

**CITY CLERK MEMORANDUM  
15-12**

**DATE:** April 8, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**FROM:** Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** ADDITIONS TO THE APRIL 13, 2015 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Since the agenda's posting on Monday, April 6, 2015, city staff has two (2) additional items to include on the April 13, 2015 City Council Agenda and its packet.

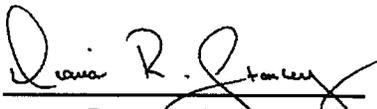
First, Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Hope has provided FY 2016 Budget recommendations from the Committee for City Council consideration as part of the "Announcements" section of the agenda.

Second, the City Manager has requested that the following resolution be added to the April 13, 2015 agenda as part of "Resolutions:"

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE FOUR LANE TENNESSEE STATE HIGHWAYS (STATE ROUTES 58, 95, AND 61) FROM INTERSTATE 40 TO INTERSTATE 75 AS "TENNESSEE'S INNOVATION CORRIDOR."

City Council will need to consider an amendment to the agenda to formally add the aforementioned resolution to the agenda.

All of this information has also been posted on the City of Oak Ridge's website.

  
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Diana R. Stanley

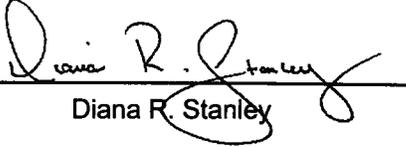
Enclosure

cc: Mark S. Watson, City Manager  
Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney  
Department Directors  
Knoxville News Sentinel  
The Oak Ridger  
Oak Ridge Today  
BBB Communications Channel 12

**CITY CLERK MEMORANDUM  
15-11**

**DATE:** April 7, 2015  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL FOR BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
FROM CHAIRMAN HOPE

Attached, please find a memorandum from Budget and Finance Committee Chair Charles J. Hope, Jr. regarding the Committee's budget recommendations for City Council's consideration. This material will be used during discussions for the April 13, 2015 City Council Meeting under the "Announcements" section of the agenda.

  
Diana R. Stanley

Attachment:  
Memorandum Regarding FY 2016 Budget and Finance Committee Recommendations

cc: Mark S. Watson, City Manager  
Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney  
Department Directors  
Knoxville News Sentinel  
The OakRidger  
Oak Ridge Today  
BBB Communications

**CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM**  
**15-16**

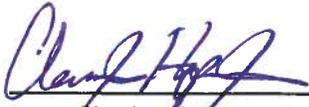
**DATE:** April 7, 2015  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Charles J. Hope, Jr., Budget and Finance Committee Chair  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2016 BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

At the March 24, 2015 Budget and Finance Committee, committee members discussed several recommendations to serve as guidance to the City Manager in developing the FY2016 Budget. Those recommendations are presented below:

- 1) Maintain the City's current funding level of the schools "maintenance-of-effort" that is provided from the City.
- 2) Support the Preschool Initiative that the joint committee of the City and the Board of Education has developed. The Council should examine any recommendations for FY2016 Budget, i.e., professional services that the City and the Board of Education cannot provide.
- 3) Find additional funding for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$100K to \$150K for park upgrades and maintenance efforts. Also, encourage an initial capital allocation to address some critical capital needs.
- 4) Support the City's effort for replacement of existing financial software which includes general ledger, work orders, purchasing, accounts payable, as well as the in-house programmed components, such as utility billing, payroll, and human resources. The City's current financial system has outlived its usefulness and is now running unsupported. New upgrades are needed to improve efficiencies and streamline the entire system.

The recommendations presented above are just a few of the City's most critical areas of need. The Committee felt any major budget adjustments for FY2016 would be hard to achieve with a projected declining sales tax revenue cycle for FY2016, and the uncertainties of the Property Tax Assessment for both Anderson and Roane Counties.

These recommendations were not formally voted on by the committee and are being presented to the full Council for discussion and finalization as the City Manager begins preparing the FY2016 Budget.

