



MEMORANDUM

TO: North RPO Executive Board and Technical Committee Members
DMB

FROM: Don M. Brown, Transportation Planner

DATE: May 3, 2023

SUBJECT: North RPO Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee Meeting

The East Tennessee North Rural Planning Organization, RPO, Executive Board and Technical Committee will meet jointly Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. eastern time. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium in the TDOT Regional Administration Building located at 7345 Region Lane in Knoxville, TN. A map with directions is enclosed.

Also enclosed are the agenda, a proxy letter, a list of voting members, minutes from previous meetings and other documents.

If you are a voting member and unable to attend, please designate a proxy in writing to represent you at this meeting. A list of the voting members is attached. If designating a proxy, please advise me by email at dbrown@etdd.org or complete the enclosed proxy form and return to me by email at dbrown@etdd.org or by fax at 865-273-6010.

Please contact me at 865-273-6003 or dbrown@etdd.org if you have any questions.

	NRPO Voting Member May 2023		
Executive Board			
County Mayor	Terry	Frank **	Anderson County
County Mayor	Jack	Lynch	Campbell County
County Mayor	Joe	Brooks *	Claiborne County
County Mayor	Mike	Byrd	Grainger County
County Excutive	Brian	Langley	Morgan County
County Mayor	Jerried	Jeffers	Scott County
County Mayor	Jason	Bailey	Union County
Municipal Representative	Chris	Mitchell	Norris
<i>Proxy Pending</i>	<i>Charles</i>	<i>Ledford</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for Mayor Mitchell</i>
Municipal Representative	Phillip	Farmer	LaFollette
Municipal Representative	Troy	Poore	Harrogate
Municipal Representative	Ben	Waller	Bean Station
<i>Proxy</i>			<i>Perm Proxy for Mayor Waller</i>
Municipal Representative	Phil	Vespie	Wartburg
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Keck</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for Mayor Vespie</i>
Municipal Representative	Dennis	Jeffers	Huntsville
Municipal Representative	Ty	Blakely	Union Co. municipality
Legislative Representatives	Dennis	Powers	State Rep. 36th District
Legislative Representatives	Ken	Yager	State Senate 12th District
Technical Committee			
Road Superintendent	Gary	Long	Anderson County
Road Superintendent	Ron	Dilbeck	Campbell County
Road Superintendent	Ron	Pittman	Claiborne County
Road Superintendent	Charles	McAnally	Grainger County
Road Superintendent	Joe H.	Miller Jr.	Morgan County
Road Superintendent	Kelvin	King	Scott County
Road Superintendent	David	Cox	Union County
County Representative	Vacant		Anderson County
County Representative	Randy	Brown	Campbell County
County Representative	Joe	Brooks	Claiborne County
County Representative	David A.	Lietzke, Ph.D.	Grainger County
County Representative	Roger	Long *	Morgan County
County Representative	Dave	Cross	Scott County
County Representative	Greg	Corum	Union County
Municipal Representative	Mike	Ellis	Anderson County
Municipal Representative	Stan	Foust	Campbell County
Municipal Representative	Mayor Bill	Fannon	Claiborne County
Municipal Representative	Fred	Sykes	Grainger County
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Stacy</i>	<i>Harbin</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for Mayor Sykes</i>
Municipal Representative	Michael	Nance	Morgan County
Municipal Representative	Jim	Morrow	Scott County
Municipal Representative	Marilyn	Toppins**	Union County
Modal Representative	Mike	Patterson	Public Transportation
Modal Representative	Chuck	Faulkner	Bike/Ped
ETDD	Rick	Yakubic	ETDD
Citizen Representative	E. L.	Morton	ETHRA
TPO Representative	Mike	Conger	Knoxville Regional TPO

