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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DESIGN PUBLIC MEETING
SR-268 (THOMPSON ROAD)

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Siegel Elementary School
135 West Thompson Lane
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16:15:05 1 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** If we can have everybody
16:15:06 2 have a seat, we'll get started in just a couple of
16:15:09 3 minutes.

16:15:25 4 Welcome, everyone. We appreciate you being here
16:15:27 5 this evening. My name's Heather Jensen. I'm the
16:15:30 6 community relations officer for this region of TDOT,
16:15:33 7 considered Region 3, which is in Middle Tennessee.
16:15:35 8 We're so glad that you were able to give up your time
16:15:38 9 tonight to be with us, that we can share with you a
16:15:40 10 little bit about the proposed improvements for State
16:15:44 11 Route 268. Most of you know it as Thompson Lane.

16:15:46 12 We do invite each of you and hope that you each
16:15:48 13 signed in when you came in. It's very important that we
16:15:51 14 know that you are here, because you are why we're here;
16:15:55 15 so we want to make sure we knew that you were here.

16:15:56 16 I also want to welcome some of our local reps. I
16:15:59 17 know your transportation director, Dana Richardson, is
16:16:02 18 out there somewhere, and I believe your city manager was
16:16:05 19 here as well. If there's anyone I didn't see, we
16:16:09 20 greatly appreciate you being here as well.

16:16:11 21 If Dana is here, I did want to invite him, if he
16:16:14 22 wanted to say a few words to do so, but I don't see; so
16:16:17 23 he may have stepped out for just a moment. He's hiding
16:16:21 24 back there; I see him.

16:16:23 25 Dana, did you want to say a few words? You're

16:16:26 1 more than welcome to.

16:16:26 2 **MR. DANA RICHARDSON:** (Shakes head.)

16:16:27 3 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Okay. Well, again, we
16:16:27 4 appreciate your local reps being here, because it is
16:16:29 5 very important. It is a partnership, and we do
16:16:32 6 appreciate their participation and their feedback as
16:16:34 7 well.

16:16:35 8 Again, the purpose of this meeting is to talk
16:16:38 9 about State Route 268 and our proposed improvements.
16:16:42 10 Again, this is Thompson Lane. We will have a formal
16:16:44 11 presentation -- tell you about who's here first; I
16:16:44 12 suppose I should do that.

16:16:49 13 I'm joined by a wonderful TDOT staff who I know
16:16:52 14 is here from design and from right-of-way, that are here
16:16:54 15 to answer your questions, as well as our consultants;
16:16:56 16 Wiser Consultants is here. So, again, a lot of you have
16:16:59 17 already been talking to them. They will be here, once
16:17:01 18 we get done with the presentation as well, if you have
16:17:02 19 some follow-up questions.

16:17:04 20 Give you a little bit of a run-down. It is about
16:17:07 21 5:15; so we're going to start a quick presentation just
16:17:09 22 to kind of run through the proposed changes.

16:17:10 23 We do ask that you hold your questions 'til the
16:17:13 24 end. One, some of those questions may be answered with
16:17:18 25 the presentation and, two, once we're able to get

16:17:18 1 through it, we can answer some of those specific
16:17:20 2 questions that you have.

16:17:21 3 We will do a formal Q&A just to kind of answer
16:17:25 4 some general questions. If you have property-specific
16:17:28 5 questions, we do ask that you talk one-on-one with our
16:17:30 6 representatives, just because they're going to be able
16:17:32 7 to give you the best one-on-one attention and address
16:17:35 8 some of your concerns, but, again, very important that
16:17:37 9 we get all of that feedback.

16:17:39 10 We do have a court reporter here that will also
16:17:41 11 take your comments, if you don't feel comfortable
16:17:43 12 talking to us directly, or if you want to just talk with
16:17:47 13 her directly, you're more than welcome to do that.

16:17:48 14 We also have the comment cards when you came in,
16:17:51 15 and they're also next to the court reporter. Be sure to
16:17:55 16 take one of these with you. If you have friends or
16:17:56 17 neighbors who weren't able to be here, take a couple
16:17:58 18 with you. We want as much feedback as possible. Again,
16:18:01 19 this design is very preliminary, nothing is final in
16:18:04 20 what we're presenting here tonight. We're here to get
16:18:06 21 your feedback; so be sure that you take one of these.
16:18:10 22 You have 21 business days from this meeting to return
16:18:12 23 this; so be sure you take one of those with you.

16:18:15 24 Also be sure you get one of these, (indicating to
16:18:16 25 document). This is just kind of a breakdown of

16:18:18 1 everything that we're presenting tonight. Very
16:18:21 2 barebones, but it does give you an outline of what's
16:18:24 3 being proposed. And, again, we very much want your
16:18:27 4 feedback; so we want you to take this with you and share
16:18:29 5 it with others if you need to.

16:18:33 6 Again, we'll do a Q&A after and answer some
16:18:34 7 general questions and then we'll do, again, another
16:18:36 8 breakout sessions so you guys can talk one-on-one with
16:18:38 9 some of our representatives and have them answer
16:18:40 10 specific questions as needed.

16:18:45 11 Again, why are we here: To talk about State
16:18:50 12 Route 268. We're talking about from Broad Street to
16:18:52 13 Memorial Boulevard, which is about a 4.3-mile section,
16:18:54 14 and we're going to talk about that whole section and
16:18:56 15 break it down for you in what's being proposed here,
16:18:59 16 talk about proposed improvements, answer your questions,
16:19:02 17 hopefully address your concerns. And if we can't answer
16:19:04 18 those questions or address your concerns tonight, we'll
16:19:06 19 definitely take your feedback with us and get the
16:19:09 20 answers so that we can address those concerns.

16:19:12 21 At this point I'm going to turn it over to Mike
16:19:14 22 Biggs. He is our senior transportation engineer with
16:19:17 23 Wiser Consultants, and he's going to help us throughout
16:19:20 24 this presentation.

16:19:20 25 **MR. MIKE BIGGS:** Thank you, Heather.

16:19:25 1 Good evening, everyone, and I'd like to welcome
16:19:28 2 you again to our meeting here tonight. My name is Mike
16:19:32 3 Biggs. I am the project manager with Wiser Consultants.
16:19:36 4 We are contracted with TDOT to design the project. And
16:19:43 5 so hopefully what we're going to do in our presentation
16:19:45 6 and later on is hopefully answer all your questions and
16:19:50 7 your concerns and -- best as we can, and to get your
16:19:53 8 input as far as the design of this project.

16:20:03 9 So if you look at why we're doing this project,
16:20:08 10 if you -- the overall transportation network it's -- the
16:20:14 11 roadway network that you see is a lot of colored lines,
16:20:18 12 but in -- specifically in the center of this is our
16:20:26 13 Thompson Lane, and you see it highlighted there in red.
16:20:34 14 That's where our project is. And so the overall scheme
16:20:38 15 of what we're trying to accomplish is improve the
16:20:41 16 transportation and the congestion and traffic in our
16:20:45 17 local area.

16:20:49 18 And so what we're doing is the project consists
16:20:52 19 of 4.3 miles of roadway. The road will be widened from
16:20:56 20 its existing two-lane open shoulders to a five-lane
16:21:02 21 section. We will have shoulders, which will also
16:21:06 22 function as a bike lane, curb and gutter and sidewalks.

