## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Notice of Solicitation of Public Comment**

State Route 162 Extension (Pellissippi Parkway)
From State Route 33 (Old Knoxville Highway) to US 321/State Route 73 (Lamar Alexander Parkway)
Blount County, Tennessee, PIN 101423.00

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is issuing a public notice for the solicitation of public comments concerning the preparation of a Reevaluation of potential environmental impacts related to the extension of State Route (SR) 162 (Pellissippi Parkway) (I-140), from SR-33 (Old Knoxville Highway) to US 321/SR-73 (Lamar Alexander Parkway) in Blount County, Tennessee, in accordance with Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 771.129.

The proposed project involves construction of a four-lane highway on new alignment that would extend SR-162 (Pellissippi Parkway) from the current terminus at SR-33 (Old Knoxville Highway) to US 321/SR-73 (Lamar Alexander Parkway), a distance of approximately 4.9 miles.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on September 10, 2015. Following approval of the FEIS, FHWA published a Notice of Availability for the FEIS in the *Federal Register* on September 18, 2015, and provided a 30-day review period, to close on October 19, 2015. In response to requests to extend the review period to allow the public more time to review the FEIS, FHWA agreed to extend the review period by 30 days. The review period for the FEIS ended on November 18, 2015. The Record of Decision (ROD) was approved by the FHWA on August 31, 2017, confirming the FEIS. TDOT is currently developing right-way-plans for the project and is preparing a NEPA Reevaluation of the FEIS/ROD

Updated concept plans are available on the project website at: https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/pellissippi/pellissippi-involvement.html.

For further information regarding the NEPA Reevaluation, please contact:

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Any comments regarding this public notice should be provided in writing and sent to the address below or by email to TDOT.Comments@tn.gov.

Written statements should be submitted within 21 days after publication to the following address:

Project Comments
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