

# NOTICE TO CONSULTANT ENGINEERS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

November 7, 2016

The Sullivan County Planning & Codes Department, Blountville, Tennessee, an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer, seeks to retain the services of a professional engineering consulting firm to provide services related to construction of a **Better Blountville** sidewalk project funded in part by TDOT under the Transportation Alternative Program. The project shall be accomplished in accordance with the project application on which TDOT approval was based. The professional engineering consulting firm must be on TDOT's pre-approved list and must have unlimited status. Responsibilities of the professional consultant engineering firm include, but are not limited to:

- Provide field survey services of the project area
- Provide engineering design services to prepare bid/construction documents for the construction of the project
- Prepare itemized estimate of probable cost using TDOT item numbers
- Prepare project specifications and bid documents
- Prepare bid notice
- Prepare bid advertisement
- Permit submittal for review and approval to TDOT
- Utility submittal for review and approval to TDOT
- Assist County in evaluation of bids and recommendation for contract award
- Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI)
- Any other services needed to complete the design, right-of-way, and bidding for construction of the project.

For a more detailed scope of work and to review the conceptual design plan, contact Ambre Torbett, Planning & Codes Director at 423-279-2603 or e-mail [planning@sullivancountyttn.gov](mailto:planning@sullivancountyttn.gov)

Firms may request consideration by submitting qualifications and request for proposals to the **Sullivan County Purchasing Agent, Kristinia Davis, 3411 Hwy 126, Suite 201, Blountville, TN 37617**. All request for qualifications and request for proposals must be received by the Purchasing Department on or before **2:00 p.m. eastern standard time, Thursday, December 1, 2016**. The request for qualifications and request for proposal shall indicate the scope of services to be completed by any sub-consultants.

Prequalification procedures, example letter of interest, list of pre-qualified firms and certified DBEs, TDOT's standard procurement policy, and additional information can be found at this internet address [www.tdot.state.tn.us/consultantinfo.htm](http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/consultantinfo.htm).

The County will evaluate the current prequalification statements on file for those submitting qualifications and request for proposals and choose several firms who would make viable candidates from which to invite proposals and/or presentations. The factors that will be considered in evaluation of proposals are:

- a. Past experience in the required disciplines with TDOT and other clients.
- b. Past experience specific to sidewalks, curbs, ramps and crosswalk projects.
- c. Qualification and availability of staff.
- d. Demonstrated ability to meet schedules without compromising sound engineering practice.
- e. Evaluations on prior projects with TDOT and other clients, if available.
- f. Size of project.
- g. Amount of work under contract with TDOT and other clients.
- h. Knowledge of Federal and TDOT CEI requirements
- i. Public Rights-Of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)
- j. TDOT CEI Certification

Evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Interested certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms as well as other minority-owned and women-owned firms are encouraged to respond to all advertisements by the Sullivan County Purchasing Department. For information on DBE certification, please contact Mr. Ross Webb at (615)741-3681 or [Ross.H.Webb@tn.gov](mailto:Ross.H.Webb@tn.gov). Details and instructions for DBE certification can be found at the following website: <http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/civil-rights/smallbusiness/> .