PROXY LETTER

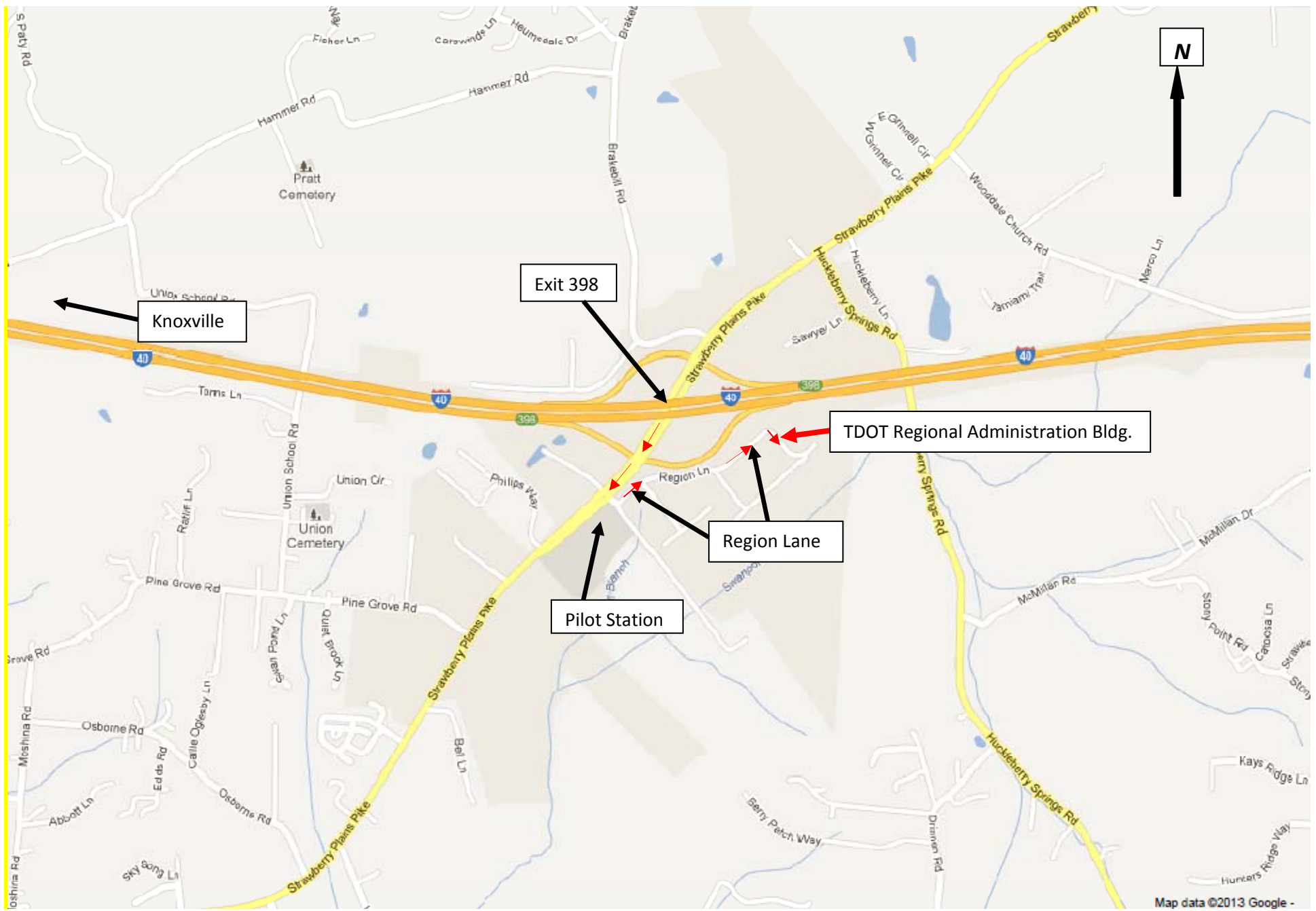
Date: _____

I, _____ (name), of _____ (agency), hereby designate _____ (name of proxy) to represent me and to vote as my proxy during the _____ (meeting date) meeting of the North Rural Planning Organization.

Sincerely,

Name

Title



Directions: Take I-40 to Exit 398 – Strawberry Plains Pike. Turn south onto Strawberry Plains Pike. Turn left onto Regions Lane and continue to TDOT Regional Administration Bldg. On the front of the building, you will see “Fred B. Corum, Regional Administration Building, Tennessee Department of Transportation”.

