

Resolution No. 25-89

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING TDOT AND GNRC PRIORITIZATION FOR THE WIDENING OF INTERSTATE 65 FROM INTERSTATE 840 [EXIT 59] TO BEAR CREEK PIKE [EXIT 46]

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee and others along this corridor are experiencing significant population growth and increased economic activity, resulting in substantial increases in traffic volume along Interstate 65 (I-65) between Bear Creek Pike and Interstate 840; and

WHEREAS, this increased volume of traffic contributes directly to congestion, increased travel times, and elevated safety risks for all road users, adversely impacting the quality of life for residents, commuters, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, congestion along this critical corridor of I-65 negatively affects economic vitality not only locally but throughout the greater Nashville region by restricting efficient freight movement, reducing reliable access to major employment centers, and diminishing the region's overall economic competitiveness and productivity; and

WHEREAS, widening and improving the capacity of I-65 directly advances regional transportation goals established by the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), including improving roadway safety, maintaining infrastructure in good repair, mitigating congestion, enhancing economic opportunities, minimizing disruptive impacts on communities, and aligning with local, state, and national transportation policies; and

WHEREAS, the perception of the region by visitors, tourists, and potential investors is important to the ongoing economic growth of Spring Hill, Thompson's Station, Columbia, Maury County, Williamson County, and the surrounding municipalities; and

WHEREAS, regional coordination among jurisdictions including Spring Hill, Thompson's Station, Columbia, Maury County, and Williamson County, is critical for successful advocacy and project prioritization within state and regional transportation planning frameworks; and

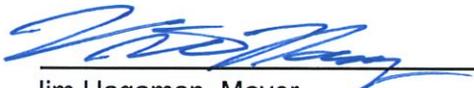
WHEREAS, active support and advocacy from the state legislative delegation representing Spring Hill, Thompson's Station, Columbia, Maury County, and Williamson County is essential to ensuring this project receives necessary attention, funding, and prioritization from TDOT and other relevant agencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE, BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, that it respectfully requests Spring Hill, Thompson's Station, Columbia, Maury County, Williamson County, and other affected jurisdictions join in urging TDOT to prioritize and expedite the widening of Interstate 65 from Interstate 840 (Exit 59) to Bear Creek Pike (Exit 46), with objectives of enhancing safety, improving regional economic vitality, reducing congestion, and fostering sustainable and responsible infrastructure development.

Be it further resolved, the City of Spring Hill calls upon the state legislative delegation representing Spring Hill, Maury County, Williamson County, Columbia, and Thompson's Station to actively support and advocate for this essential infrastructure project to ensure it receives priority attention and funding from TDOT and other relevant state agencies.

Be it further resolved, that the City of Spring Hill commits to active collaboration with local, regional, and state agencies to advance this critical infrastructure improvement, ensuring alignment with regional transportation goals and inclusion within TDOT's long-term strategic planning and funding priorities.

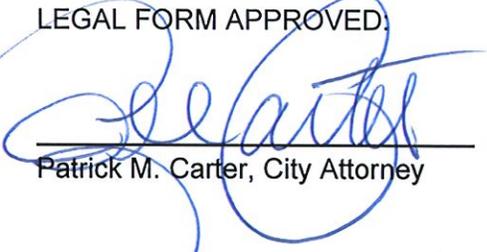
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE, this the 7th day of April, 2025.


For Jim Hagaman, Mayor

ATTEST:


April Goad, City Recorder

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:


Patrick M. Carter, City Attorney



DATE: April 7, 2025

Memo To: Board of Mayor and Alderman

From: Trent Linville, Alderman

RE: Resolution 25-89 :: Prioritization for the Widening of Interstate 65

The Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) is in the process of updating its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a comprehensive strategy updated every five years that guides transportation investments across our region. The RTP update is crucial as it identifies and prioritizes projects for potential federal and state funding, shaping regional infrastructure development over the coming years. GNRC recently closed its call for project submissions and is now moving into the evaluation phase, with the updated RTP expected to be finalized by the end of the year.

Anyone who has driven on Interstate 65 between Interstate 840 (Exit 59) and Bear Creek Pike (Exit 46) recently understands the urgent need to address congestion and safety issues along this rapidly growing corridor. With the explosive growth in Spring Hill and surrounding areas, traffic volumes have surged significantly, leading to longer commute times, increased accidents, and considerable frustration for residents and businesses alike.

Recognizing the critical importance of this shared corridor, the City of Spring Hill is working collaboratively with Thompson's Station, Columbia, Maury County, and Williamson County to adopt coordinated resolutions. Each jurisdiction is adopting nearly identical resolutions to communicate clearly and strongly to GNRC and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) that widening this section of I-65 should be a high regional priority.

The widening of I-65 aligns closely with the broader regional transportation goals identified by GNRC and strategic planning priorities set by TDOT. These include improving safety, reducing congestion, and fostering economic growth. Addressing this corridor's issues not only enhances the daily lives of commuters and residents but also significantly boosts regional economic competitiveness by improving reliable access to employment centers and facilitating efficient freight movement.

This coordinated regional advocacy is critical because unified requests often carry more weight in the planning and funding processes. By joining together, our collective message highlights that this is not simply a local issue but one that affects economic vitality, quality of life, and overall safety throughout the region.

Passing Resolution No. 25-89 reinforces our commitment to regional cooperation and advocacy. Securing support from our legislative delegation and continuing close coordination with neighboring communities will greatly enhance our chances of successfully addressing this critical infrastructure need for our growing community.