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City of Maryville Plans Improvements along East Broadway Avenue (S.R. 33) at East Lincoln Road and Wildwood Road

Changes are being planned by the City of Maryville for a section of East Broadway Avenue (S.R. 33) between East Lincoln Road and Wildwood Road. Drivers who use this roadway routinely experience congestion and delays during the peak driving times in the morning and afternoon. Restricted turning movements and confusing alignment have also been a source of frustration for drivers as well. The planned improvements include:

- Reconstruction of a section of E. Lincoln Road with curbs and gutters on new alignment across E. Broadway Ave. and extended over to Old Knoxville Pike.
- Widening of E. Broadway Ave. with a center turn lane and left and right turn lanes at the relocated intersection with E. Lincoln Road.
- Construction of curb, gutter, and 5 ft. sidewalk along the southeastern side of E. Broadway Ave.
- Installation of one traffic signal at the new conventional, 4-leg intersection to replace the two existing traffic signals. The traffic signal will include pedestrian pushbuttons in addition to crosswalks and handicap accessible ramps.
- Conversion of the intersection of Wildwood Road and Old Knoxville Pike to an All-Way STOP-controlled intersection. Realignment will include Horn Street as the fourth leg of the intersection and will also include the closure of a remaining portion of Wildwood Road.

These improvements were identified during the Engineering & Public Works Department's (EPW) citywide intersection improvement and prioritization study in 2007. In addition, this project is included in the City's top-ten list of traffic flow and road improvement priorities.

Acquisition of right-of-way for the proposed improvements is currently underway. Relocation of utilities is scheduled to begin in the next few months. Construction is scheduled to begin in late spring 2010 and be completed in spring 2011.