

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **Volunteer Parkway Traffic Improvement Project Set to Begin**

The City of Bristol announced the commencement of construction on a traffic improvement project that will significantly improve the level of service on the Volunteer Parkway at the State Street/West State Street intersection. The project is scheduled to start on Monday, October 15 and is expected to take three weeks to complete. Construction activities will occur during night-time hours to minimize traffic disruption and congestion during the construction period.

The project calls for the extension of the northbound left-turn storage lane so that more vehicles can safely queue in a longer protected storage lane while waiting to turn left onto West State Street. This will facilitate straight-through movement into Virginia that is frequently impacted by vehicles blocking the inside travel lane on the Volunteer Parkway while waiting to enter the left-turn storage lane. A raised concrete median will be installed to safely guide traffic flow in the stretch of roadway between Anderson Street and State Street, and other improvements to the road surface and drainage will be made. With the extension of the turn-lane storage lane to enhance traffic flow and safety, traffic patterns will be modified at the Volunteer Parkway/ Shelby Street intersection to minimize unsafe vehicle movements.

Mr. Bill Sorah, Deputy City Manager said, "The City made a conscience decision to schedule the construction activities between the hours of 9:30 PM and 6:00 AM. The night-time hours were chosen to minimize the disruption to the normal flow of traffic which peaks during the business day. The work zone will be configured to maintain normal traffic flow during daylight hours."

Updates on construction progress will be posted on the city's website ([www.bristoltn.org/construction.cfm](http://www.bristoltn.org/construction.cfm)) and the city's Facebook page and Twitter account.

For more information, please contact City Engineer Tim Beavers at 423-989-5566 or Bill Sorah at 423-989-5565.

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