16:21:16 23 This image right here, (indicating), is a
16:21:20 24 photo -- I believe that is near the Broad Street
16:21:23 25 intersection, and this is where you see part of the

16:21:28 1 two-lane section. This is what the proposed five-lane
16:21:34 2 section will look like in this particular area.

16:21:39 3 Again, here's the project location, (indicating).
16:21:42 4 We've got a couple of specific points of interest that
16:21:46 5 we'd like to point out. There again, Thompson Lane as
16:21:53 6 it sits with the very -- existing entry.

16:22:03 7 In this particular location, (indicating), we
16:22:06 8 have -- this is the battle field on the top of the
16:22:10 9 screen and the existing city greenway on the bottom of
16:22:14 10 the screen. And one of the things that we're proposing,
16:22:16 11 as far as the design improvements, is not to impact or
16:22:20 12 affect this property, and so what you see here is we're
16:22:23 13 going to propose that we put up retaining walls in these
16:22:29 14 particular areas so as we don't impact with any slope or
16:22:32 15 proposed right-of-way these specific properties.

16:22:37 16 Another point of interest that we have is between
16:22:40 17 Hampton Drive and Blanton Drive, (indicating). Some of
16:22:44 18 you may live in that area and are familiar with the
16:22:49 19 existing brick wall that is in that area, and I know
16:22:52 20 that that is a specific concern to a lot of people, and
16:22:55 21 so one of the things that we've done with our design is
16:22:59 22 made sure that our roadway and our slope do not impact
16:23:03 23 that specific wall.

16:23:09 24 One of the things that we have been able to do
16:23:12 25 with TDOT and the new technology is we have been able to

16:23:18 1 incorporate some of the roadway features into our
16:23:25 2 project, and so what you're seeing here, (indicating),
16:23:28 3 is a rendering of the proposed project with this
16:23:32 4 five-lane, with the sidewalk, with the bike lane and
16:23:37 5 shoulder, and curb and gutter; so as you're driving down
16:23:41 6 the road, we started at the Memorial/Thompson Lane
16:23:48 7 intersection and we're driving back towards the Broad
16:23:52 8 Street intersection. You can have an idea of what the
16:23:56 9 roadway is going to look like.

16:23:59 10 As you see in certain locations along here,
16:24:05 11 (indicating), there's -- we have right turn lanes in
16:24:08 12 certain locations. There again, being Siegel Road, you
16:24:13 13 have the schools and that sort of thing. One of the
16:24:17 14 things that we were very conscious of in our design was
16:24:21 15 to make sure that the roadway was laid out inside of the
16:24:26 16 existing right-of-way as much as possible. The reason
16:24:30 17 for that is so that we try to impact and limit the
16:24:35 18 amount of right-of-way that we need to acquire to build
16:24:40 19 this project.

16:24:45 20 And this little fly-through is a little long
16:24:50 21 because, of course, if you go four and a half miles, it
16:24:51 22 takes a little bit, but you can see -- the image that
16:24:55 23 you see on the left and the right is actually part of
16:25:00 24 our survey. We incorporated some new technology in this
16:25:04 25 project, and so what we were able to do is go out and

16:25:09 1 survey this project with new technology. It's called
16:25:14 2 mobile lidar (ph.) scanning. And so when it looks like
16:25:18 3 an actual image, what you see on these -- on the left
16:25:22 4 side and right side are actually points, and the points
16:25:26 5 are so dense that it appears to be an actual image.

16:25:31 6 Of course you can see in certain areas the grass
16:25:41 7 slope and how it's going to tie into the existing
16:25:46 8 terrain. Of course there's a brick wall that I
16:25:49 9 mentioned between Hampton and Blanton.

16:25:54 10 One thing to note is that this is really more of
16:26:03 11 a suggested -- what the project's going to look like in
16:26:08 12 the end. Some of these trees and everything that you
16:26:10 13 see alongside the road will have to be removed in order
16:26:14 14 for the road to get constructed.

16:26:17 15 Here in this area, (indicating), is the proposed
16:26:20 16 bridge across the Stones River. Off to the right is the
16:26:24 17 greenway. Over here is the battlefield property. You
16:26:39 18 can see the buildings there along Thompson and as we
16:26:46 19 come up to Broad Street.

16:26:50 20 So hopefully this will give you a pretty good
16:26:54 21 idea of what the finished product is going to look like.
16:26:56 22 Certainly there will be a few changes between now and
16:27:01 23 the end of the design.

16:27:08 24 So where are we exactly in our process right now:
16:27:13 25 The planning has been accomplished. We are in the

16:27:16 1 environmental and design phase. TDOT is currently
16:27:22 2 preparing the environmental document. Of course, as I
16:27:24 3 said, we are the consultants and we're working on the
16:27:28 4 design plans. And later on as those two phases are
16:27:32 5 completed, we'll move into the right-of-way phase and
16:27:34 6 then ultimately into construction.

16:27:41 7 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** That's fairly quick, but
16:27:44 8 hopefully that gives you just kind of a big picture of
16:27:46 9 what we're looking at.

16:27:47 10 Again, we can't stress enough what we're
16:27:49 11 presenting to you tonight is not final. We are here for
16:27:52 12 your feedback.

16:27:53 13 With that, I do want to open it up for questions.
16:27:56 14 Again, if you have a property-specific question, let's
16:27:59 15 wait 'til we do the break-out session, because that way,
16:28:04 16 again, we can give one-one-one attention with someone
16:28:04 17 who knows your specific property and you can look at the
16:28:04 18 maps.

16:28:08 19 If you would, please, for the court reporter
16:28:10 20 purposes, please, say your first and last name very
16:28:13 21 clearly and let us know if you live within the project
16:28:13 22 limits.

16:28:13 23 **MR. DON WITHERSPOON:** My name is Don Witherspoon,
16:28:18 24 I live in Riverbend, and I'm not immediately affected by
16:28:20 25 the project.

16:28:20 1 What is the timeline and exactly how are you
16:28:23 2 going to do the Stones River Bridge?

16:28:27 3 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Do you want to discuss the
16:28:29 4 Stones River Bridge first?

16:28:32 5 **MR. MIKE BIGGS:** Uh-huh.

16:28:33 6 At this time the Stones River Bridge is still up
16:28:36 7 in the air. Certainly it will either have to be widened
16:28:39 8 or reconstructed, but it will ultimately consist of a
16:28:43 9 five-lane section just like the rest of the roadway,
16:28:46 10 but, as I said, plans are still in the design phase and
16:28:52 11 the decision exactly what will be done for the bridge
16:28:56 12 has not been made at this time.

16:28:59 13 **MR. DON WITHERSPOON:** And the timeline?

16:29:00 14 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I do want to ask Lori Lange,
16:29:01 15 our project director for Region 3, to come up and
16:29:04 16 discuss a little bit of the timeline. It's very
16:29:07 17 important, as he just said, that we are not yet finished
16:29:10 18 with environmental and design; so that will take some
16:29:13 19 time, but she may be able to speak a little bit more on
16:29:15 20 the timeline to give you a better idea.

16:29:15 21 **MS. LORI LANGE:** Thank you, Heather.

16:29:25 22 So right now we are in the very early preliminary
16:29:30 23 design phase for this project; so what that means is we
16:29:33 24 have all of the surveying information back and we have
16:29:37 25 enough information to meet with you today to just show

16:29:41 1 you the general location; however, we're continually
16:29:44 2 making refinements; so as Heather mentioned,
16:29:48 3 environmental work is underway and this is the earliest
16:29:53 4 that we had information available to meet with the
16:29:56 5 public. So we're in preliminary design, our next steps
16:30:01 6 proceed to the right-of-way phase, which includes
16:30:04 7 acquisition and then later construction, and that's all
16:30:08 8 dependent upon funding ability.

