

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07-002

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Mike Caylor, Scott King, and Dawn Reagan

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT), THE CITY OF MARYVILLE, AND THE CITY OF ALCOA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SR-162 EXTENSION (PELLISSIPPI PARKWAY), FROM NEAR SR-33 TO SR-73 (US-321) (TMA)

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has presented a Local Agency Project Agreement (the "Agreement") to Blount County, Tennessee, concerning the construction of SR-162 Extension (Pellissippi Parkway), from near SR-33 to SR-73, and the same has been designated as PIN: 101423.00; Federal Project Number: HPP/NH-162(7) / HPP-162(3); State Project Number: 05097-3233-14; and Contract Number: 260054 (the "SR-162 Extension"); and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Commission has determined that the above-referenced project will benefit Blount County, Tennessee and the citizens thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maryville, the City of Alcoa, and Blount County are vitally interested in the economic welfare of their citizens and wish to provide necessary leadership to enhance the area's capabilities for growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Commission wishes to cooperate with the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation in the construction of the SR-162 Extension in response to the increased traffic stress on the current transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution supports prior Resolution No. 11-10-009, which was passed by a prior Board of Commissioners on 10/20/2011, as an acceptable alternative plan for the Pellissippi Parkway Extension (SR 162) Blount County, PIN 101423.00; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement is incorporated herein by reference, the same as if copied herein verbatim, with a copy of said Agreement attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of said Agreement as submitted by the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation, are accepted and approved by the Blount County Commission and Blount County shall fulfill all obligations concomitant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation is requiring a \$5,000,000 local match from Blount County to be paid over a four-year period beginning in Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board No. 54 allows transfers of committed fund balance from Debt Service Fund 151 to General County Fund 101 with County Commission approval; and

WHEREAS, as of June 30, 2025, Blount County has \$23,190,735 of committed fund balance and projects to have \$24,400,000 as of June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the committed funds to be transferred are a result of accumulated unspent revenues

committed to the fund by the commission over previous years that include unspent local option sales tax and interest income; and

WHEREAS, with this transfer, the debt service fund balance will remain at a healthy balance of \$19,400,000; and

WHEREAS, the initial payment for FY 26/27 will be budgeted with the current year re-appropriations with subsequent years being included in the annual budget by use of fund balance due to the transferred funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, that the Commission hereby approves for Blount County to enter into the Agreement, along with the City of Maryville and the City of Alcoa, with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for assistance, construction/improvement and completion of the proposed SR-162 Extension and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the contract on behalf of Blount County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Blount County will transfer \$5,000,000 in the current fiscal year from Debt Service Fund 151 to General County Fund 101 and then remit payments to the Tennessee Department of Transportation \$1,250,000 per year over a four-year period beginning in June 2027.

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

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Vetoed