

**BLOUNT COUNTY AND CITY OF ALCOA RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED NEW 6 LANE HIGHWAY PARALLEL TO ALCOA
HIGHWAY**

Public hearing scheduled at the Alcoa Service Center, November 9, 2010, from 5 PM to 7 PM.

Alcoa Service Center
725 Universal Street
Alcoa, TN 37701
865-380-4800

There is a proposal in the works to put in a new approximately \$64 million 6-lane road to by-pass a mere 3.1 mile section of Alcoa Highway. The road will begin around the Singleton Station Road/Alcoa Hwy intersection to the Hunt Road/Alcoa Hwy and/or Hall Road/Alcoa Hwy intersections. This road will add **a 72 + foot wide strip of asphalt** plus ramps, cloverleaves, etc. to the land east of Alcoa Hwy.

This \$64 million proposal is instead of a much cheaper proposal to make corrections to the existing Alcoa Hwy for nearly 1/64th the cost. Alternatives would be to better develop frontage roads, turn lanes, controlled access, etc.

What is the point of adding a 3-5 mile high-speed road only to dump the traffic on to existing limited access roads? Traffic south-bound on Alcoa Highway at the Hunt Road intersection continues on to Hall Road (Hwy 35) at 35 mph or on to the 129 by-pass at 50 mph and within one mile encounters a stoplight. Traffic north-bound on Alcoa Highway at the Singleton Station Road intersection continues on through a populated area with businesses and residential entrances on both sides of the highway. A new 6-lane highway to bypass a small, 3.1 mile section will produce increased pressure on the areas of the highway north and south of the proposed bypass. Those would be called **bottlenecks**. **Negligible time will be saved by drivers.**

Additional Negatives: it will hurt businesses along the current Alcoa Hwy making it a possible dead zone and reducing income for Alcoa and Blount County, increase noise and air pollution around parks and neighborhoods, lower residential property values, and encroach on one of Blount County's most historic and beautiful parks/neighborhoods, Springbrook.

PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING AND SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE THE EXISTING ALCOA HIGHWAY A BETTER ROAD OR IDEAS FOR ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION WITHOUT THE NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL INVASIVE 3-5 MILE INTERSTATE THROUGH BLOUNT COUNTY AND ALCOA.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, TDOT is accepting "Written statements and other exhibits to be included in the project transcript and may be submitted within twenty-one (21) days after the meeting date to the following address:"

Project Comments-SR-115 (Alcoa Hwy) Bypass
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 700, James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0332
TDOT.comments@tn.gov

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