be a lot work done all along and  
16 through there.

17 DANIEL SMITH: Right.

18 LARRY JORDAN: But this would -- the  
19 sight distance is minimal and meets our criteria right  
20 through there.

21 DANIEL SMITH: Well, what brings it to  
22 mind is --

23 LARRY JORDAN: Right, right.

24 DANIEL SMITH: -- I guess you see in  
25 the paper that --

1                   LARRY JORDAN: Right. I know -- we  
2 realize, of course, that the posted speed is --

3                   DANIEL SMITH: Yeah. Going up the  
4 hill, they can't see over it.

5                   LARRY JORDAN: -- not utilized through  
6 here, so...

7                   DANIEL SMITH: No. The people are not  
8 doing that.

9                   WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Mayor Greer, and  
10 I'm not disagreeing with you, but the only thing  
11 that -- what we have, what Design has to go off of, is  
12 called our, what you've said, is advanced planning  
13 report. And when that was done in 2002, not saying  
14 that it's changed between, you know, back when and  
15 2002, we had pretty much this alignment going on and  
16 it heading south of Vaughn Road in 2002.

17                   So could have been prior to then, some. It  
18 could have been prior to 2002 that something happened  
19 that moved it and, if so, I don't have records of  
20 that.

21                   DANIEL SMITH: It was...

22                   WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Okay.

23                   DANIEL SMITH: ...like the Mayor's  
24 talking about --

25                   WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Uh-huh.

1 DANIEL SMITH: -- and what I was  
2 telling him about, 2002? That's the one I did have a  
3 plot to.

4 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Okay.

5 DANIEL SMITH: And his was before  
6 2002.

7 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Okay. Okay. Well,  
8 and if it did move, I don't...

9 DANIEL SMITH: 'Cause we were the --  
10 one time I got property over there that they was gonna  
11 take a couple of motor homes and my cousin's house,  
12 you know, and then -- we were worried they were gonna  
13 take them out. And now we've got another drawing  
14 that's pretty similar to the last one I seen.

15 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Okay.

16 CARL HOLDER: Carl Holder, Paris City  
17 Manager. I have a question for Ms. Taylor.

18 Did you say that it only shows one house,  
19 but you have two houses in that area?

20 CARMEN TAYLOR: Yes. It -- in the  
21 book it says one house and two barns, but there's two  
22 houses.

23 CARL HOLDER: Is this -- this is your  
24 house here (indicating)?

25

1 CARMEN TAYLOR: That's my mother's  
2 house.

3 CARL HOLDER: Oh, okay. Where is the  
4 house that's not shown?

5 CARMEN TAYLOR: It's across the road  
6 in that white -- I'll show you.

7 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: That's it. Well,  
8 if it says right now that we're only proposing to  
9 take -- to one house relocation, then that's what  
10 we're saying that we only...

11 Right now we're saying that we only have  
12 one home that we're going to need to relocate for this  
13 project.

14 CARMEN TAYLOR: Will it be going right  
15 mine too?

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I think  
17 she's saying on this book we've got one house and two  
18 barns, and she's saying it's two houses and a barn.

19 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Oh, okay.

20 LARRY JORDAN: But if this is --

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: We've  
22 just got it labeled wrong in the book.

23 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Oh, oh, okay.

24 LARRY JORDAN: Is this the house  
25 you're referring to?

1                   CARMEN TAYLOR: Yeah, that's where I  
2 live right there.

3                   LARRY JORDAN: Okay. Well, this house  
4 is not being acquired. It's going right close to the  
5 edge, but it's not -- it's not acquiring the house.

6                   WHITNEY SULLIVAN: I see what  
7 you're -- okay. Yes.

8                   CARMEN TAYLOR: They told us before  
9 it's going to the south -- take the south-end of the  
10 house.

11                  UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I think  
12 they said a half of the house.

13                  CARMEN TAYLOR: Yeah.

14                  UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: That's  
15 north (indicating).

16                  LARRY JORDAN: Right behind this --  
17 the house, what's the gray building that sits right  
18 behind the house?

19                  CARMEN TAYLOR: A shed.

20                  LARRY JORDAN: Okay. See, it's coming  
21 through the shed, but it's missing the house.

22                  CARMEN TAYLOR: That's not what I was  
23 told. I was told it was going to take half, the south  
24 half of the house.

25

1                   LARRY JORDAN: No. Basically, the way  
2 we have drawn this map is, it's coming right -- it's  
3 just missing the house.

