



Upcoming Community Briefing

Pellissippi Parkway Ext, Blount County

Following the selection of the Preferred Alternative for the project in May 2012, TDOT has been conducting additional studies of Preferred Alternative that will be incorporated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). It is standard practice for more detailed studies, such as Archaeology and Hazardous Materials, to be conducted during the FEIS stage. During these studies, it was necessary to look at two minor shifts near the southern end of the project to avoid an archaeology site.

The east shift would affect additional farmland, result in one additional residence being taken and would have slightly less stream, wetland and floodplain impacts. The west shift would result in six residential relocations within a mobile home community, increase the noise level in that community, and increase impacts to streams, wetlands and floodplains when compared to the Preferred Alternative and the east shift

Since these new potential impacts were not disclosed in the public hearing, a Community Briefing is planned for Thursday, May 30, 2013. The focus of the information meeting is to inform potentially affected property owners, residents and businesses of the alignment shift, and to allow them to express their comments and concerns. This meeting is not intended to reopen consideration of the Preferred Alternative.

Announcement of the meeting will be handled by a direct mailing to those persons and organizations on the project mailing list, including those property owners, residents and businesses that are in the area affected by the proposed alignment shift. Flyers will be posted in businesses and community facilities in the area, and a notice will be posted on the project website. The notices will be printed in English and Spanish.

There will also be a press release in the local newspapers to inform the general public.