

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-013

**SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS JARED ANDERSON, NICK BRIGHT,
MISTY DAVIS, AND RICK CARVER**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION FORWARDING
REVISIONS TO THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 13-3-301 et seq., the Blount County Regional Planning Commission is authorized to make and adopt a general regional plan for the physical development of the unincorporated territory within Blount County; and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Regional Planning Commission has adopted proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for Blount County, as prepared by consultants and attached as Exhibit A to the proposed resolution approving it; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the proposed Plan contains several worthwhile and meritorious proposals that have been the result of diligent study and extensive public input; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission nevertheless finds that certain provisions of the proposed Plan are unacceptable and do not reflect sound policy for Blount County, including, but not limited to:

1. The failure of the Plan to contain any actionable or specific recommendations to address the growing problems of road congestion, traffic safety, or the burden of development on existing infrastructure in many parts of the County;
2. Goal H 2.1. - The proposed recommendation that the County acquire and maintain an inventory of vacant public lands for the future development of affordable housing, which would improperly commit public assets without adequate legislative oversight or public support;
3. The inclusion of proposals to add bike lanes on County roads, many of which are rural and not designed or maintained in a manner that would safely or effectively accommodate bicycle infrastructure;
4. Goal T.1.2. – The recommendation to “Partner with the Knoxville TPO and East Tennessee South RPO to include Complete Streets design in the development and widening of roadways,” which is also unrealistic for many of our County roads;

WHEREAS, these provisions reflect policies that the Commission does not support and which are not aligned with the immediate needs or long-term goals of Blount County residents; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a comprehensive plan carries statutory implications under T.C.A. § 13-3-304, including requiring future land use decisions to be consistent with the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission requests that several revisions to the Plan be reviewed by the Planning Commission and considered for adoption in the final Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS meeting in regular session on this 18th day of January, 2026, that the Board hereby forwards the proposed Comprehensive Plan for Blount County as previously submitted by the Regional Planning Commission (and as attached hereto as Exhibit A), back to the Regional Planning Commission, to consider the revisions as noted on Exhibit B, which would supersede and replace Chapter 8 of the proposed Plan regarding Goals and Policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Vetoed