



TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Jeff Headrick

RE: Additional Funding for a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
Study for Axis Fabrication Access Road

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The scope of the work was for a new access road for Axis Fabrication to construct a new manufacturing facility in Blount County. The original funding was appropriated with Resolution 22-07-006. The original contract issued by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and 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 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.