4                   CARMEN TAYLOR: Well, this ain't the  
5 house we have right on the road.

6                   MAYOR BRENT GREER: Well, you've  
7 explained about the right of way and where the road  
8 is.

9                   Is this a 75-foot right of way?

10                  ROBERT McIVOR: It's 150 feet.

11                  MAYOR BRENT GREER: 150 -- 175?

12                  Something like that?

13                  ROBERT McIVOR: Yeah.

14                  MAYOR BRENT GREER: And I believe it  
15 would be helpful to our citizens here, and to myself,  
16 if you would show what the right of way and show where  
17 the road is. I mean, just going up there and just --  
18 and let everybody realize where the road is run,  
19 because Carmen looks at that and she thinks the road's  
20 coming through her house and it's not. It makes a big  
21 difference in the questions she might want to ask.

22                  ROBERT McIVOR: These two lines right  
23 here in the middle, this is the (inaudible) right  
24 there. This is the paint (ph) line outside. This is  
25 the right-of-way line. These other lines here, these

1 are showing -- the solid line here shows basically  
2 where we are.

3 Our road is cutting in the ground, so this  
4 is the type of the cut that will be coming off the  
5 road. The dash lines here will be where we'd be  
6 filling it and that would be the bottom of the  
7 fillings (ph), and that's what we show.

8 MAYOR BRENT GREER: Thank you. And I  
9 think that will help everybody.

10 When they realize why the lines, some are  
11 solid, some are dotted and everything like that on  
12 your cutting field (ph), and I think that will help  
13 them when they come up and ask you specific questions  
14 about that, and I do appreciate you taking time to do  
15 that.

16 Just because the right of way is getting  
17 close to your house, it doesn't mean they're going to  
18 take the house. So it will be -- you know, if  
19 that's -- that will be considered some of your yard,  
20 but the State has the right of way -- or we have to  
21 purchase the right of way from you.

22 CARMEN TAYLOR: Right. Okay.

23 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Sir, did you have a  
24 question?

25

1 JIM CLOAR: I just wanted to make a --

2 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Can you --

3 JIM CLOAR: Jim Cloar, 2515 Jones Bend  
4 Road.

5 I'm a substitute bus driver, and I drive  
6 the 641 Vaughn Road/Whitlock Road more often than I  
7 would like to, and the design you have now is an  
8 accident waiting to happen.

9 With school buses and semis that come down  
10 through there, it absolutely -- when you come out --  
11 when you come out of Vaughn Road and turn left, if I  
12 have to come out of 218 and turn right and go down  
13 641, there is no telling how many times you'll be  
14 t-boned by a semi because there's not enough sight  
15 distance.

16 ROBERT McIVOR: Well, you will have a  
17 traffic signal there.

18 DANIEL SMITH: They won't see it until  
19 they get over the hill though. That's...

20 JIM CLOAR: But, I mean, either it  
21 would be a flashing light just like the ones we go  
22 through every morning and, you know, it's just a  
23 warning and it's not...

24 ROBERT McIVOR: It will be a full stop  
25 light.

1                   JIM CLOAR:  It will be a full stop  
2 light, not a caution light?

3                   ROBERT McIVOR:  At that intersection,  
4 yes, sir.

5                   DANIEL SMITH:  Good.

6                   JIM CLOAR:  There will be a full stop  
7 light at 641 and 218?

8                   ROBERT McIVOR:  Yes.  They have not  
9 made a decision on which end, whether it will be that  
10 or just a flashing light.

11                  JIM CLOAR:  That end --

12                  ROBERT McIVOR:  Right.

13                  JIM CLOAR:  -- they got plenty of  
14 sight, but this end up here is a...  Okay.

15                  WHITNEY SULLIVAN:  Does anybody have  
16 anymore questions?  If not, we -- we're not leaving,  
17 and if you all have anymore specific questions  
18 specifically -- if you all have anymore specific  
19 questions then grab one of us, and we'd love to help  
20 you out and share more information, or grab the court  
21 reporter.

22                  Yes.  If you didn't want to ask a question  
23 out loud, you can go talk to the court reporter, and  
24 she'll record your comments.  And either, you know,  
25 you can ask us and, you know, just so they can be on

1 record. Or we can -- you know, you can do both. You  
2 can ask us. We can answer you. And you can put your  
3 comments in there as well, but we'll be sure to get to  
4 you.

