

RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-012

Sponsored by Commissioners Nick Bright, Jeff Jopling and Steve Mikels

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS URGING
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR THE PELLISSIPPI PARKWAY EXTENSION.**

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the Selected Alternative (Preferred Alternative identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)) to complete the extension of Pellissippi Parkway to US 321/SR 73; and

WHEREAS, the subject project involves extending and constructing a new section of Pellissippi Parkway (State Route [SR] 162) in Blount County, Tennessee. The project begins at the current terminus of Pellissippi Parkway/Interstate 140 (I-140) and extends from SR 33 (Old Knoxville Highway) to US 321/SR 73 (Lamar Alexander Parkway) in Blount County. The project is about 4.38 miles in length; and

WHEREAS, Blount County land owners directly impacted by this extension feel they were alienated in the process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Blount County Legislative Body meeting in regular session on June 17, 2021, that the Tennessee Department of Transportation is hereby urged to hold a publicly advertised, in-person hearing at a venue that accommodates a large crowd for public input regarding the extension of Pellissippi Parkway to US 321/SR 73.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption, copies of the signed resolution shall be forwarded to the Tennessee Department of Transportation by the Blount County Clerk.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date