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## Memo

To: Purchasing  
From: Chico Messer, P.E. Assistant Highway Superintendent

RE: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Axis Fabrication Access Road

The original contract issued by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) the State Industrial Access (SIA) grant project 05LPM-S3-070 servicing Axis Fabrication access road did not require a NEPA study. On September 27 2022, we received a Notice To Proceed (NTP) for a NEPA study on the stated project. The engineering design for the access road will not be reviewed until the NEPA document is submitted, reviewed and approved by the appropriate office within TDOT.

Mr. Chris Soro with C2RL Engineers has submitted a proposal to prepare the NEPA documents. The total cost is \$30,380 and Blount County needs to fund this modification. The Industrial Development Board (IDB) will reimburse Blount County for all costs associated with the NEPA process.

Due to the tight time constraints on the project, we need to fund the modification now to allow the process to move forward. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at 865-221-2091.

Chico Messer, P.E.  
Assistant Highway Superintendent