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## Hamilton County Installs Driver Feedback Systems Along Heavily-Trafficked Ooltewah Road to Address Safety Concerns

Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp and the Hamilton County Highway Department today announced the installation of driver feedback systems at three separate locations on Hunter Road in Ooltewah. The sole function of these devices is to alert drivers when they have exceeded the speed limit, and they will not be used for ticketing purposes.

"As communities in the eastern part of Hamilton County experience growth beyond what some county roads were designed for, it is imperative we take action to enhance safety on the most dangerous routes," said Mayor Wamp. "I appreciate the Highway Department for working with my office to take this first step towards improving road safety, and I look forward to continuing this conversation during the county's impending budget season."

Following the results from an in-depth traffic study conducted by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) accompanied with community feedback, the Hamilton County Highway Department installed one driver feedback device between Lebron Sterchi Drive and Benwood Drive, a second adjacent to the Crooked Creek neighborhood, and a third device near the Flagstone neighborhood.

This effort furthers Mayor Wamp's commitment to road improvements, including new funding in the FY2024 budget for enhanced safety measures, as roads in unincorporated parts of the county experience unprecedented usage.

In collaboration with the recently established county roads working group, Hamilton County government is actively evaluating additional locations where driver feedback systems are needed on Hamilton County roadways.

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