16:30:10 9 So what we'd like to do tonight is to get your
16:30:14 10 comments so we can take those back and see if we can
16:30:17 11 make any adjustments based on community input, and so we
16:30:22 12 really appreciate having a big crowd here today. That
16:30:26 13 helps to make our jobs easier to get your feedback. And
16:30:29 14 we have plenty of staff here to meet with you one-on-one
16:30:33 15 after the formal question and answer session; so thank
16:30:33 16 you.

16:30:43 17 **MS. HANNA WITHERSPOON:** I'm Hanna Witherspoon,
16:30:47 18 H-A-N-N-A, and I live in Riverbend. Again, our house is
16:30:52 19 not largely impacted by this (inaudible) the road to our
16:30:58 20 subdivision will.

16:31:00 21 Will there be more red lights on Thompson Lane
16:31:02 22 and will the power lines be underground or will they be
16:31:09 23 existing in the air?

16:31:10 24 **MR. MIKE BIGGS:** A good question. The existing
16:31:14 25 signals that are out there now will still be maintained.

16:31:18 1 They will be improved, of course, to accommodate the
16:31:21 2 roadway improvements. There's one particular
16:31:26 3 intersection that we are studying to see if it warrants
16:31:31 4 whether putting a signal at that location; so there may
16:31:35 5 be one additional signal, but, again, that's still being
16:31:39 6 studied and that determination will be made at a later
16:31:42 7 time. As far as the utilities, right now the current
16:31:47 8 plan is for the utilities to be relocated and they will
16:31:50 9 stay above ground.

16:31:59 10 **MR. LES BARKER:** My name is Les Barker, I live at
16:32:01 11 1834 Breckenridge and Thompson Lane; so I'm directly
16:32:06 12 affected on both sides.

16:32:15 13 The noise is pretty bad even as a two-lane
16:32:19 14 highway for me. What are y'all going to do about noise
16:32:28 15 abatement? Trees? Dirt burns? Walls? What?
16:32:31 16 Anything?

16:32:31 17 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I understand people are
16:32:31 18 having difficulty hearing.

16:32:34 19 His question was about potential noise and
16:32:37 20 solutions that we have for that.

16:32:39 21 Do you want to talk about what's currently within
16:32:42 22 the project?

16:32:43 23 **MR. FRED MILLER:** Let me.

16:32:43 24 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Absolutely.

16:32:46 25 **MR. FRED MILLER:** My name's Fred Miller, I'm also

16:32:47 1 with TDOT.

16:32:50 2 In discussions with our environmental folks, they
16:32:51 3 are looking at noise walls, they are out taking
16:32:53 4 measurements. It's part of their procedure. There are
16:32:58 5 a couple of areas in particular in some densely
16:33:03 6 populated areas, subdivisions, that they are looking at
16:33:06 7 putting noise walls in. They don't have their final
16:33:09 8 report in yet, but they are looking at that.

16:33:12 9 And -- so make sure you leave a comment card and
16:33:17 10 your particular area that you're interested in a noise
16:33:21 11 wall, and that will help us to look at that and respond
16:33:25 12 to you.

16:33:28 13 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Yes, Ma'am.

16:33:29 14 **MS. PAULA COLEMAN:** Paula Coleman, and I live on
16:33:31 15 Waterford Road.

16:33:33 16 I asked the question individually about the
16:33:35 17 Cherry Lane expansion and was told the city was working
16:33:39 18 on that; so the impact of Cherry Lane was not factored
16:33:43 19 into the need for this five-lane highway?

16:33:43 20 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** They are separate.

16:33:48 21 **MS. PAULA COLEMAN:** Okay. That's -- how are you
16:33:51 22 justifying this without knowing the other impact that
16:33:55 23 road construction is currently happening right now? I
16:33:59 24 mean, is that ever going to get discussed?

16:34:01 25 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** They are separate projects,

16:34:03 1 which is important to point out, but it's also important
16:34:04 2 to point out that both projects are addressing
16:34:07 3 congestion and they are both determined to be a need for
16:34:11 4 this area.

16:34:13 5 **MS. PAULA COLEMAN:** But the projected travel on
16:34:15 6 Thompson Lane--I believe 25,000 was the number somebody
16:34:20 7 quoted me--did not take into consideration any relief
16:34:25 8 from the Cherry Lane expansion.

16:34:28 9 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Both of these projects have
16:34:28 10 taken into consideration how much road is happening
16:34:32 11 above this location. And Dana Richardson is also a good
16:34:36 12 point of contact to talk about that because all of these
16:34:38 13 projects, you have to remember, we work in partnership
16:34:41 14 with the city, and the city has prioritized these
16:34:44 15 projects, and we do our homework as well to determine
16:34:47 16 how much traffic and future traffic is going to be on
16:34:49 17 both roadways.

16:34:52 18 **MS. PAULA COLEMAN:** Okay. But I was told that
16:34:53 19 this roadway expansion was not fit with the Cherry Lane
16:34:59 20 in mind.

16:35:03 21 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** It is a separate project.
16:35:03 22 It's based on our calculations for what future growth of
16:35:03 23 this area --

16:35:06 24 **MS. PAULA COLEMAN:** Your calculations did not
16:35:08 25 involve Cherry Lane at all?

16:35:11 1 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I can't speak to that
16:35:13 2 specifically. Dana, if you would like to address that,
16:35:18 3 I would more than welcome that.

16:35:18 4 (Mr. Dana Richardson motions that he will speak
16:35:18 5 to Ms. Coleman.)

16:35:20 6 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Anybody else have a
16:35:22 7 question?

16:35:22 8 Yes.

16:35:25 9 **MS. LESLIE SKELTON:** Hi. Leslie Skelton.

16:35:26 10 Since you're doing this project, doing new
16:35:29 11 things, I'm very concerned about bicycle safety. I ride
16:35:34 12 my bike all the time. If you follow the rules of the
16:35:37 13 bikeway, it is very difficult to get into the greenway
16:35:42 14 when you're making a left-hand turn. Are you going to
16:35:43 15 address that?

16:35:44 16 Also I see that you've got a sidewalk in. Not a
16:35:48 17 lot of people walk along Thompson Lane. I would rather
16:35:51 18 see the bike lane off of the regular traffic. With
16:35:55 19 speed limits the way they are, people don't pay
16:35:58 20 attention, they go into the bike lane, and I would like
16:36:01 21 to see you address some of those issues since you're
16:36:05 22 actually taking the time to rebuild it.

16:36:05 23 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** That is a recommendation
16:36:09 24 that we have received from a couple of bicycle groups,
16:36:12 25 and it is something that we're putting into our

16:36:14 1 potential recommendations. You have to remember that if
16:36:17 2 we were to separate it from the roadway--it was
16:36:20 3 suggested that we do a separate path for walkers and
16:36:24 4 bikers adjacent to the roadway--that would require more
16:36:26 5 right-of-way, which not only means more property that
16:36:29 6 we'd have to take, but it also means more money that we
16:36:31 7 would need for the project. That's not to say that it's
16:36:34 8 out of the question. As I said, it is becoming part of
16:36:36 9 the formal record and that we will consider that, but
16:36:38 10 those are all things that we look at when we look at the
16:36:41 11 overall project.

