MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Kim Roehrich-Patrick
Executive Director

DATE: 25 July 2013

SUBJECT: Building Tennessee’s Tomorrow, 2013

The Tennessee General Assembly charged the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) 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, TACIR has worked with the State’s nine development districts to compile Tennessee’s public infrastructure needs inventory to gather information from state and local officials. The information they provide is analyzed by TACIR staff, and an annual report is prepared for the General Assembly.

The current report is submitted for your approval. It is the eleventh in the series and comprises $37 billion in projects reported by state and local officials for the inventory completed in fiscal year 2011-12. This most recent inventory includes projects that need to be in some stage of development during the five-year period July 2011 through June 2016. The report includes statewide information by type of project and by level of government, as well as information about the condition and needs of our public schools. 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 need in the inventory, as well as relevant legislation, inventory forms, and a glossary of terms can be found in the appendices to the report.