  
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Charles J. Hope, Jr.

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

15-17

**DATE:** April 7, 2015  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Mark S. Watson, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** TENNESSEE'S INNOVATION CORRIDOR

### Introduction

An item for City Council's consideration is a resolution that designates the four lane Tennessee State Highways (State Routes 58, 95, and 61) from Interstate 40 to Interstate 75 as "Tennessee's Innovation Corridor."

### Funding

No funding required for this item at the present time. If designated, future funding for Interstate signage would be considered.

### Review

The City of Oak Ridge is requesting to the Tennessee General Assembly that the four lane state highway system connecting U.S. Interstates 40 (I-40) and 75 (I-75) from the Gallaher Road exit on I-40 to Exit 122 on I-75 be designated as "Tennessee's Innovation Corridor." I have been advised that this request will be a joint effort from other officials that includes Anderson and Roane Counties, City of Kingston, City of Norris, and the City of Clinton.

Pursuance of this designation is advantageous to the City of Oak Ridge, especially in terms of economics, as this corridor would become a target area for many businesses based on several local advantages.

This series of highways offers a setting that commercial prospects would find favorable as the location currently contains a number of industrial and retail sites and expansion opportunities for those looking to relocate. Additionally, these locations offer dependable logistical access to railways and barges, and serves as a bypass around congested traffic areas of I-40 and I-75.

This special designation will also help to further promote major assets, many of which exist in the City limits and depend on the logistics of the State Highways, such as Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and Roane State Community College. Additionally, up-and-coming businesses and their employees would benefit greatly from being in close proximity to these highly recognized assets and its workforce.

Many of these sites that are located in this corridor are also certified by the State of Tennessee and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for manufacturing and data centers helping to recruit these growing fields.

Recommendation

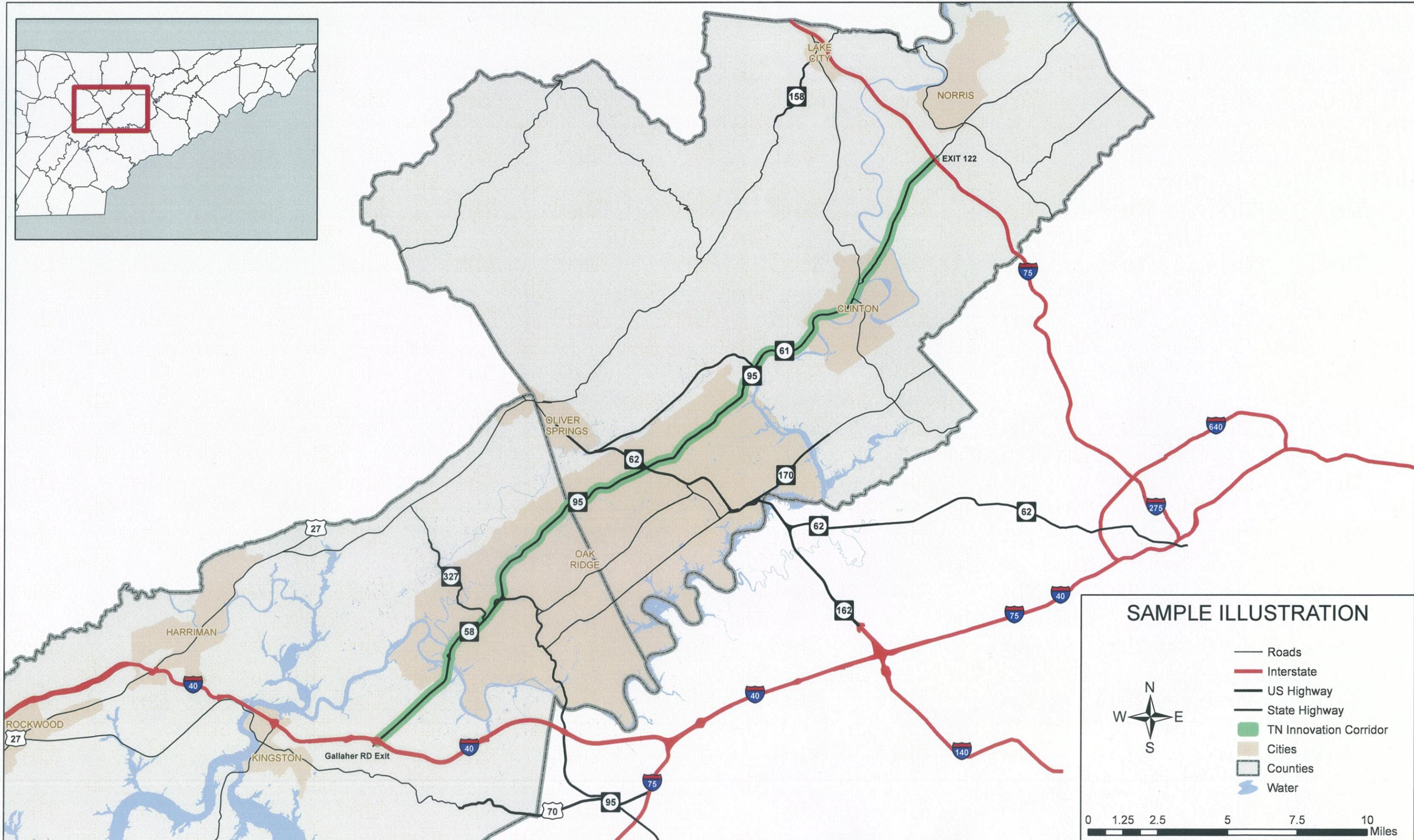
In order to help promote the local resources that exist along State Routes 58, 95, and 61 and encourage economic growth in our area, it is recommended that the City pursue the designation of "Tennessee's Innovation Corridor" through adoption of the attached resolution.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark S. Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mark S. Watson