16:36:43 12 And you also have to remember in terms of a
16:36:43 13 sidewalk--you mentioned that--there is a very large push
16:36:43 14 for multi-mobile and hopefully get people off of the
16:36:50 15 roadway, not make it as congested, and offer those
16:36:52 16 alternate sources of transportation; walking, biking,
16:36:55 17 that sort of thing; so those are all things that we look
16:36:57 18 into and take into consideration. And we appreciate
16:36:59 19 that feedback; so I hope that you'll leave an official
16:37:02 20 comment on that as well, but, please, know that it is
16:37:03 21 part of our record and is something that we're looking
16:37:06 22 at as well.

16:37:08 23 Yes, Sir.

16:37:08 24 **MR. RANDY MOODY:** Randy Moody, (inaudible).

16:37:08 25 **THE COURT REPORTER:** I didn't hear him.

16:37:08 1 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Sorry, say the name again.

16:37:08 2 **MR. RANDY MOODY:** Randy Moody.

16:37:20 3 On the (inaudible) is there plans for any
16:37:24 4 lighting?

16:37:26 5 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Lighting along the roadway?

16:37:26 6 **MR. RANDY MOODY:** Along the roadway.

16:37:26 7 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** If you want to address that,
16:37:26 8 I'll let you take it.

16:37:35 9 **MR. MIKE BIGGS:** To answer your question, yes,
16:37:35 10 there will be street lights incorporated along the
16:37:38 11 street because there's -- I'm not sure if there's any
16:37:45 12 lights there now, but, yes, the ultimate, final design
16:37:47 13 will have street lights.

16:37:52 14 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** And it's important to point
16:37:52 15 out to that note that that is very much in large part
16:37:56 16 due to the city, because when TDOT does a project, we do
16:37:59 17 not typically install lighting along the roadway because
16:38:02 18 that lighting requires maintenance, upkeep, and repairs
16:38:06 19 if anyone, you know, were to knock it down or something
16:38:10 20 were to happen to it; so, please, keep that in mind.
16:38:11 21 Your local leaders are the ones who will be taking care
16:38:14 22 of that, and that's why that lighting was there.

16:38:18 23 Yes, Sir.

16:38:21 24 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** My name is Claud Vick, and I
16:38:21 25 live at 2968 North Thompson Lane, this side of Sulphur

16:38:30 1 Springs Road.

16:38:30 2 A couple of things: In road projects in the
16:38:34 3 past--and I hate to mention the sorry excuse for
16:38:37 4 building roads--but the Northfield project really is
16:38:43 5 still in the craw of a lot of people in Murfreesboro
16:38:45 6 because it took a couple of years to get that road
16:38:49 7 built. We don't need that on Thompson Lane, and I would
16:38:53 8 ask that hopefully you're going to get the bridges
16:38:57 9 built -- however you're going to build them, you're
16:38:59 10 going to get it built and get the utilities moved,
16:39:03 11 whatever, whether it's gas, electric, water, whatever,
16:39:06 12 and sewer, before you start tearing up the roads, you
16:39:10 13 know, to do that. Is that a fair assumption or --

16:39:15 14 And I think the question was asked how long is it
16:39:17 15 going to take, you know. If this is going to be a
16:39:20 16 three- or four-year project, we've probably got
16:39:23 17 problems.

16:39:25 18 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** He's asking about the
16:39:25 19 overall timeline of the project and how we will approach
16:39:25 20 the project.

16:39:28 21 Typically utility relocation does happen first on
16:39:31 22 a project, which typically it -- depending upon, you
16:39:34 23 know, whether we're putting it underground or no matter
16:39:38 24 what the case may be, it will require tearing up at
16:39:41 25 least the side of the roadways; so keep that in mind,

16:39:43 1 and then we move on with construction, but, yes, that is
16:39:46 2 an important kind of first phase of any construction
16:39:49 3 project is moving and relocating those utilities as we
16:39:52 4 need them to be, and then from there obviously we work
16:39:55 5 on the widening portion of it. A construction project
16:39:57 6 of this magnitude is probably going to take at least two
16:40:01 7 years, potentially three. I don't know that we've
16:40:03 8 worked out a specific timeline for this particular
16:40:06 9 project, but it would be a two- to three-year project.
16:40:08 10 One, because it is very long. We're talking about four
16:40:12 11 miles. That's a good, long stretch of roadway. And
16:40:12 12 because we're making it one project and not a mile here,
16:40:17 13 a mile there; so it will take some time, unfortunately,
16:40:19 14 which will be an inconvenience, but overall we think it
16:40:19 15 will --

16:40:22 16 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** Would you all have the bridge
16:40:24 17 built and ready to connect the road into it, rather than
16:40:27 18 building the road up to it and then having the road sit
16:40:31 19 unusable while you're trying to get the bridge built?

16:40:35 20 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** The bridge will be part of
16:40:36 21 the overall construction and that would be up to the
16:40:37 22 actual contractor who gets awarded this project of how
16:40:40 23 they choose and when they choose to build that.

16:40:44 24 Does that answer your question?

16:40:44 25 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** No --

16:40:45 1 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Okay.

16:40:46 2 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** -- it really doesn't.

16:40:46 3 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I'm sorry.

16:40:48 4 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** Will there be some kind of a
16:40:50 5 penalty with the contractor for not finishing it on time
16:40:50 6 or --

16:40:53 7 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Absolutely. With any
16:40:54 8 project that we do, if they have agreed to build a
16:40:57 9 certain project within a certain timeframe, there are
16:41:00 10 penalties if they do not complete it on any time for any
16:41:02 11 particular TDOT project.

16:41:04 12 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** I mean, most of the time when
16:41:06 13 roads are built, it takes longer to build the bridge
16:41:08 14 than it does the road. And I may be wrong, but that's
16:41:13 15 what I've seen.

16:41:14 16 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** As I said, those bridges
16:41:14 17 will be part of the overall project, it will be up to
16:41:16 18 the contractor when and how they choose to build it, but
16:41:19 19 they must build it on time within the project timeframe.

16:41:25 20 Did somebody have a question right over here.

16:41:28 21 Yes, Ma'am.

16:41:30 22 **MS. JANET WILCOX:** Janet Wilcox. I live in
16:41:32 23 Riverbend. Couple of questions.

16:41:34 24 You talked about the bike lane, but I don't see a
16:41:38 25 bike lane on here; I only see sidewalks; so we're going

16:41:40 1 to lose our bike lanes? Is that what I understand?

16:41:46 2 Right now we have bike lanes on Thompson Lane.

16:41:49 3 **MR. MIKE BIGGS:** That's correct. The bike lanes
16:41:50 4 will be maintained. What we are improving, when we
16:41:53 5 widen the road, is we will improve the road to five
16:41:57 6 lanes and there will be a multiuse shoulder or a bike
16:41:57 7 lane --

16:41:57 8 **MS. JANET WILCOX:** -- (inaudible) bike lane?

16:41:59 9 **MR. MIKE BIGGS:** That is correct; the shoulder
16:42:03 10 will be used as a bike lane.

16:42:04 11 **MS. JANET WILCOX:** So shoulder, grass, sidewalk,
16:42:04 12 grass? Okay.

16:42:07 13 **MR. MIKE BIGGS:** Shoulder, then your curb and
16:42:10 14 gutter, then your grass strip, then your sidewalk, then
16:42:10 15 another grass strip.