AGENDA
East Tennessee North Rural Planning Organization
Joint Technical Committee & Executive Board Meeting
May 18, 2023
1:00 p.m. Eastern Time
TDOT Region 1 Auditorium

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| 1. Welcome / Call to Order | Mayor Brooks
Chairman Executive Board |
| 2. Determination of Quorum / Roll Call | Don Brown |
| 3. Approval of November 15, 2022 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes ** | Roger Long
Chairman Technical Committee |
| 4. Approval of November 15, 2022 Executive Board Meeting Minutes ** | Chairman Brooks |
| 5. Tennessee Transportation Legislative Update | Brett Howell
TCHOA, Executive Director
and TDOT Staff |
| 6. TDOT's FY 2024 - 2026 Multimodal Program | TDOT Staff |
| 7. TDOT Project Updates | TDOT Staff |
| 8. Protect 1 – Resiliency Plans, Carbon Reduction & NEVI Funding | TDOT Staff |
| 9. Coordinator's Report | Laura Smith |
| 10. Questions / Discussion / Other Business | Chairman Brooks |
| 11. Public Comment | Chairman Brooks |
| 12. Adjourn | Chairman Brooks |

**** Requires Action by Voting Members**

Lunch served around 12:00 noon, before the meeting.

**ETDD North Rural Planning Organization
Joint Executive Board & Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
TDOT Region 1 Headquarters Auditorium
November 15, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
Knoxville, TN
REVISED 12/8/22**

MINUTES

Voting Members Present

Executive Board: Mayor Mike Byrd, Mayor Ben Waller (by proxy David Williams), Senator Ken Yager (by proxy Brian Langley), Mayor Brian Langley, Mayor Dennis Jeffers, Mayor Joe Brooks, State Representative Dennis Powers (by proxy Rick Yakubic), Mayor Chris Mitchell (by proxy Adam Ledford), State Senator Ken Yager (by proxy Brian Langley), Mayor Jack Lynch (by proxy Randy Brown), Mayor Terry Frank, Mayor Phil Vespie (by proxy Mark Keck), Mayor Jerried Jeffers, Mayor Jason Bailey (by proxy Marilyn Toppins)

Technical Committee: Mike Patterson (by proxy Brent Gagley), Marilyn Toppins, Michael Foster, David Lietzke, Larry West (by proxy Dennis Jeffers), Rick Yakubic, Mayor Fred Sykes (by proxy David Williams), Joe Miller, Kelvin King, Mayor Joe Brooks, Randy Brown, Charles Faulkner, Charlie McAnally, David Cox (by proxy Marilyn Toppins)

TDOT and Agencies Support Present

Stacy Morrison (TDOT), Ronda Sawyer (TDOT), Troy Ebbert (TDOT), Stacy Weaver (TDOT), Don Brown (ETDD), Christie Burt (ETDD), Randy DesGroselliers (LAMTPO), Randy Busler (TDOT), Bryan Bartnik (TDOT), Christie Brown (TDOT), Kristin Qualls (TDOT), Laura Smith (ETDD), Michelle Christian (TDOT), Dexter Justis (TDOT)

Others Present

Jeffrey Lewis (New Tazewell City Council), Leigh Brown (Morgan Co. Hwy. Dept.), Jeff Mize (CDM Smith)

Welcome / Call to Order

The meeting began at approximately 1:00 p.m. Technical Committee Vice Chair, Marilyn Toppins called the joint meeting of the Executive Board and Technical Committee to order.

Determination of Quorum / Roll Call

Quorums were present for both the Technical Committee and Executive Board. The roll call was waived.

Approval of June 29, 2022, Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Toppins asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2022, Technical Committee Meeting. David Lietzke made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Joe Miller. Members of the Technical Committee approved the minutes.

Approval of June 29, 2022, Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Mayor Frank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2022, Executive Board Meeting. Brian Langley made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Joe Brooks. Members of the Executive Board approved the minutes.

Election of New Executive Board Chairperson

Mayor Frank asked for nominations to elect new Chairperson of Executive Board. Mike Byrd moved to nominate Joe Brooks as Chairperson which was seconded by Brian Langley and approved unanimously.