5 CARL HOLDER: Jennifer, if you would,  
6 as I said earlier, once the final design is locked in,  
7 the City and the County will be purchasing right of  
8 way. I want to introduce to those who may not know  
9 Jennifer Morris. She's the person that will be coming  
10 out and talking with you individually and trying to  
11 negotiate a final arrangement.

12 She's much nicer and much sweeter to deal  
13 with than me and Mayor Greer, so I --

14 DANIEL SMITH: And a lot better  
15 looking.

16 CARL HOLDER: Much better. Try to  
17 work something out with her, so that's the face you'll  
18 be seeing.

19 MAYOR BRENT GREER: Brent Greer,  
20 again.

21 Larry just told me that in the questions  
22 asked by a couple of our citizens here about the  
23 railroad track -- and on the railroad track the  
24 initial land is for them to build an overpass over the  
25 railroad track, so it won't be a grade crossing, you

1 know. So I think some of the people have had  
2 questions about that.

3 LARRY JORDAN: Yes.

4 MAYOR BRENT GREER: The initial plans  
5 are for it to be an overpass over the railroad tracks  
6 in this area (indicating).

7 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Yes, sir.

8 JAMIE HUDGINS: Jamie Hudgins, 3595  
9 Highway 641 North.

10 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Okay.

11 JAMIE HUDGINS: You're talking about  
12 an overpass. What about this area right here? This  
13 is a pretty good gully. I didn't know what -- if that  
14 was going to be some type of a bridge, or just fill  
15 in, or... There's quite a bit of water that runs  
16 through there.

17 ROBERT McIVOR: Right now the drainage  
18 structure's just going through here and filling...

19 JAMIE HUDGINS: Some kind of drainage  
20 (inaudible)...

21 ROBERT McIVOR: Okay.

22 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Going once... Yes,  
23 ma'am?

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: --  
25 (inaudible) way over there on our property with the

1 black roofs...

2 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Yes, ma'am.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: ...I  
4 wish you'd have gone through them instead of our  
5 house. Just move it over a bit. It's real close to  
6 Carmen's house.

7 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Okay. Sir?

8 JAMIE HUDGINS: Jamie Hudgins, 3595  
9 Highway 641 North.

10 What about access roads to this farm? Do  
11 they -- does TDOT feel those access roads are  
12 (inaudible)?

13 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Robert?

14 LARRY JORDAN: This is non-access  
15 controlled so if someone needs a drive, we can put it.

16 JAMIE HUDGINS: The reason I -- this  
17 is ours...

18 LARRY JORDAN: Right.

19 JAMIE HUDGINS: ...and, see, it's  
20 gonna -- we're gonna have some on both sides of the  
21 road.

22 LARRY JORDAN: Right.

23 JAMIE HUDGINS: I mean, are you gonna  
24 put a drive on each side of the road --

25 LARRY JORDAN: Yes.

1 JAMIE HUDGINS: -- and get down here  
2 to access this land?

3 LARRY JORDAN: Yes. We've had  
4 numerous people on this route, and this is what  
5 they -- based on the meetings they had, this is the  
6 alignment they came up with.

7 JAMIE HUDGINS: Okay.

8 LARRY JORDAN: What went into that, I  
9 don't know. This project has been around a long time.

10 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Are there a lot of  
11 homes on Whitlock Road?

12 JAMIE HUDGINS: Probably.

13 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Well, that could be  
14 a significant factor.

15 JAMIE HUDGINS: There's not any -- I  
16 mean --

17 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: I don't know that  
18 road.

19 JAMIE HUDGINS: -- for about the first  
20 mile. But, I mean, I can understand you can't take  
21 the whole road, but I'm talking about just bringing it  
22 in right there where it meets 641.

23 WHITNEY SULLIVAN: Right.

24 JAMIE HUDGINS: And it would be  
25 further up the hill and help with the sight problem.

1 And, plus, you'd be taking an existing road that's  
2 already there instead of taking farmland and pasture  
3 land, or whatever.

4 ROBERT McIVOR: Someone had  
5 mentioned -- as said, this is not access-controlled so  
6 there will be drives to the properties. We have not  
7 shown the drives at this point. Once we take to the  
8 meeting with you all, if you could give us your  
9 preference -- if you had any preference or ideas where  
10 you'd like to see the drive, that would be -- we'll  
11 try to accommodate that before putting them on the  
12 plans.

