

Introducing I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes

Tennessee is leading as a top-5 fastest growing state, with 95% of counties seeing population growth last year. This growth has resulted in heavy traffic congestion across the state. The Transportation Modernization Act (TMA) was passed in April 2023, which has equipped the state with innovative tools to address traffic congestion, especially in urban areas, freeing up funding to invest in rural and suburban communities, all without raising the gas tax or taking on debt.

The TMA broadens the way TDOT is able to deliver projects by expanding alternative delivery opportunities and giving TDOT the authority to enter into Public-Private Partnerships (P3s). P3s allow TDOT to partner with the private sector to design, build, finance, operate and maintain new, additional Choice Lanes. Tennessee's first proposed Choice Lanes will travel between Nashville and Murfreesboro: the I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes.

These Choice Lanes are new lanes, added to congested urban highways that allow motorists the option of paying a voluntary fee in exchange for faster and more reliable trip times in the new lanes.

Project Benefits

- More Reliable Trip Times**
- Reduced Congestion**
- More Time Doing What You Enjoy**
- Enhanced Transit Choices**
- Improved Air Quality**
- Economic Growth**

Anticipated Timelines

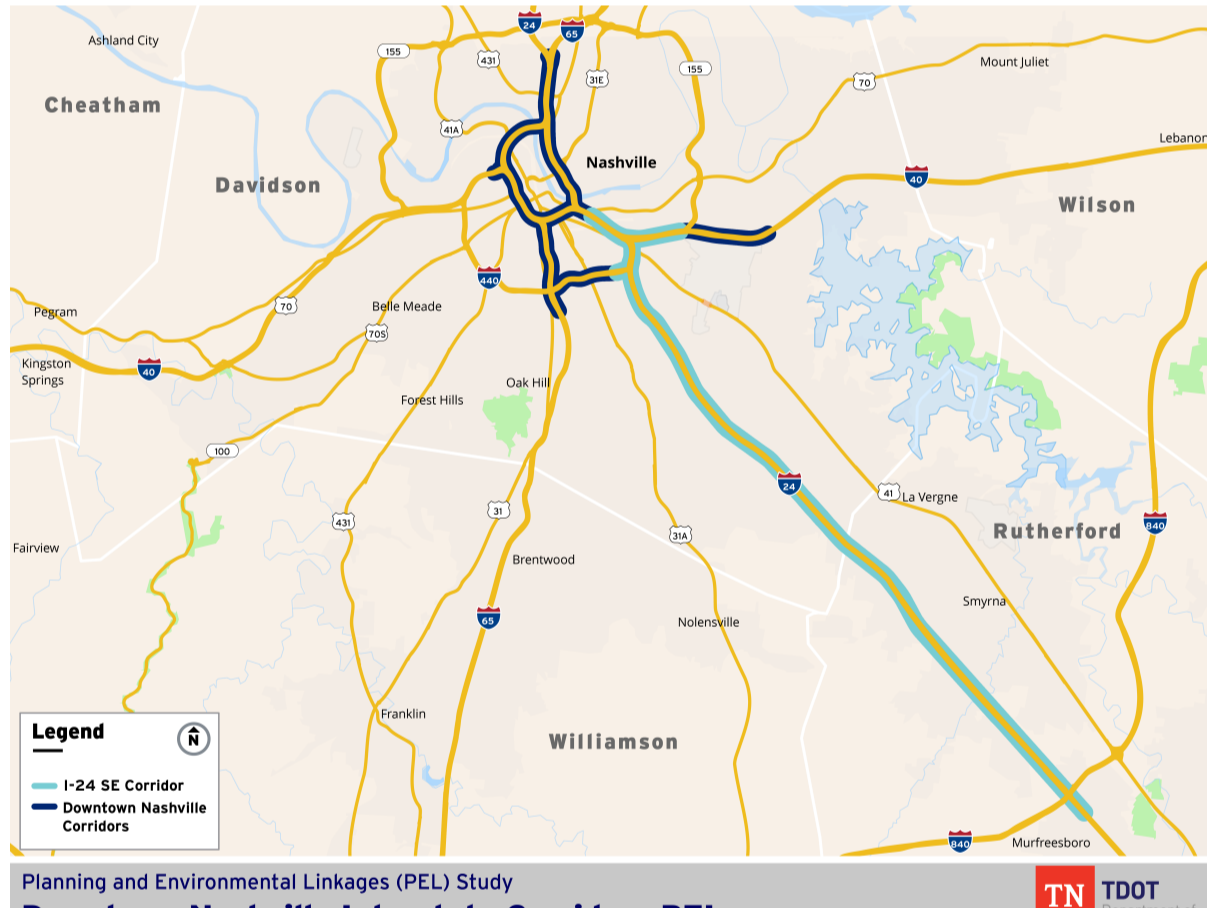
- Environmental Studies 2024-2025
- Public Meetings August 2024
- Public Hearings Q1 2025
- Commercial Close Q3 2026

Dates are subject to change.

To learn more about the I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes project, please visit the [website here](#).

What We've Learned from the Downtown Nashville Interstate Corridors Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

TDOT recently initiated a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study alongside the early development of the proposed I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes Project to establish the vision for the network and determine overall urban congestion relief improvement strategies for the interstate network leading into and surrounding Downtown Nashville.



In April, we hosted a Virtual Public Engagement Event seeking feedback from the public on their top concerns and priorities for the Downtown Nashville Interstate Corridor. TDOT received more than 380 surveys and is developing a comment response letter summarizing the data, which will be posted to the PEL Study website [here](#). If you were one of the 380+ people who provided feedback, TDOT thanks you for sharing your opinions and concerns. We value your input into the project planning process.

The top concerns were:



TDOT looks forward to using the results of the PEL Study to create a master plan for the Downtown Nashville Interstate Corridors that recommends potential future projects that could provide congestion relief. A Public Information Meeting will be held in late 2024 to seek input on the improvement alternatives and alternatives screening process. Stay tuned for updates!

Choice Lanes Explained: Watch Now!

We think quality of life should be high and time spent in traffic should be low. That's why Choice Lanes are coming to Tennessee! Tune in to our Choice Lanes video series to answer all your questions.



We dive into the history of Choice Lanes, how they work, how they will be priced and much more. Choice Lanes have been a proven congestion mitigation strategy for two decades, giving motorists the choice to bypass congestion in brand-new lanes in exchange for a user fee. This is just one important tactic in the I-24 Southeast corridor to enhance mobility, improve congestion and provide more reliable, more efficient trips for all users.

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