Discussion of the Project Ranking Procedure

Don Brown discussed the process to be used in ranking the projects and the two options available for the prioritizations process to either adopt the previous rankings or agree to alternative rankings which could then be voted on. Mr. Brown also discussed the project Criteria Weight and the information on the “NRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022” with these documents also provided in the meeting folders. Mr. Brown explained what a “committed” project entailed and how over time projects work their way up the list. He also explained that “previously funded projects” were being funded and moving towards toward the construction phase.

TDOT Presentation of the List of Prioritization and Projects to be Ranked

Randy Busler with TDOT noted that when working with railroad rights-of-way that have zoning influence, a letter to the mayor’s office for a signature would be needed to proceed with a project.

Dexter Justis, Director of TDOT’s Region 1 Project Development, discussed the process of how projects were ranked historically and the number of years until construction. Fiscal year 2024 will begin a new 3-year program. Mr. Justis went over each of the projects on the “NRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022”. Mr. Justice discussed each project description, the status, and the project readiness to move to the next phase.

Technical Committee Vote on Project Ranking

After discussion, a motion was made by Joe Miller and seconded by David Lietzke to adopt the project ranking shown on the column “POTENTIAL November 15, 2022, Ranking Based on Previous Rankings” on the presented “NRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022”. After further discussion, Joe Brooks recommended that the projects be ranked as shown in the column “Revised Nov. 2022 Ranking” on the attached “NRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022, Revised 12/8/22”. David Lietzke amended his

original motion and moved that Joe Brooks recommended list be adopted. The motion as amended was seconded by Joe Brooks and then approved by the Technical Committee.

Executive Board Vote on Project Ranking

A motion was made by Mike Byrd and seconded by Mark Keck to adopt the same project ranking adopted by the Technical Committee. The motion passed. The adopted ranking is shown on the attached.

Presentation of “New Start” Projects

Don Brown provided information on “New Start” projects which are projects not budgeted for engineering, right-of-way or construction. Two potential new start projects include the 1. Widening of SR 33 from Mountain Rd. to First Ave. in New Tazewell, Claiborne County and 2. Addressing deficiencies including horizontal and vertical alignment and shoulder width on SR 29/US 27 from SR 62 in Wartburg to SR 329 in Sunbright, Morgan County. A vote would be needed.

Technical Committee Vote & Endorsement of New Starts

David Lietzke moved to rank the Claiborne County project as number 1 and the Morgan County project as number 2 and recommend them as new starts. The motion was seconded by Joe Miller and the motion passed.

Executive Board Vote & Endorsement of New Starts

Joe Brooks moved to adopt the same ranking and recommendation as approved by the Technical Committee which was seconded by Mark Keck. The motion passed.

Coordinator’s Report

Don Brown provided the RPO Coordinators report including and noted addition of introduced Laura Smith as new staff member at ETDD.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