Attachment:  
Map  
Resolution

# TENNESSEE'S INNOVATION CORRIDOR



**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE FOUR LANE TENNESSEE STATE HIGHWAYS (STATE ROUTES 58, 95, AND 61) FROM INTERSTATE 40 TO INTERSTATE 75 AS "TENNESSEE'S INNOVATION CORRIDOR."

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge desires to promote the economic vitality and development of the four lane state highway system connecting U.S. Interstates 40 (I-40) and 75 (I-75) from the Gallaher Road exit on I-40 to Exit 122 on I-75; and

WHEREAS, this series of State Highways are underutilized as a bypass around the highly congested traffic area where I-40 and I-75 converge; making them ideally suited for economic development that is dependent on dependable logistical access; and

WHEREAS, there exists abundant, viable industrial, commercial, and retail sites throughout this system of State Highways including sites with both rail and barge access, sites certified by the State of Tennessee, and TVA for manufacturing and data centers; and

WHEREAS, there exists local, state, and federal assets unparalleled for economic growth and success either on or within close proximity of this system of State Highways including, but not limited to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and Roane State Community College; and

WHEREAS, this four lane corridor is a major asset to many area primary employers and serves as an economic engine for several rural communities in the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, officials from Anderson County, Roane County, City of Kingston, City of Norris, and the City of Clinton recognize the potential of this designation and are making the same request to the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends approval of this designation to petition the Tennessee General Assembly to designate this system of State Highways as "Tennessee's Innovation Corridor."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

That the recommendation of the City Manager be approved and the City of Oak Ridge requests legislative approval of "Tennessee's Innovation Corridor" designation for Tennessee State Routes 58, 95, and 61 from Interstate 40 from Gallaher Road exit to Exit 122 on Interstate 75 to promote continued economic expansions and to enhance the communities of this area of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the appropriate legal instruments to accomplish the same.

This the 13th day of April 2015.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney

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Warren L. Gooch, Mayor

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Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk