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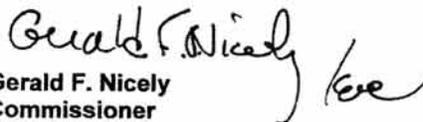
Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Department would like to thank the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) for its assistance in promoting the Delta Development Highway System.

We fully support your mission to improve the economy and transportation network in the eight-state Delta Region, and are happy to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

We look forward to our continuing joint involvement in the development of the Delta Region.

Sincerely,


Gerald F. Nicely
Commissioner

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11. TENNESSEE

There are 21 counties in Tennessee that are a part of the DRA region. There are a total of 442 DDHS miles identified in Tennessee, which constitutes nearly 11.5 percent of the total DDHS miles, of which 392 miles are 2-lane facilities. The Tennessee DDHS improvements consist of widening and upgrading portions of US 45E/SR 43, US 64/SR 15, US 412/SR 20, I-69 and I-269. **Table 12** provides a project description, priority and cost estimate details on each DDHS corridor in Tennessee and **Figure 14** shows the Tennessee DDHS.

Table 12 – Tennessee DDHS (planning-level cost estimates are in millions)

Corridor / Route	Project Description	Cost Estimate	Priority
US 45E/SR 43	Milan eastern bypass, SR 43, south of Milan to SR 43, north of Milan, Gibson County	50.0	Short-Range
US 64/SR 15	Somerville bypass, SR 15, Fayette County	28.0	Short-Range
US 64/SR 15	Boliver bypass, SR 15, west of Boliver to SR 15, east of Boliver, Hardiman County.	69.0	Short-Range
US 64/ SR 15	East of Margin Street, Boliver, to Hornsby Loop Road, Hardeman County	35.0	Short-Range
US 64/SR 15	McClintock Road, Hardeman County, to SR 225, McNairy County	28.0	Short-Range
US 64/SR 15	SR 225 to Sandy Flat Road, McNairy County	21.0	Short-Range
US 64/SR 15	Sandy Flat Road to SR 5/US45, Selmer, McNairy County	29.0	Short-Range
US 64/SR 15	5-lane, Savannah, to Firetower Road, McNairy County	25.0	Short-Range
US 64/SR 15	Firetower Road to Bigbee Branch in Hardin County	36.0	Short-Range
I-69 and I-269	Mississippi State line to Kentucky State line	1,490.0	Long-Range
US 412/ SR 20	From US70/SR 1, in Jackson, to the Tennessee River, plus the 0.44 mile portion, of US 70/SR 1, connecting US 412/SR 20 to I-40, in Jackson County	102.0	Short-Range
TOTAL		1,913	

11.1 Highest Priorities

TDOT's top three (3) projects regardless of cost are:

1. SR 385/proposed I-269, from Mississippi State line to US64/SR 15, Shelby County
 - New four-lane road will complete SR 385/proposed I-269 regional major corridor – 11.6 total miles.
 - Phases: Staged construction to be started in, and continued, from Calendar Year (CY) 2007.
 - TDOT is requesting funding to complete project, currently estimated at \$175 million.
2. US64/SR 15, from west of Somerville, Fayette County to Wayne County line
 - Construction and reconstruction of the US64/SR 15 four-lane corridor being developed to connect the Memphis region to I-24 west of Chattanooga, designated as a strategic regional corridor in the State's Long-range Transportation Plan – 40 total miles.
 - Phases: Staged construction to be started in, and continued, from CY 2007.
 - TDOT is requesting funding to complete corridor, currently estimated at \$281 million.
3. US412/SR 20, from I-40 in Jackson, Madison County to the Tennessee River.
 - Reconstruction of two- to four-lanes, and new location, will continue completion of the US412/SR 20 regional strategic corridor – 43 total miles.
 - Phases: Staged construction to be started in, and continued, from CY 2007.
 - TDOT is requesting funding to complete corridor, currently estimated at \$102 million.

TDOT's top three (3) project segments if provided a total of \$15 million are:

1. Cost share construction costs for Project 1: Route SR 385/proposed I-269, from Mississippi State line to US64/SR 15, Shelby County, currently estimated at \$175 million.

TDOT's top project segment if provided a total of \$5 million.

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Figure 14 – Tennessee DDHS Corridors

