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County Proposes Redirecting Hilltop Drive Extension Funds to Address Safety and Congestion on Key Ooltewah Roads

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN (April 1, 2026) — Hamilton County today proposed reallocating funding originally designated for the Hilltop Drive extension project to advance targeted improvements along key corridors and intersections in the Ooltewah area. The proposal reflects a strategic shift toward addressing current traffic congestion, improving roadway safety, and meeting current transportation needs in one of the county's fastest-growing communities.

“After hearing clear feedback from the community, we’re shifting our focus to improvements that address pressing traffic and safety concerns,” said Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp. “This proposal allows us to make smarter use of previously allocated funds while responding to the needs of Ooltewah residents.”

The proposed reallocation would continue the County's partnership with Croy Engineering, with originally allocated funds supporting a series of traffic and safety studies and future design work at eight key locations across Ooltewah. These studies will identify problem areas, evaluate potential upgrades, and recommend solutions to reduce congestion and improve overall safety.

Proposed Phase 1 Projects:

- Mahan Gap Road at Ooltewah-Georgetown Road – Intersection Improvements
- Hunter Road near Crooked Creek Drive – Realignment
- Lee Highway (US 64 / US 11) – Continuous Right-Turn Lane Evaluation
- Ooltewah-Georgetown Road – Center Turn Lane Evaluation
- Ooltewah-Georgetown Road at Blanche Road / Mountain View Road – Roundabout Assessment
- Hunter Road – Turn Lane Evaluation
- Hunter Road at Garfield Road – Roundabout Assessment
- I-75 at Volkswagen Drive – Interchange Modifications

Based on the findings, the County would then move forward with detailed design work on two to three of the highest-priority projects identified through the study.

The Hamilton County Commission is scheduled to vote on the proposal at its April 15 meeting.

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