MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Winnette Roehrich-Patrick
Executive Director

DATE: 11 June 2015

SUBJECT: Building Tennessee’s Tomorrow, 2015

The Tennessee General Assembly charged the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations in 1996 with developing and maintaining an inventory of public infrastructure needs “in order for the state, municipal and county governments of Tennessee to develop goals, strategies, and programs which would

- improve the quality of life of its citizens,
- support livable communities, and
- enhance and encourage the overall economic development of the state.”

Each year since this mandate was created for the Commission, we have worked with the State’s nine development districts to inventory Tennessee’s public infrastructure needs, gathering information from state and local officials. The information they provide is analyzed by Commission staff, and an annual report is prepared for the General Assembly.

The current report is submitted for your approval. It is the thirteenth in the series and presents $42.4 billion of infrastructure improvements reported by state and local officials for the inventory. This most recent inventory includes projects that need to be in some stage of development during the five-year period July 2013 through June 2018. The report includes statewide information by type of infrastructure and by level of government, as well as information about the condition and needs of our public school facilities. The report also includes information about the availability of funding to meet reported needs, and a comparison of county-area needs. County-area information about each type of infrastructure in the inventory, along with relevant legislation, inventory forms, and a glossary of terms can be found in the appendixes to the report.