

To: Anne Hosea-Majors
From: Jason Tays, TDOT Project Manager
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Subject: Response to questions about survey activities on a proposed road servicing a future industrial development in Coffee County

Anne,

Thank you for your inquiry. We appreciate the opportunity to provide accurate information about the survey work underway near the industrial site in Coffee County. In light of recent speculation, we want to make sure the community understands what is happening and why. As part of a partnership with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD), TDOT is in the early engineering stages for an access road to support a proposed industrial development. This is not a state route and not a TDOT-initiated project. For questions related to development of the site itself, the ECD is the appropriate point of contact.

TDOT is conducting survey activities at the industrial park and several adjacent properties. Survey letters sent to nearby property owners have prompted some questions locally, and TDOT has been providing clarification as needed. This work is focused solely on collecting data to support planning and design for a potential industrial access route connecting SR 53 and SR 55 to serve the site.

Surveying a property does not necessarily indicate acquisition of that property. By capturing detailed geographical and physical information about the area, the survey enables designers to make informed decisions that optimize available space and resources while carefully considering potential effects on surrounding property owners. TDOT is also in the process of procuring a roadway design consultant for the project. Current planning includes a signalized intersection at SR 53, a proposed signalized intersection at SR 55 (pending updated traffic counts), and one structure crossing the railroad near the SR 55 connection. Right-of-way activities are anticipated for FY 2028. TDOT's aim is to have the project "shovel-ready" by FY 2029.

Our goal is to be transparent and keep the community informed as this proposed project moves forward. We appreciate your efforts to share accurate information with residents and will gladly support continued communication as additional details become available.

Thank you,

Jason Tays
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