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Mayor Jacobs Talks About Read City USA, TDOT, and More

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— During his Weekly Update, which will post around 1 p.m. today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about Read City USA and the Tennessee Department of Transportation’s new 10-year transportation plan.

Mayor Jacobs notes that TDOT has opted to delay some important projects in our area to clear a backlog of other projects. TDOT also drastically scaled back the proposed new interchange at I-10/75 and Watt Road.

“I certainly understand TDOT’s position concerning finances, and I can’t say they are wrong about that,” Mayor Jacobs says. “At the same time, these projects are essential not only for safety and mobility but also for our economic future. Keep in mind that delays can sometimes lead to the project ultimately dying on the vine, much like the Orange Route did. TDOT has always been a good partner with us, and discussions are ongoing, so I’ll keep you apprised as things develop.”

Additionally, Mayor Jacobs talks about Knox County Board of Education representative Mike McMillan, who recently passed.

“Mike was always very gracious and kind to me. He will be missed,” Mayor Jacobs says.

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