16:42:13 16 **MS. JANET WILCOX:** Can't wait to see them cut
16:42:14 17 that grass --

16:42:14 18 **MR. MIKE BIGGS:** Yes.

16:42:15 19 **MS. JANET WILCOX:** -- on a regular basis anyway.

16:42:17 20 The next question is I'm a little disappointed
16:42:20 21 that there wasn't some kind of conversation about what
16:42:25 22 was happening at Cherry Lane, but that's neither here
16:42:30 23 nor there right now.

16:42:31 24 I want to know why -- we would like to keep
16:42:34 25 Thompson Lane residential, not commercial. From the

16:42:38 1 schools this way, (indicating), it's already five lanes,
16:42:41 2 and we already have turning lanes into the school; so
16:42:44 3 that's already done. Why -- and it's already five
16:42:49 4 lanes -- or four lanes and a turning lane, whatever, up
16:42:52 5 on the other end.

16:42:54 6 Has anybody thought possibly just to make it a
16:42:58 7 three-lane with a middle turning lane, because that's
16:43:00 8 where everything backs up? Was there any thought to
16:43:00 9 that?

16:43:08 10 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I can answer that in a
16:43:09 11 couple of ways. That's certainly a suggestion and we
16:43:12 12 want to make sure that that is noted, but keep in mind
16:43:15 13 that the overall project; the five lanes, is to handle
16:43:19 14 congestion not only for today, but for future congestion
16:43:22 15 as well.

16:43:23 16 **MS. JANET WILCOX:** Right, but what we need are
16:43:25 17 other feeder roads. We don't need a huge boulevard
16:43:27 18 going through our neighborhoods, we don't need it.
16:43:30 19 Nobody who lives here wants it. So I really hope you
16:43:35 20 consider thinking about the middle turning lane, which
16:43:39 21 we can tell you where they need them. You need it at
16:43:41 22 the greenway, you need it at all the neighborhood
16:43:44 23 entrances, and everything else, if the people can pull
16:43:44 24 in there.

16:43:47 25 And you've never told us where that one light

16:43:50 1 will be. I think it's probably at Leanna, hopefully.

16:43:52 2 They need a turning lane at Leanna.

16:43:56 3 That would relieve -- we live here. That would

16:43:58 4 relieve so much congestion. You just don't even

16:44:01 5 understand how much better that would be. Thank you.

16:44:01 6 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Thank you --

16:44:01 7 (Applause.)

16:44:05 8 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** -- we appreciate the

16:44:07 9 feedback.

16:44:09 10 I also want to point out again this isn't

16:44:13 11 strictly TDOT. We work very closely with the city, and

16:44:17 12 they have determined this to be a significant need for

16:44:19 13 this area; so, please, keep that in mind. And I'm not

16:44:19 14 trying to deflect; I just want you to know that we

16:44:25 15 work -- we don't just come in here and say "we think you

16:44:25 16 guys need this." We do that at the urging of your local

16:44:29 17 leaders that tell us "we think this is a need and this

16:44:31 18 meets our future needs"; so that's why we come and try

16:44:35 19 to determine is it a future need, and we do the research

16:44:37 20 to determine, yeah, it looks like this is going to be a

16:44:40 21 highly congested area and that this will meet a need; so

16:44:43 22 just keep that in mind, but thank you so much for the

16:44:46 23 feedback, because we do want to hear that and we want

16:44:47 24 that part of our records so we can go back and

16:44:50 25 potentially look to see if what you're suggesting might

16:44:52 1 work.

16:44:52 2 Yes, Ma'am.

16:44:57 3 **MS. LEILA HINKLE:** I'm Leila Hinkle, and I live
16:44:59 4 at Riverbend (inaudible).

16:45:03 5 My question is how do you calculate -- what data
16:45:05 6 do you use to determine and make predictions for future
16:45:08 7 congestion?

16:45:10 8 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I don't know if we have
16:45:11 9 someone here to address that specifically. I know we
16:45:13 10 do -- we obviously look at what the current traffic data
16:45:17 11 is and then we look at future traffic data, but I'm
16:45:19 12 going to let Lori talk a little bit more about that.

16:45:24 13 **MS. LORI LANGE:** So typically in our process when
16:45:26 14 a project reaches this stage, we look at the overall
16:45:30 15 traffic network; so although the Cherry Lane location
16:45:35 16 isn't part of this project, we look at the traffic as a
16:45:38 17 whole for this area, and that's completed in the
16:45:40 18 planning study stage. And that's when there's
16:45:42 19 recommendations for laneage (sic) and improvements based
16:45:47 20 on the traffic projections that Heather referenced.

16:45:50 21 Now, from that point is where we develop design
16:45:54 22 and complete additional studies for both environmental
16:45:58 23 and technical components; so we're here for the design
16:46:02 24 side of that tonight. So what I would recommend to you,
16:46:08 25 if you are seeking an alternative section, is make those

16:46:11 1 comments known, fill them out with the court reporter or
16:46:14 2 with the comment card, because we provide a deposition
16:46:18 3 to all of the comments, which is online typically after
16:46:22 4 the process; so you can read through those and see what
16:46:25 5 the comment responses are from the meeting.

16:46:25 6 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Yes, Ma'am.

16:46:36 7 **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:** Can you give us the website
16:46:36 8 (inaudible) where you're going to post this?

16:46:38 9 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I don't have it on me right
16:46:39 10 now. It is on the TDOT website. That's where we list
16:46:42 11 the actual meeting. And then we will list the actual
16:46:45 12 presentation. And it will take some time to get the
16:46:49 13 comments back from our court reporter, but we will post
16:46:52 14 it as soon as it is ready as well.

16:46:54 15 **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:** So we have 21 days from
16:46:56 16 when they are posted to leave a comment?

16:46:59 17 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Twenty-one days from today
16:47:01 18 to submit your comments. And, like I said, the court
16:47:05 19 reporter will be (inaudible) because they all become a
16:47:07 20 part of the official record.

16:47:07 21 Yes, Sir.

16:47:09 22 **UNIDENTIFIED MALE:** Is that run-through that you
16:47:12 23 showed us going to be on your website?

16:47:16 24 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Yes, we will make sure that
16:47:17 25 it gets put on there as well. Again, it will be part of

16:47:19 1 the presentation which will be put online and that
16:47:22 2 you'll have access to.

16:47:22 3 Yes, Sir.

16:47:25 4 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** Claud Vick again.

16:47:28 5 I guess the question's been asked several times
16:47:30 6 about the Cherry Lane project. We were told back some
16:47:37 7 time ago for several years that Thompson Lane, coming
16:47:42 8 from the VA on Memorial Boulevard, is just straight as
16:47:48 9 an arrow for, I don't know, a mile, mile and a quarter,
16:47:49 10 whatever, that at that first curve to the left, that
16:47:53 11 that road was going to go straight and go right out to
16:47:57 12 840, and that was going to be a bypass road. Now,
16:48:01 13 somewhere along the line somebody in the city department
16:48:06 14 gave a contractor, or contractors, permission to build a
16:48:10 15 subdivision where that road was supposed to go.

