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Hamilton County Advances Key Safety Improvements at Snow Hill Road Intersection in Ooltewah

First Major Project Funded by the County Roads Improvement Fund

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN (August 5, 2026) — Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp today announced a proposal to accept a \$1.9 million bid for improvements at the intersection of Snow Hill Road and Short Tail Springs Road, marking one of the first major projects funded through the County Roads Improvement Fund. Established by Mayor Wamp and District 9 Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Highlander, the fund is the first dedicated county initiative focused exclusively on accelerating road improvements and addressing critical safety needs across Hamilton County.

The planned work will widen portions of the intersection near The Retreats at Snow Hill and Harper Trace subdivisions, improving traffic flow and enhancing safety where multiple roadway safety audits found crash rates above the statewide average.

“This is exactly the kind of project our County Roads Improvement Fund was created to support: targeted investments that solve real problems for people who drive these roads every day,” said **Mayor Wamp**. “We’re following through on our commitment to make long-overdue improvements that enhance safety and ease congestion while making sure tax dollars are spent where they’ll make the biggest difference.”

Since launching the County Roads Improvement Fund in 2024, Mayor Wamp has overseen more than \$16 million in county road improvements, including \$5.8 million added to the fund last year and another \$3.5 million in this year’s adopted budget. The proposed bid came in more than \$600,000 under budget, allowing the county to deliver a long-awaited infrastructure project at a significantly lower cost than anticipated.

“This intersection has become much busier over the years, and these improvements will make a real difference for the families who travel it daily,” said **District 9 Commissioner Steve Highlander**. “Seeing this long-awaited improvement move forward under budget is a win for both the community and taxpayers.”

The County Commission is scheduled to vote on the proposal at its August 19 meeting. If approved, construction is expected to begin in September. Hamilton County has mailed letters to nearby property owners notifying them of the upcoming work, and motorists should expect periodic traffic impacts during construction.

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