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March 15, 2021

The Honorable Ed Mitchell
Mayor of Blount County
341 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804

RE: PROPOSAL TO BLOUNT COUNTY

Federal Project No.: N/A
State Project No.: 05950-2542-04
County of Blount
Pin No.: 130817.00

Industrial Access Serving Project Pearl Route: SIA

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

A TDOT Right of Way Agent is handing you one (1) set of plans and three (3) copies of the proposal on the above referenced project. The State representative handing you the proposal will be willing to answer any questions you may have or obtain the answers for you. **Following acceptance, three (3) copies of each proposal should be returned to me, each accompanied by a certified copy of the ordinance or resolution, whichever is applicable.** An example of a resolution with the necessary legal language is attached.

It is to be noted that we cannot begin buying the rights-of-way for this project until the county has accepted the proposal and same has been reviewed and approved by the Department attorney. Therefore, your earliest attention to this matter will be appreciated.

We appreciate your cooperation and if we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Yours truly,

Sheena Foster
ROW Manager 2
Right-of-Way Office
Attachment

PROPOSAL

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

TO THE COUNTY OF BLOUNT, TENNESSEE:

The DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION of the State of Tennessee, hereinafter "DEPARTMENT", proposes to construct a project in the County of Blount, Tennessee, hereinafter "COUNTY", designated as Federal Project No. , State Project No. 05950-1542-04,05950-3542-04,05950-2542-04 , that is described as "Industrial Access Serving Project Pearl Route: SIA", provided the COUNTY agrees to cooperate with the DEPARTMENT as set forth in this proposal, so that the general highway program may be carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly of the State.

Accordingly, the parties agree as follows:

1. That in the event any civil actions in inverse condemnation or for damages are instituted by reason of the DEPARTMENT, or its contractor, going upon the highway right-of-way and easements, and constructing said project in accordance with the plans and as necessary to make the completed project functional, it will notify in writing the Attorney General of the State, whose address is 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243, of the institution of each civil action, the complaint and all subsequent pleadings, within ten (10) days after the service of each of the same, under penalty of defending such actions and paying any judgments which result therefrom at its own expense.

2. The COUNTY will close or otherwise modify any of its roads or other public ways if indicated on the project plans, as provided by law.

3. The COUNTY will transfer or cause to be transferred to the DEPARTMENT, without cost to the DEPARTMENT, all land owned by the COUNTY or by any of its instrumentalities as

required for right-of-way or easement purposes, provided such land is being used or dedicated for road or other public way purposes.

4. Where privately, publicly or cooperatively owned utility lines, facilities and systems for producing, transmitting or distributing communications, power, electricity, light, heat, gas, oil, crude products, water, steam, waste, storm water not connected with highway drainage, and other similar commodities, including publicly owned facilities such as fire and police signal systems and street lighting systems are located within the right-of-way of any road or other public way owned by the COUNTY, or any of its instrumentalities, the COUNTY agrees that it will take any action necessary to require the removal or adjustment of any of the above-described facilities as would conflict with the construction of the project. But the foregoing may not be a duty of the COUNTY since it shall become operative only after the DEPARTMENT has been unsuccessful in its efforts to provide for said removals or adjustments for the benefit of the COUNTY.

The foregoing does not apply to those utility facilities which are owned by the COUNTY or one of its instrumentalities, it being understood that the COUNTY has the duty to relocate or adjust such facilities, if required, provided the COUNTY is notified to do so by the DEPARTMENT with detailed advice as to this duty of the COUNTY.

5. The COUNTY will maintain any frontage road to be constructed as part of the project;

6. After the project is completed and open to traffic, the COUNTY will accept jurisdiction and maintenance such parts of any existing DEPARTMENT highway to be replaced by the project, as shown on the attached map.

7. The COUNTY will make no changes or alter any segment of a road on its road system that lies within the limits of the right-of-way acquired for any interchange to be constructed as part of the project and will not permit the installation or relocation of any utility facilities within the right-of-way of any such a segment of one of its roads without first obtaining the approval of the

DEPARTMENT.