16:48:14 16 Now, you know, number one, I don't understand how
16:48:18 17 that happened, but, number two, it looks to me like that
16:48:22 18 would take a whole lot of traffic off of the end of
16:48:27 19 Thompson Lane, that the lady just said we would like to
16:48:30 20 have it as a neighborhood rather than a racetrack for
16:48:35 21 trucks. You don't understand what the noise is like
16:48:38 22 until you live, you know, there, and all the garbage
16:48:44 23 trucks, you know, big trucks, all that coming by really
16:48:49 24 creates a problem; so I'd like to know what happened to
16:48:51 25 that connector on Thompson Lane going out to 840, number

16:48:57 1 one, and, number two, I think it's a legitimate question
16:49:00 2 that's been asked about the Cherry Lane extension. And
16:49:03 3 somebody from the city that's here needs to answer that
16:49:05 4 question about when it's going to be built and does that
16:49:11 5 plan take off a lot of traffic congestion from Thompson
16:49:17 6 Lane. I mean, you've got one thing over here and you
16:49:20 7 got one thing over here, and the right hand doesn't know
16:49:22 8 what the left hand's doing.

16:49:26 9 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Again, he's asking about the
16:49:27 10 Cherry Lane extension. I cannot speak to why a
16:49:31 11 subdivision was allowed along that stretch of where
16:49:34 12 this -- of where you're talking about. Again, that is
16:49:36 13 the city has --

16:49:37 14 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** I know you can't --

16:49:39 15 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** -- has their --

16:49:40 16 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** -- but there are people here
16:49:41 17 that could.

16:49:41 18 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** -- is able to do that.

16:49:43 19 And we do want to focus on this project. I know
16:49:45 20 you guys have a lot of questions about Cherry Lane, but,
16:49:47 21 again, this project is designed to help with congestion
16:49:50 22 on Thompson Lane.

16:49:52 23 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** And I think you're making a
16:49:54 24 mistake by separating these two projects. And I'm not
16:49:56 25 trying to be ugly about it --

16:49:57 1 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** No, I understand that.

16:49:58 2 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** -- but if the Cherry Lane project
16:50:01 3 takes a lot of traffic off of Thompson Lane, then, you
16:50:04 4 know, the part that you got -- part of it's already
16:50:07 5 five-lane and, you know, the rest of it just needs a
16:50:12 6 center turn lane. I mean, if individuals had a turn to
16:50:18 7 the greenway that's just past Stones River Bridge, like
16:50:24 8 the city has now, the city would have made them build
16:50:28 9 turning lanes to get into it, but the city hasn't seen
16:50:32 10 fit to do that. And that backs up traffic like you
16:50:36 11 wouldn't believe.

16:50:36 12 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I understand.

16:50:38 13 **MR. CLAUD VICK:** And I just want to be sure that
16:50:38 14 we're not -- you know, we don't have the tail wagging
16:50:42 15 the dog here.

16:50:44 16 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I understand, and I
16:50:44 17 understand the frustration, and I apologize for that,
16:50:47 18 but, again, we do want to focus on this project tonight.

16:50:52 19 I'm going to take this question right here; he's
16:50:53 20 been waving at me a little bit.

16:50:55 21 **MR. EDDIE SMOTHERMAN:** Okay. My name's Eddie
16:51:00 22 Smotherman, I'm a Murfreesboro City Councilman.

16:51:02 23 The concerns -- first off, the concern I've got
16:51:05 24 is Compton Road, because this road is leading directly
16:51:08 25 to Compton Road, and there is some concern whether or

16:51:10 1 not this is going to turn into Highway 96 Bypass,
16:51:15 2 (inaudible) corridor.

16:51:17 3 With the growth that we're looking at in our city
16:51:20 4 as well, there's no doubt the 25, 30 plans we're
16:51:23 5 currently doing there's going to be a tremendous amount
16:51:26 6 of growth, not only in north Murfreesboro, but also
16:51:29 7 western Murfreesboro. That is going to be primarily
16:51:32 8 where our growth is, and the population is going to
16:51:34 9 double in the next 20 to 25 years; so to say that we're
16:51:37 10 not going to build this road too large, may be an
16:51:41 11 underestimate. I really do think you have to take into
16:51:45 12 consideration road passages.

16:51:46 13 When I drive Thompson Lane, which is pretty
16:51:51 14 regularly, I never go "this is not a heavily traveled
16:51:54 15 road." It is a very heavily traveled road. A lot of
16:51:57 16 the businesses that exist on Thompson Lane currently,
16:52:00 17 it's a state road so -- I know we keep on going back and
16:52:03 18 forth between the city and the state, but it's a state
16:52:05 19 road from Broad Street to Memorial Boulevard --

16:52:05 20 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Yes.

16:52:07 21 **MR. EDDIE SMOTHERMAN:** -- and the other side it's
16:52:10 22 a city road, but the -- but that stretch of road, the
16:52:14 23 city doesn't get blamed much for those turning lanes or
16:52:16 24 lack of turning lanes or the fact that there's not three
16:52:19 25 lanes in some places, because that's not the city's

16:52:22 1 project.

16:52:24 2 The main thing I want (inaudible) is we're trying
16:52:27 3 to focus on pedestrian travel and bicycle travel.

16:52:31 4 Please, please, make sure that when we develop that
16:52:34 5 bridge, that it's not like the bridge that we have
16:52:37 6 currently of what we call a sidewalk beside that bridge,
16:52:40 7 because we know the battlefield and the greenway system,
16:52:44 8 just on the other side of the bridge from a residential
16:52:48 9 area, who uses the greenway system, that's a very, very,
16:52:52 10 important factor. We need to make sure that those
16:52:53 11 sidewalks are traffic friendly and not (inaudible) we
16:52:59 12 currently have.

16:53:01 13 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Yes, Sir, and I think that's
16:53:01 14 a good point.

16:53:02 15 Again, in case you didn't hear, he was talking
16:53:02 16 about the bridge being wide enough to handle the bicycle
16:53:05 17 and potentially pedestrian traffic along that road.

16:53:10 18 Yes, Sir.

16:53:14 19 **MR. A.J. FARLEY:** If I could raise another
16:53:14 20 bicycle voice --

16:53:14 21 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Yes, Sir.

16:53:14 22 **MR. A.J. FARLEY:** My name's A.J. Farley, I'm a
16:53:18 23 regular rider, ride my bicycle on Thompson Lane.

16:53:21 24 The design that's being identified here is very
16:53:25 25 similar to what we already have on the southwestern

16:53:28 1 stretch of Thompson Lane, and people are reluctant to
16:53:32 2 ride their bicycle in the bike lanes that are provided,
16:53:35 3 but they'd more likely to ride on the sidewalk, and they
16:53:39 4 do so because there's trees between the traffic; the
16:53:44 5 cars that are going by or the trucks that are going by
16:53:48 6 at 50 miles an hour than the sidewalk; so my question is
16:53:50 7 you asked about protected or the notion of protected
16:53:54 8 bike lanes, I guess this question is really supposed to
16:53:58 9 be. Has that been considered and rejected already or
16:54:02 10 has it just hasn't been considered yet and if enough of
16:54:06 11 us raise the question it can be part of the design?

16:54:09 12 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** It could definitely be part
16:54:11 13 of the design considerations--and I'll let you speak on
16:54:12 14 this further--but also keep in mind, as we said earlier,
16:54:14 15 we try to work as closely within the current
16:54:17 16 right-of-way so we didn't have to take as much property,
16:54:21 17 not only for cost reasons, but for the community so that
16:54:23 18 we weren't taking homes. So I know that -- and that's
16:54:27 19 always been a concern of ours, especially because it is
16:54:29 20 a residential area and we didn't want to have to take
16:54:33 21 anybody's property; so that's what we tried to do. That
16:54:35 22 doesn't mean that that's out of the question and why I
16:54:38 23 made is so important for her to make that part of the
16:54:39 24 record, because we can certainly look at that, but that
16:54:42 25 would certainly make a big impact on the overall

16:54:45 1 project, again, in terms of cost and in terms of how
16:54:47 2 much property we would have to take.