13 NICHOLE LAWRENCE: Yes, sir?

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Tim  
15 (inaudible). Two things that I've heard tonight is  
16 the position of the road coming into 641. That's  
17 something you really need to look at if you go up  
18 because of the hill area and the visibility of pulling  
19 out. That really needs to be looked at.

20 The other thing that was brought up was by  
21 Ms. Taylor. They don't want to lose their home, so  
22 those are two major factors that I've heard tonight,  
23 as you all drive down and make sure that that can be  
24 addressed, okay.

25



1 the red light and you try to get going again with a  
2 full load, you're gonna slide back down the hill, and  
3 you're gonna cause a chain reaction.

4 VICKY BOYD: My dad had a horse get  
5 killed. A semi hit a horse almost at that stop light  
6 that's coming out. And when he got stopped, he had a  
7 hard time, you know, getting it back.

8 But, I mean, that's a terrible spot.

9 JIM CLOAR: That's the worst spot on  
10 the road that they can have picked.

11 VICKY BOYD: Yeah, I see it in snowy  
12 conditions. That's how steep it is.

13 JIM CLOAR: And the truck crossing on  
14 641 is unreal. And, you know, they're going to be  
15 coming and they're gonna hit that? They're going to  
16 be looking to TDOT to shoot them because when I'm  
17 coming down the road and I've got to stop at a red  
18 light and then start on a 10 percent, 12 percent grade  
19 and try to get you headed north, or if I'm...

20 A neighbor hauls loads of hogs a day up  
21 641. If he's going to be coming north with a heavy  
22 weight and then shift, and his semi will have to stop  
23 and restart -- and he hauls five days a week. He  
24 hauls Monday through Friday, 52 weeks a year. I mean,  
25 he hauls 650,000 hogs a year, and you have to go right

1 up have 641.

2 VICKY BOYD: Yeah. And you come over  
3 that hill, and you don't realize there's going to be a  
4 stop light there, they're going to have a hard time  
5 stopping.

6 JIM CLOAR: Yeah. If you're --

7 VICKY BOYD: Of course, there's going  
8 to be a sign that says "signal ahead..."

9 JIM CLOAR: You know, if you're  
10 loaded, you know, and you slam on the brakes and  
11 trying to stop it, you're a liability with your truck.  
12 It's not -- I mean, like she said, she grew up  
13 there. And I've driven a bus there and that's  
14 absolutely not...

15

16 \* \* \*

17 JANET HUDGINS (on behalf of Jamie  
18 Hudgins): Jamie Hudgins, 3595 Highway 641 North.

19 How do I tell you on the -- we own that  
20 Jamie Hudgins' Farm. Can they move it away from -- we  
21 farm it, and we have a lot of income off of that farm.  
22 Can they move it away from that farm?

23

24

25

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

\* \* \*

CARMEN TAYLOR: 4150 Whitlock Paris Road.

I wanted to know where they curve it in down here, like, by the road, why they couldn't re-route it in where it don't curve in so hard and come in between my parents' house, and my house, and the hay barn. Make a better lay of the land, anyway, and then come back in to where they've got it now, you know. (731) 363-4075 and (731) 363-0449.

\* \* \*

TIM BOYD: Tim Boyd, 3080 Highway 69 North, Paris, Tennessee 38242.

My question, or comment, is the section that runs parallel to Iron Banks Road, why they are not utilizing the existing roadbed of Iron Banks. They're coming parallel to it out in the field, which happens to be partially on my property. (731) 642-4541.

\* \* \*

PAT TAYLOR: They told me to be sure and tell you some more.

They're talking about changing some of the lines where they will miss most of our houses that

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

they're close to, but they're thinking about changing  
the lines. And also he said to tell you about it.

Larry Jordan spoke about the change, so  
we'll see.

**(Whereupon, no further comments were  
taken and the meeting completed.)**

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I, Linda A. Wells, Licensed and Certified Court Reporter, with offices in Nashville and Clarksville, Tennessee, hereby certify that I reported the foregoing **TDOT Public Meeting** by machine shorthand to the best of my skills and abilities, and thereafter the same was reduced to typewritten form by me.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties named herein, nor their counsel, and have no interest, financial or otherwise, in the outcome of the proceedings.

\_\_\_\_\_  
LINDA A. WELLS, TLCR #546, CCR  
Notary Public at Large  
State of Tennessee

My Commission Expires: 7/14/15.