8. No provision hereof shall be construed as changing the maintenance responsibility of the COUNTY for such part of the project as may presently be on its highway, street, road or bridge system.

9. It is understood and agreed between the DEPARTMENT and the COUNTY that all traffic control signs for the control of traffic on a street under the jurisdiction of the COUNTY and located within the DEPARTMENT's right-of-way shall be maintained and replaced by the COUNTY.

10. When traffic control devices for the direction or warning of traffic, lighting of roadways or signing, or any of them, which are operated or function by the use of electric current are constructed or installed as part of the project, they will be furnished with electricity and maintained by the COUNTY.

11. If, as a result of acquisition and use of right-of-way for the project, any building and/or structure improvements become in violation of a COUNTY setback line or building and/or structure requirement, including, but not limited to, on-premise signs, the COUNTY agrees to waive enforcement of the COUNTY setback line or building and/or structure requirement and take other proper governmental action as necessary to accomplish such waiver.

12. If, as a result of acquisition and use of right-of-way for the project, any real property retained by any property owner shall become in violation of a COUNTY zoning regulation or requirement, the COUNTY agrees to waive enforcement of the COUNTY zoning regulation or requirement and take other proper governmental action as necessary to accomplish such waiver.

13. The COUNTY will not authorize encroachments of any kind upon the right-of-way, nor will the COUNTY authorize use of the easements for the project in any manner which affects the DEPARTMENT's use thereof.

14. The COUNTY will obtain the approval of the DEPARTMENT before authorizing parking on the right-of-way and easements for the project.

15 The COUNTY will not install or maintain any device for the purpose of regulating the movement of traffic on the roadway except as warranted and in conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

16. If the project is classified as full access control (i.e. a project which has no intersecting streets at grade), then the DEPARTMENT will maintain the completed project. If the project is not classified as full access control, then the DEPARTMENT will maintain the pavement from curb to curb where curbs exist, or will maintain full width of the roadway where no curb exist. The COUNTY agrees to maintain all other parts of non-access control projects; provided, however, that any retaining walls, box culverts, or other like structures constructed as part of the project that supports the structural integrity or stability of the roadway surface shall be maintained by the DEPARTMENT.

17. If a sidewalk is constructed as a component of this project, the COUNTY shall be responsible for maintenance of the sidewalk and shall assume all liability for third-party claims for damages arising from its use of the sidewalk or premises beyond the DEPARTMENT'S maintenance responsibilities as set forth in section 16 of this proposal.

18. When said project is completed, the COUNTY thereafter will not permit any additional median crossovers, the cutting of the pavement, curbs, gutters and sidewalks, by any person, firm, corporation, or governmental agency, without first obtaining the approval of the DEPARTMENT.

19. The DEPARTMENT will acquire the right-of-way and easements, construct the project and defend any inverse condemnation for damage or civil actions of which the Attorney General has received the notice and pleadings provided for herein; provided, however, that if the project is being constructed pursuant to a contract administered by the DEPARTMENT's Local Programs

Development Office, the terms of that contract shall control in the event of a conflict with this proposal.

20. The project plans hereinbefore identified by number and description are incorporated herein by reference and shall be considered a part of this proposal, including any revisions or amendments thereto, provided a copy of each is furnished the COUNTY.

21. The acceptance of this proposal shall be evidenced by the passage of a resolution or by other proper governmental action, which shall incorporate this proposal verbatim or make reference thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DEPARTMENT has caused this proposal to be executed by its duly authorized official on this the ____ day of _____, 20__.
THE COUNTY OF _____, TENNESSEE

BY: _____
MAYOR

DATE: _____

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: _____
CLAY BRIGHT
COMMISSIONER

DATE: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

BY: _____
JOHN REINBOLD
GENERAL COUNSEL

DATE: _____