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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is the fifth in a series of reports on Tennessee's infrastructure needs by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) pursuant to Public Chapter 817, Acts of 1996. That act requires the TACIR to compile and maintain an inventory of infrastructure needed in Tennessee and present these needs and associated costs to the General Assembly during its regular legislative session. The inventory, by law, is designed to support the development by state and local officials of goals, strategies and programs to

- improve the quality of life of all Tennesseans,
- support livable communities,
- and enhance and encourage the overall economic development of the state through the provision of adequate and essential public infrastructure.

Information from the inventory is more widely used each year. It is used routinely now by the Comptroller's Office of Education Accountability to study high priority public schools identified by the Department of Education. Information on water and wastewater needs has been shared with staff of the Department of Environment and Conservation's grant programs. And the inventory itself often substitutes for a capital improvements program for smaller local governments that do not have a formal process.

This year's report includes information about the availability of funds for the needs reported in the inventory and about trends based on the current and previous inventories.

Sincerely,

Representative Randy Rinks
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Executive Director