



**GUIDELINES
FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL
INTERSTATE CONNECTING ROUTES**

**ADOPTED BY
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

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FOREWORD

The Local Interstate Connecting Route Act of 1965, as amended, authorized the Department of Transportation to contract with cities and counties to establish and construct a system of connector routes to furnish the citizens of Tennessee adequate access to the interstate highway system from existing road and street networks along the interstate system.

The following guidelines are hereby promulgated and published by the Commissioner of Transportation for the orderly and efficient implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION I

GENERAL

- 1. A local interstate connecting route or connector shall mean a roadway or segment thereof that will provide or facilitate appropriate ingress and egress between the interstate highway facility and a roadway of important benefit to a locality.**
- 2. Applications will be received by the department from cities and/or counties for the construction of a connector route. Said applications shall be an official action of the city and/or county government. A certified copy of the resolution of the local government authorizing the application shall be attached thereto.**
- 3. After appropriate studies and upon approval of the application by the department, the department will enter into a contract with the local government for the development of the local interstate connector.**
- 4. In no event shall any phase of a connector project be initiated by the department until one hundred percent (100%) of the estimated cost of the engineering phase has been deposited with the department by the local government.**
- 5. The program requires the local government to provide 50% of the cost of the facility. Accordingly, the local government will be given credit for 50% of the preliminary engineering cost at the time the construction deposit is requested.**
- 6. The local government shall assume full responsibility for the maintenance of the completed local interstate connector unless otherwise agreed upon by the department. If the local government fails to maintain the route in a manner satisfactory to the department, the department has the option to take over maintenance of the project and charge the cost thereof to the local government.**

SECTION II
Application to the Department of Transportation
for the Construction and/or Reconstruction of a
Connector Route

TO: **Commissioner**
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 700
James K. Polk Building
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0349

RE: **Application to the Tennessee Department of**
Transportation for Assistance in Implementing a
Connector Route

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Interstate Connector Route Act of 1965, as amended, it is the desire of _____, to jointly partner with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the development of a connector route to provide adequate access from _____ to Interstate Route _____.

In order to expedite the review of this application by the department, the following information is being provided:

- I. General description of the connector route, including location (from point _____ to point _____), and any other pertinent data. (Attach map)**

- II. Name or names of local government officials to be contacted in the initial planning of the route.**

Attached hereto is a certified copy of a resolution passed by _____, dated _____, authorizing this application.

Signed: _____
Title: _____
City/County: _____
Date: _____

SECTION III PROCEDURES

Upon receipt of an application from the local government, the department shall undertake a preliminary study of the proposed project to determine its feasibility, the most advantageous location, any adverse environmental impacts, the probable cost of the project and any other pertinent data.

Based on the affirmative findings of this preliminary study and mutual agreement between the department and the local governments to proceed, the department shall prepare a contract for the development of the project which shall be forwarded to the local government for its execution.

The project shall not be included in the department's construction program until both the executed contract and the funding for the initial phase requested of the local government are received by the department.

Prior to the initiation of each phase of project development, the department shall request the local share of the corresponding phase. Further development of the project shall not be undertaken until this deposit is received from the local government.

If the bid price for the project exceeds the estimated cost, the department shall request the local government's deposit for its share of the overage. The project will not be awarded to the successful low bidder until this deposit is received.

The project is subject to overruns in cost during the actual construction. The local government is responsible for 50% of the actual cost of the project notwithstanding any estimates of cost that may have been developed.