REVISED 12/8/22										NRPO PROJECT RANKING LIST NOVEMBER 15, 2022									
REVISIED Nov. 2022	Potential Nov. 15, 2022 Ranking Based on Previous	Dec. 2021 Ranking	Map No.	PIN	Route	County	Description	Remaining Phase	Committed/ Proposed	Project Length	Project Type	Total Cost (mil)							
1	1	1	3	101411.02	SR-29 US-27	Morgan	From North of SR-328 to North of Ray Cross Rd/Mossy Grove Rd (Formerly Westminster Rd) (IA)	Construction	Proposed	2.5	Reconstruction	\$94.60							
5	2	2	5	101414.02	SR-29 US-27	Scott	(Lon Foust Hwy.) From Near Wolf Creek Road to Near Old US-27 at Robbins (***) (Re-Budgeted-ROW) (IA)	Right-of-Way/Construction	Proposed	4.2	Construct 3-In with truck climbing lane on new alignment	\$57.00							
6	3	3	7	104563.02	SR-61	Union	From North David Drive to Tater Valley Road (EPD/PHASE 2) (IA)	Right-of-Way/Construction	Proposed	2.2	Widen to super two-lane and spot improvements.	\$6.50							
7	4	4	8	104563.04	SR-61	Union	From North of Archer Road to South of Jim Town Road (PHASE 2) (IA)	Construction	Proposed	4.5	Spot Safety Improvements between LM 14.04 and 18.56	\$6.50							
2	5	5	10	124153.00	I-75	Campbell	FROM NEAR MM 135 TO NEAR MM 160 (SR-9/US-25W, JELICO (IA)	Construction	Proposed	25	ITS Expansion to include the installation of a power and communication network and fog and severe weather detection system over Jellico Mountain	\$10.40							
8	6	6	4	101411.03	SR-29 US-27	Morgan	North of Ray Cross Rd/Mossy Grove Rd (Formerly Westminster Rd) to SR-62 in Wartburg (IA)	Construction	Proposed	4.9	Widen 2-In to 4-In (plus center turn lane)	\$39.60							
9	7	7	6	101415.00	SR-52	Scott	From Morgan County Line to SR-29 (US-27) (EPD) (IA)	Construction	Proposed	5.1	Super Two-Lane	\$18.00							
3	8	8	1	101410.01	SR-1 US-11W	Grainger	From West of Helton Road to Bean Station (IA)	Construction	Proposed	5.1	Widen 2-In to 5-In	\$63.00							
10	9	9	2	101410.02	SR-1 US-11W	Grainger	From Rutledge to West of Helton Road (IA)	Construction	Proposed	5.6	Widen 2-In to 5-In	\$25.50							
4	10	10	14	128535.00	I-75	Campbell	ITS Expansion at SR-63 (Howard Baker Road., Exit 141) Interchange and SR-9/SR-116 (US-25W, Exit 134) Interchange (IA)	Construction	Proposed	0.3	Intelligent Transportation System	\$1.70							
11	11	PE 1	13	124516.03	SR-62	Morgan	From Rock Bridge Road in Morgan County to near SR-61 in Roane County (IA)	PE/Right-of-Way/Construction	Proposed	4.7	Widen	\$112.60							
12	12	PE 2	12	124516.02	SR-62	Morgan	(Knoxville Highway), From SR-116 to Rock Bridge Road (IA)	PE/Right-of-Way/Construction	Proposed	3.3	Widen	\$151.70							
13	13	PE 3	11	124516.01	SR-62	Morgan	(Knoxville Highway), From Petit Lane to SR-116 (IA)	PE/Right-of-Way/Construction	Proposed	3.1	Widen	\$54.30							
14	14	PE 4	9	124147.00	I-75	Campbell	From Near Anderson-Campbell County Line to Near SR-9 (Appalachian HWY.) RT. and 2425 Royal Blue Rd. Lt. (IA)	PE/Right-of-Way/Construction	Proposed	4.8	Widen	\$65.80							
15	15	PE 5	15 & 16	128128.00	SR-29 US-27	Scott	(Oneida Bypass) From 5-lane section south of Oneida to 5-lane section north of Oneida	PE	Proposed	5.1	Preliminary Engineering	\$4.00							
16	16	N/R	15	128128.01	SR-29 US-27	Scott	(Oneida Bypass) From 5-lane section south of Oneida to near Depot Street	Right-of-Way/Construction	Proposed	1.7	Widen	\$38.00							
17	17	N/R	16	128128.02	SR-29 US-27	Scott	(Oneida Bypass) From Depot St. to 5-lane section north of Oneida	Right-of-Way/Construction	Proposed	4.2	New alignment	\$53.00							
N/A	N/A	Funded 2021	17	101406.04	SR-63	Campbell	(Howard Baker Hwy.) From Near Intersection of SR-297 and West of Old SR-63 to West of Stinking Creek Rd (Truck Climbing Lane) (***) (IA)	Construction	Committed	0.8	Construct truck climbing lane and intersection improvements at the intersection of SR-297 and SR-63.	\$8.20							
New Starts																			
1	N/R	N/R			SR 33	Claiborne	From Mountain Road to First Avenue in New Tazewell	PE, R-O-W, Construction	New Start	2.8	Widen existing roadway								
											Draft Technical Report / Corridor Study completed July 2021								
2	N/R	N/R			SR 29/US 27	Morgan	From SR 62 in Wartburg to SR 329 in Sunbright	PE, R-O-W, Construction	New Start	11.91	Widen existing roadway w some on new alignment								
											Transportation Planning Report completed in March 2011								