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TO: Blount County Planning Commission

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SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to set public hearing on proposed Major Road Plan and setting of November and December meeting dates.

Find enclosed with this memo a reduced copy of the proposed Major Road Plan and list of arterial and collector status roads. The proposed plan amenable to magnified viewing is also available at www.blounttn.org/planning under the meeting button for the October meeting, and a large format paper copy is available in the Planning Department.

A draft Major Road Plan was discussed at the September 29 workshop and some changes were proposed. The attached proposed Major Road Plan and associated list incorporates those changes.

If the Planning Commission finds the attached Plan acceptable, the next step would be to set public hearing on the Major Road Plan. This would require public notice in the newspaper 30 days in advance of the hearing. To accommodate public notice, the public hearing may be scheduled for December.

Staff notes that the third Thursdays of both November and December are taken with holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas). The County Commission office has provisionally published the meeting dates the Tuesdays before each holiday, being November 24 and December 22. Given the reduced number of plats recently, the Planning Commission may wish to consolidate the November and December meetings into one in early December. Staff suggests Tuesday December 1 or Tuesday December 15 as possible dates.