

OFFICIALS CELEBRATE THE NEWLY EXPANDED US HIGHWAY 79

On Friday, August 27, 2010, representatives from the Town of Dover, Stewart County, the Tennessee Department of Transportation and State House of Representatives gathered in front of the Stewart County High School to celebrate the opening of the newly expanded U.S. Highway 79. The section of road being opened begins at the Sidney C. Lewis Bridge in Dover and ends just east of the Joiner Hollow Road intersection. When completed the highway will be four lanes between Dover and Clarksville, Tennessee with either a grassy median or turning lane. The final section of the highway expansion between Highway 120 and the Montgomery County line is currently under construction and is slated for completion in October 2011 according to TDOT Officials. The final section of the highway is being funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds.

U.S. Highway 79 is a major connector route for the citizens of Dover and Stewart County. When completed they will have a much safer and straight route to the City of Clarksville, the hub of the Clarksville-Hopkinsville Metropolitan Statistical Area which Dover and Stewart County are part of, and Interstate 24. People who work on Post at Fort Campbell, a major military installation located between Dover and Clarksville, will also have a much easier commute to work.

The expansion of U.S. 79 will bring much needed economic development. This is already evident by the construction of a new Dollar General Store located approximately 1 mile east of Stewart County High School. Safety concerns will also be reduced. In the past the hilly, narrow two lane U.S. Highway 79 has been the scene of numerous accidents that involved sever bodily injury and many deaths. With the expansion and improvements that have been made the hope is many accidents and deaths will be avoided.

The Town of Dover invites everyone to take a drive on our new highway and enjoy the many attractions that we and the surrounding area have to offer.



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