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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard
Executive Director

DATE: 16 September 2021

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Litter Review—Panels

At the June 9, 2021 TACIR meeting, Vice Chairman and Cleveland Mayor Kevin Brooks, saying that there have been three front page stories in the Cleveland Daily Banner about illegally dumped tires and other litter at the gateway of their industrial park, requested that TACIR conduct a comprehensive study of litter examining these and related issues. After a discussion in which it was clarified that the study was not to focus on a bottle deposit or on plastic bags, the Commission unanimously voted to add the study to the work program.

The purpose of this study is to research the overall effects of illegal waste dumping and littering in Tennessee, including the potential adverse effects on the environment, the economy, and quality of life for Tennesseans. The study will document the current funding, costs, and level of convenience related to proper disposal of solid waste in Tennessee and will examine best practices in solid waste management to inform potential recommendations regarding strategies to reduce the effects of illegal waste dumping and litter in Tennessee.

Today the Commission will hear from several stakeholders with knowledge of the issue.

Panel One:

- Shawn Bible, Transportation Manager, Tennessee Department of Transportation Highway Beautification Office

- Rich Foge, President, Tennessee Malt Beverage Association
- Missy Marshall, Executive Director, Keep Tennessee Beautiful

Panel Two:

- Janet Boscarino, Executive Director, Clean Memphis
- Mike Butler, Chief Executive Officer, Tennessee Wildlife Federation
- Bill Ketrone, Mayor, Rutherford County