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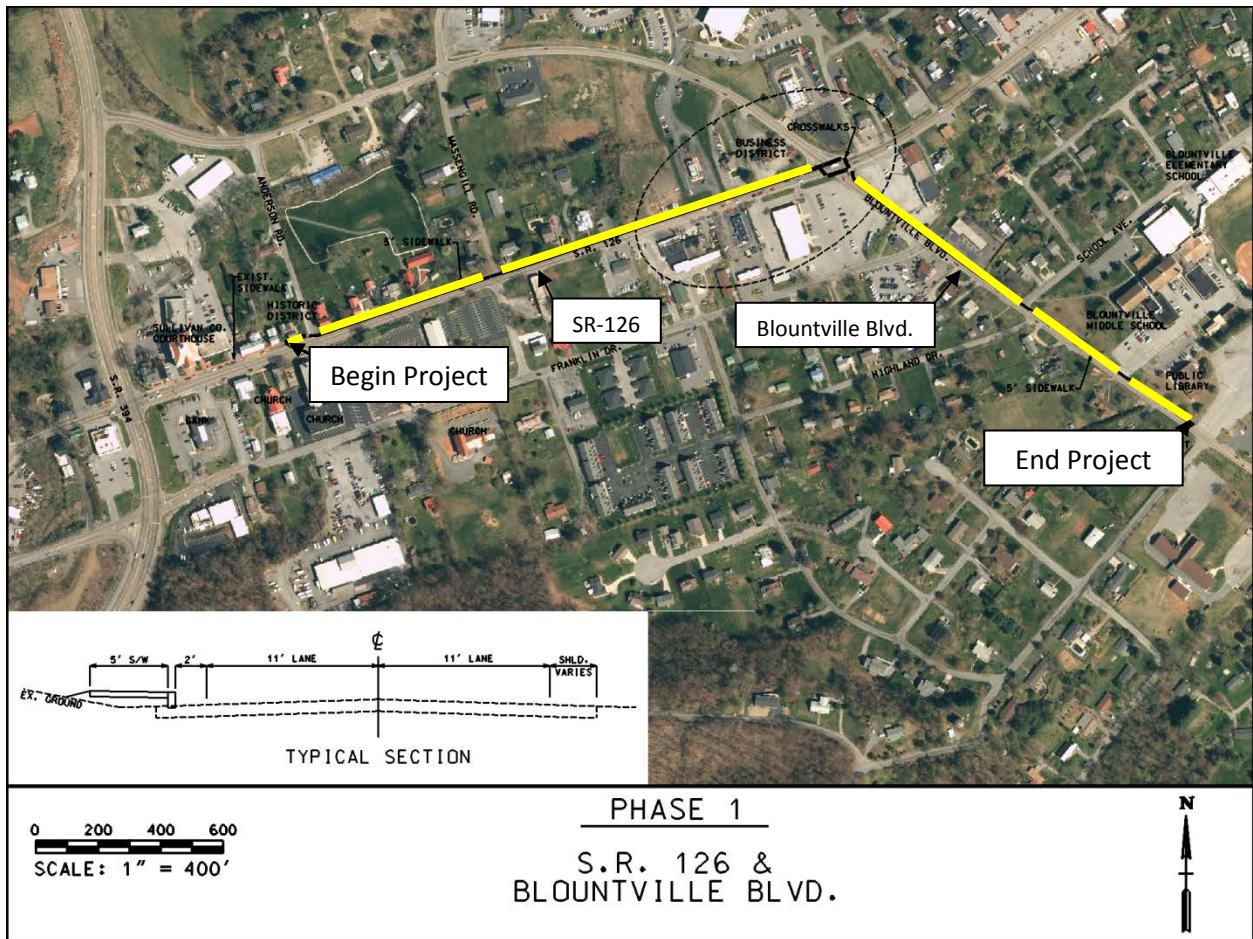
## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Name: A Better Blountville: Connecting the County Seat (Phase 1)

Location: SR-126 from near SR-394 to Blountville Blvd. and Blountville Blvd. from SR-126 to Sullivan County Public Library

The project consists of improvements along SR-126 from near SR-394 to Blountville Boulevard, then continuing down Blountville Boulevard to the Sullivan County Public Library (approximately 3000 feet in length). The improvements consist of the addition of a five foot wide sidewalk (where none currently exist), curb, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and crosswalks.

LOCATION MAP



**BEGIN PROJECT (SR-126, NEAR SR-394)**



**END PROJECT (BLOUNTVILLE BLVD., AT SULLIVAN CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY)**



## **PURPOSE AND NEED**

The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, and to improve connectivity between modes of travel. Currently, only a short section of sidewalk exists in the downtown area (along SR-126, in front of the Courthouse). Any pedestrian traffic must use either a narrow shoulder, the grassed area adjacent to the roadway, or the travel way itself. The addition of this sidewalk and curb will also improve the surface drainage along the roadways. The existing drainage is a system of shallow ditches that have insufficient capacity to handle the surface runoff. By adding a closed storm sewer system, surface runoff will be captured more effectively and will reduce the potential for drainage-related safety issues. Additionally, the County Commission and MPO long ago approved by resolution a plan to remove truck traffic from SR-126 in the downtown area and reroute them to the ByPass. This project would provide some traffic calming measures along SR-126, which would assist in achieving this objective.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The need for this project has been identified for some time, and has been included in several planning studies, including the “Blountville Vision Plan” (2004), “County Commission Truck Route Plan/Bristol MPO Resolution” (2004), “Sullivan County Land Use & Transportation Plan” (2008), and the “Battle of Blountville Park Plan” (2014). A preliminary engineering analysis, performed by a local firm familiar with TDOT safety & multimodal projects, has been completed and is included herein.

**SYSTEM LINKAGE:** This project would provide connectivity between the Courthouse/historic district, the central business district, churches, and the middle school campus, where such connectivity is currently very limited.

**SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS:** This project would likely provide for some economic development for businesses in the central business district by providing an increase in foot traffic. In addition, it would provide for alternative transportation modes for economically disadvantaged residents in the area.

**LAND USE:** Within the B-2 District (CBD), all redevelopment projects must include a sidewalk along the main frontage street. Additionally, a park (the Battle of Blountville Civil War Park) is being developed in the Historic District, to promote heritage tourism.

**SAFETY:** As mentioned above, there is only a short section of sidewalk in the downtown area. Pedestrian traffic is forced to use the narrow roadway shoulder, the grassed area adjacent to the roadway (most of which contains a roadside ditch), or the travel way itself. An example of such a scenario is shown in the picture below (school children are walking from the school campus along Blountville Boulevard toward the historic district).





# Phase One - A Better Blountville

**Sidewalk Improvements**  
 Phase 1 - 2016  
 Crosswalks

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