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Investing in Better Roads: County Safety Audit Drives Major Road Improvements Across Hamilton County

Long-term targeted investments supporting safer roads and smoother travel

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN (January 15, 2026) — Hamilton County continues to strengthen roadway safety and traffic operations through targeted, data-informed improvements across the county's road network. In early 2025, the county completed its own roadway safety audit for Hunter Road and Snow Hill Road in response to traffic incidents and community feedback. This work builds on years of strategic roadway enhancements, with recommended upgrades planned for implementation over the next 12 to 24 months.

Based on the audit's findings, the following safety improvements are underway:

- Widening white edge lines from four to six inches on major county roads to improve driver visibility
- Adding centerline reflectors, wider edge lines, and driver feedback signs
- Installing larger, more visible roadway signage
- Installing high-visibility guardrail markers
- Making targeted lane adjustments in high-risk areas to improve visibility and sight distance

“With increasing demands on county roads, we have a responsibility to be deliberate about where and how we invest in our infrastructure,” said **Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp**. “We are using this safety audit to address real safety concerns on heavily traveled county roads and ensure taxpayer dollars are used responsibly.”

Completed safety improvements include:

- Installation of centerline reflectors, high-visibility guardrail markers, larger roadway signage, and driver feedback signs on the W Road, Anderson Pike, Retro Hughes Road, Greenwood Road, and Standifer Gap Road

- A reduction in crashes on the W Road, where reported incidents declined from the high 30s to the teens in 2025
- Paving of more than 220 lane miles of county roads since 2022

“This study helped us pinpoint where small, smart changes can make a real difference for drivers,” said **Brandon Mauracher, Director of the Hamilton County Highway Department**. “Whether it’s better striping, clearer signage, or added visibility in key areas, these are practical improvements people will notice—and ones that make county roads safer every day.”

Together, these safety improvements align with the Mayor’s previously announced capital infrastructure initiatives and reflect Hamilton County’s continued investment in safer, more reliable transportation infrastructure for residents and visitors alike.

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