16:54:50 3 **MR. A.J. FARLEY:** The concern that I have is that
16:54:51 4 we're providing bike lanes that nobody feels comfortable
16:54:56 5 using, we're providing bike lanes that I don't want the
16:55:01 6 kids to ride their bikes on, and if we had protected
16:55:02 7 paths, they would be much more likely to use them.

16:55:04 8 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** That's a very valid concern.
16:55:06 9 Thank you.

10 **MR. FANT SMITH:** I'm Fant Smith, I live at
11 Riverbend (inaudible) --

12 **THE COURT REPORTER:** I can't hear him.

13 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** I'm sorry, say your name
14 again one more.

15 **MR. FANT SMITH:** Fant Smith.

16:55:23 16 I would like to ask the timeline question again.
16:55:27 17 I know it's been asked. I know you don't know
16:55:29 18 (inaudible), but I'd like to ask (inaudible) say
16:55:32 19 something like I wouldn't be surprised if this started
16:55:37 20 before "X" date; so I'd like to ask you to feel a little
16:55:40 21 more specific on that timeline.

16:55:44 22 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Sure, and Lori may be able
16:55:44 23 to answer the question.

16:55:44 24 The big, you know, deciding factor is, one, when
16:55:47 25 will the design plans be final and when will we get

16:55:50 1 final environmental approval. Those are obviously two
16:55:54 2 key point.

16:55:54 3 **MR. FANT SMITH:** Right.

16:55:55 4 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Once we get to the next
16:55:57 5 phase, which will be right-of-way, followed by
16:55:58 6 construction, keep in mind, right-of-way standards--that
16:56:01 7 doesn't mean it couldn't take longer--but standard is 18
16:56:03 8 to 24 months for right-of-way. This is a fairly long
16:56:07 9 project; so it could take longer than that. And then
16:56:11 10 construction, again, depending upon the timeline we put
16:56:13 11 on it, could take two to three years. So does that help
16:56:16 12 a little bit?

16:56:17 13 **MR. FANT SMITH:** Thank you.

16:56:18 14 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** And keep in mind I know it's
16:56:19 15 very frustrating that we want these projects to be done.
16:56:22 16 We always have an issue with funding. Right now we have
16:56:24 17 very little funding, and we're challenged by that,
16:56:28 18 greatly challenged by that, but also just in the bigger
16:56:31 19 picture of the scope of things, all projects take
16:56:35 20 anywhere from 10 to 12 years from idea to construction;
16:56:37 21 so just keep that in mind because, again, we try to do
16:56:41 22 as much homework as possible, it's important to us to
16:56:43 23 get our feedback, all of these -- we want to make sure
16:56:46 24 that we're doing things environmentally correctly; so
16:56:49 25 all of those things play into it, but that's --

16:56:51 1 **UNIDENTIFIED MALE:** How far back do you say the
16:56:54 2 idea was? How many years ago?

16:57:00 3 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** Okay. I'm getting 2012, but
16:57:02 4 I also talked with Dana Richardson earlier and I know
16:57:04 5 that he's put it in his long-range plan, but that
16:57:07 6 doesn't mean it was in our hands by that time; so keep
16:57:10 7 that in mind if that date is a little off to somebody.

16:57:10 8 Yes, Ma'am. I'm sorry.

16:57:19 9 **MS. PATTY DREWRY:** My name's Patty Drewry, and I
16:57:21 10 represent property on North Thompson Lane, 2965.

16:57:26 11 So how does the right-of-way basically work? I'm
16:57:29 12 not worried about the bike lane or Cherry Lane. I live
16:57:33 13 right there on Thompson Lane; so I'm concerned about --
16:57:35 14 how does the right-of-way work? Because in our area
16:57:38 15 it's kind of like the properties are both equally back
16:57:40 16 from the road, but not very much further you have
16:57:44 17 properties that are right on the road, and then some
16:57:46 18 that are further back on the opposite side. So I came
16:57:50 19 in late and if you've already addressed this, would you,
16:57:50 20 please --

16:57:53 21 **MS. HEATHER JENSEN:** That's okay. We haven't
16:57:54 22 addressed right-of-way specifically. And I don't know
16:57:57 23 if we have right-of-way personnel that wants to address
16:57:59 24 this directly just to kind of give us a broad interview,
16:58:03 25 or you can speak with them directly, but we do have a

16:58:07 1 process that we go through in order to purchase any
16:58:09 2 property that we have. Right-of-way means that we're
16:58:12 3 actually purchasing -- it's not the road is butted up
16:58:13 4 right next to it. Obviously you've got space and that's
16:58:16 5 where our right-of-way is; so we will be purchasing
16:58:20 6 property to take care of that, but, again, all of the
16:58:23 7 design plans that we've presented tonight, which I've
16:58:24 8 tried to stress, are not final. We're here to get
16:58:27 9 feedback. It could potentially change; so some of the
16:58:29 10 design plans that you see out there that are impacting
16:58:33 11 your property could change.

16:58:34 12 But if our right-of-way guys could raise your
16:58:37 13 hands so you could maybe answer her question, that would
16:58:40 14 be great.

16:58:40 15 We're going to go ahead and break out and let you
16:58:43 16 guys ask direct questions one-on-one, because I think
16:58:45 17 you guys probably have some questions. And obviously,
16:58:47 18 please, look at the plans if you have questions about
16:58:51 19 your property. We've got a lot of folks here to answer
16:58:53 20 questions. Please leave your comments with the court
16:58:55 21 reporter. Take a comment card with you, send it back
16:58:57 22 into us. Again, we want your feedback. None of this is
16:59:01 23 final. We want to be able to make -- hopefully move
16:59:04 24 toward some of the changes that you're suggesting, if at
16:59:08 25 all possible; so thank you so much for being here

16:59:10 1 tonight.

16:59:52 2 **MS. LESLIE SKELTON:** So money is going to be
16:59:54 3 spent, okay. Right now it isn't safe. They're going to
16:59:58 4 add four -- it's going to be five lanes, which means
17:00:00 5 people are now going to be passing, which is going to
17:00:02 6 make it even more unsafe. He said the bike lane was
17:00:08 7 part of the shoulder, he called it a "multiuse
17:00:10 8 shoulder." Who's all using this? Shouldn't it be
17:00:13 9 designated a bike lane, period? So safety is a concern
17:00:18 10 there.

17:00:18 11 They also didn't address my question of turning
17:00:21 12 left into the greenway. There is no way to get across
17:00:25 13 that road. If you're spending my money, anybody's
17:00:28 14 money, tax money to do this, then I want to see --
17:00:32 15 people don't walk on Thompson Lane. You know, give me a
17:00:36 16 buffer to my bike lane, which people do use. There's
17:00:39 17 bikers on there all the time. And traffic does not
17:00:43 18 respect the bikers. If it's a multiuse shoulder, what
17:00:47 19 is it multiuse of?

