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Mr. Dennis Stanczuk  
Tellico Village/TDOT Liaison Committee  
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**RE: Tellico Village TDOT Liaison Committee Meeting Summary (11-19-15)  
State Route 444  
Loudon County**

Dear Mr. Stanczuk:

It was a pleasure to meet with you on November 19, 2015 and with the members of the Tellico Village TDOT Liaison Committee to discuss State Route 444 (Tellico Parkway) in Loudon County. I am providing the following information as a summary from our meeting.

During the meeting, TDOT staff presented the results of the traffic study for the eleven (11) miles of the State Route 444 corridor that included traffic count data, crash analysis for the past three (3) years, and field reviews. The operations of the intersections along the corridor were also analyzed. Out of these intersections, seven (7) locations were identified as having no more than two (2) crashes, which is below the average for similar roadways across the State. Also, crash data indicated that along the eleven (11) mile section, 55% of the crashes were due to deer or other animal crashes. Based on the study, recommendations to enhance motorist awareness include signage upgrades and replacements, retracing the pavement markings along the route, and the installation of turn arrows at existing turn lanes. These improvements will be scheduled throughout the 2016 calendar year.

Pavement maintenance along the corridor was also discussed during the meeting. TDOT staff advised the committee that State Route 444 has been placed on the three (3) year resurfacing list, and is currently scheduled for the 2018 calendar year, pending available funding. In the interim, TDOT Operations crews will perform improvements to the shoulders and bridge transitions as scheduling permits.

Our staff also provided an update on the status of the current TDOT construction project on US-321. As shown during the presentation, TDOT has developed a left turn lane for St. Thomas Church as well as the addition of a right turn deceleration lane. Staff also advised that any street lighting requests in the area should be addressed to the Lenoir City Utility Board, as TDOT does not install or maintain street lighting.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to meet with your committee and present the findings from our study of State Route 444. We look forward to holding quarterly meetings with the liaison committee, so please let me know of available dates in February that would work for you and the members. Also, I have attached the crash map, summary, and a copy of the presentation for your files. If you should have any further questions or concerns, please contact me at (865) 594-2400 or at [amanda.snowden@tn.gov](mailto:amanda.snowden@tn.gov).

Sincerely,



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