17:00:53 20 **MR. DAVE DAVIS:** I'll give you my name
17:00:54 21 afterwards, but I would just like to see a protected
17:00:57 22 bike lane. And they could combine, you know, both bike
17:01:00 23 lanes on one side of the road. With the greenway at one
17:01:03 24 end and the school at the other end, and then they're
17:01:06 25 talking about building the greenway on out to Walter

17:01:10 1 Hill, I mean, it would just make a nice continuous path
17:01:12 2 for the greenway and make it a lot safer for bikers.

17:01:19 3 **MS. LESLIE SKELTON:** And I've been in other
17:01:20 4 countries. I spent a lot of time in Denmark. Everybody
17:01:23 5 bikes in Denmark. No one is going to bike here if
17:01:24 6 you're not safe, but over there the bike lane is
17:01:27 7 protected and when you come to a bridge, you go down and
17:01:31 8 under the bridge and back up the other side so that
17:01:34 9 you're not -- you can cross roads and you can move over,
17:01:37 10 but none of that is happening, and it's on the bridge.
17:01:41 11 If they don't protect the bike lane from the cars, it
17:01:43 12 always constricts and then, I mean, you feel like you're
17:01:48 13 dying on that bridge when you're coming across now; so
17:01:51 14 if they're going to spend the money, it needs to be done
17:01:53 15 right.

17:01:59 16 **MR. DAVE DAVIS:** I agree. I think they could
17:01:59 17 provide protected bike lanes without, you know, really
17:02:05 18 impeding the right-of-way.

17:02:09 19 **MS. LESLIE SKELTON:** Especially if they're going
17:02:11 20 to put a sidewalk.

17:02:11 21 **MR. DAVE DAVIS:** That's it.

17:02:11 22 **MS. LESLIE SKELTON:** Thank you.

17:02:11 23 **THE COURT REPORTER:** What was your name?

17:02:11 24 **MR. DAVE DAVIS:** Dave Davis.

17:35:17 25 **MR. JIM NICHOLS:** Hello. My name is Jim Nichols,

17:35:19 1 3128 North Thompson Lane, and they suggested we come up
17:35:21 2 and make a comment.

17:35:23 3 We have a frontage road of ten-foot tall burning
17:35:31 4 bushes that are very mature, and then three trees that
17:35:35 5 right now are in the new right-of-way, I guess, and we'd
17:35:41 6 like to have somebody look and see if we can avoid --
17:35:45 7 it's taken 15 years to grow them up. We would like to
17:35:47 8 maintain those, if at all possible, as we go through
17:35:47 9 this redesign.

17:35:52 10 **MRS. NICHOLS:** It's a sound buffer and a visual
17:35:55 11 block.

17:35:55 12 **MR. JIM NICHOLS:** That's it.

17:52:42 13 **MR. DONALD STEELE:** I'm Donald Steele.

17:52:44 14 One of the concerns I have is the five-foot flash
17:52:57 15 strip behind the sidewalk. Typically that's only one
17:53:00 16 foot. Then you go down through slopes on this project
17:53:03 17 are showing it to be five feet. Comments have been made
17:53:08 18 that that was at the request of the City of
17:53:12 19 Murfreesboro, and one of the individuals told me they
17:53:16 20 thought it was because of utilities.

17:53:19 21 It is my understanding that utilities cannot be
17:53:24 22 placed within the State's right-of-way. I would request
17:53:28 23 that they look at that five-foot strip and try to reduce
17:53:33 24 it to one foot and then start coming down the slope,
17:53:37 25 because it greatly impacts the amount of slope easement

17:53:42 1 and right-of-way that they need for the project.

17:53:53 2 Another concern I have is that the
17:53:58 3 right-of-way -- I'm going to back up.

17:54:04 4 I'm concerned about the existing centerline of
17:54:08 5 the roadway and proposed centerline roadway alignment.
17:54:23 6 At this location at Track 153 most of the roadway was
17:54:31 7 shifted to the east, it wasn't split up equally east and
17:54:36 8 west; so it greatly impacts our property. The reason
17:54:42 9 being -- the reason why it was done that way, it is my
17:54:45 10 understanding, is because utilities -- existing
17:54:48 11 utilities; overhead utilities. I feel like what's fair
17:54:53 12 is fair. If, indeed, we have to shift the roadway that
17:54:58 13 direction to the east, then there need to be some other
17:55:02 14 adjustments made to alleviate some of the issues that I
17:55:05 15 will have. Notably, there is a Middle Tennessee
17:55:10 16 Electric power line on the east side of my property, and
17:55:15 17 it would be nice if they could all be combined to one
17:55:22 18 set of lines on the west side. If you're going to
17:55:24 19 retain the west side's utilities, I would like to see if
17:55:25 20 we could get that utility moved to the west side also.

17:55:41 21 I'd also request that they look at the vertical
17:55:46 22 alignment of the roadway at this location. The roadway
17:55:49 23 is out of the ground quite a bit, and if the vertical
17:55:56 24 alignment could be adjusted downward, it might eliminate
17:56:01 25 some of the slope easement, cut down the impact on not

17:56:02 1 only my property, but the adjacent properties.

17:56:09 2 Another comment is concerning Cherry Lane. I
17:56:14 3 think it would be a great service to the city -- the
17:56:17 4 residents of Murfreesboro and the outlying areas if
17:56:21 5 Cherry Lane was constructed first, then Thompson Lane
17:56:27 6 widening could be done at a later date. The reason
17:56:30 7 being: It would allow people to have an alternate route
17:56:33 8 and not have to go through the construction traffic -- I
17:56:37 9 mean construction area, helping the residents and the
17:56:41 10 community in general.

17:56:49 11 I'm disappointed that the Cherry Lane project and
17:56:55 12 the Thompson Lane projects; the designs, weren't taking
17:57:00 13 into more consideration as far as the traffic flows or
17:57:04 14 traffic counts. My understanding from tonight's meeting
17:57:07 15 is that they were independent projects and their impacts
17:57:11 16 may not have been taken into consideration. I believe
17:57:15 17 that the Cherry Lane project will take a tremendous
17:57:20 18 amount of traffic off of Thompson Lane and improve the
17:57:26 19 level of service.

17:57:33 20 During the meeting a citizen raised the issue of
17:57:38 21 what about just having a center turn lane, that that
17:57:42 22 would greatly improve the project, may not need the full
17:57:45 23 width. I can see where we need some additional width,
17:57:48 24 but with her concern just adding the minimum, if we had
17:57:53 25 center lanes and right turn lanes, it would greatly

17:57:56 1 improve the roadway. It might not be sufficient for
17:57:59 2 long term, but it would improve the project or improve
17:58:05 3 the roadway.

17:58:09 4 I'm also concerned about the additional drainage
17:58:13 5 that would be dropped at the Lot 135 at a proposed catch
17:58:37 6 basin, or I should say a proposed outlet.

17:58:38 7 I would request that the State look at phasing
17:58:42 8 this project. It's approximately four and a half miles
17:58:46 9 of roadway, including a bridge, and the public may be
17:58:50 10 better served if it was broken into phases.

11 (No further comments were given.)

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD

I, Jeanine D. Everhart, do hereby certify that a design public meeting was held on SR-268 (Thompson Lane), commencing at 5:00 o'clock p.m. at 135 West Thompson Lane, Siegel Elementary School, Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, on the above-mentioned date; that I was authorized to and did report in stenotype the meeting in said cause, and that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct computer-aided transcription of my stenotype notes of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Jeanine D. Everhart, Court Reporter
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